



Topic

Conversation
for Idioms

Lesson 50
Cake

Lead-in

Fill in the blanks by rearranging the letters.



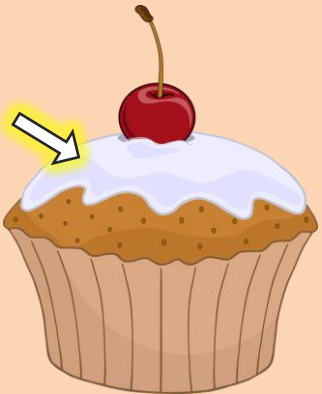
a _____ of cake

E I C P E



take the _____

E A K C



the _____ on the cake

N I G I C



have one's cake
and _____ it too

A T E

1. They said that the test was difficult, but I think it was just **a piece of cake**.

What does the idiom mean?



a task that is too difficult




a task that is easily accomplished



2. Jimmy always makes excuses for being late, but this one **takes the cake**.

Meaning

to be the best or worst of something

 Have you ever given an excuse at work or school that took the cake?



3. I received a lot of gifts on my birthday, but the party my friends organized was truly **the icing on the cake**.

Origin

Securing fine sugar to make icing for cakes was a costly luxury in the 1800s. Only wealthy families can afford to put the icing on their cakes. Eating the cake was a good thing, but eating it with icing on top was even better.



4. Noah wants to save money to buy a car yet keeps on buying expensive appliances. He can't **have his cake and eat it too**.



Guess the meaning of the idiom.



Create a sentence using the idiom.



Quick Review

a piece of cake

a task that is easily accomplished

the icing on the cake

something that makes a good situation or activity even better



take the cake

to be the best or worst of something

have one's cake and eat it too

to have two desired things at the same time

Practice

Tell whether the sentence is TRUE or FALSE. If it is false, explain why.

1

“A piece of cake” is used to refer to a task that is easily accomplished.

2

The idiom “take the cake” means to understand a very difficult situation.

3

“The icing on the cake” is something that is unpleasant but must be accepted.

4

The idiom “have one’s cake and eat it too” means to declare the end of a relationship.

Practice

Choose the idiom to complete the sentence.
Change their forms where needed.

take the cake

the icing on the cake

a piece of cake

have one's cake and eat it too

1

Working as a pilot lets me _____.
I can make money and travel at the same time.

2

My classmates had a hard time answering the Math test.
But it was just _____ for me.

Practice

Choose the idiom to complete the sentence.
Change their forms where needed.

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3

Of all the projects made by Dana, this one really _____ . It is by far the best.

4

The hotel upgraded our rooms for free, but the champagne in our room was truly _____ .

Pick 3 cakes.

