

## English

### Activity 1

#### Idioms

An idiom is a group of words that doesn't literally mean what it says.

For example, *it's raining cats and dogs* means that it is raining heavily, and not that cats and dogs are falling from the sky!

Talk about the meanings of these English idioms with a member of your family. Write what they mean on the lines.

As a challenge, can you research their origins (how they started)?

Up in the air. \_\_\_\_\_

Piece of cake. \_\_\_\_\_

Let your hair down. \_\_\_\_\_

Hit the roof. \_\_\_\_\_

Spill the beans. \_\_\_\_\_

Face the music. \_\_\_\_\_

Come clean. \_\_\_\_\_

Twisting my arm. \_\_\_\_\_

Pulling your leg. \_\_\_\_\_

Driving you round the bend . \_\_\_\_\_

Elvis has left the building. \_\_\_\_\_

Against the clock. \_\_\_\_\_

## Activity 2

### Collective nouns

A collective noun is the name for a group of something - usually animals.

Here are some common ones:

A flock of sheep, a herd of cattle, a litter of puppies.

Can you use the internet or talk to someone about the collective names of these more unusual collective nouns?

A \_\_\_\_\_ of crows.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of owls.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of camels.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of elephants.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of fish.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of jaguars.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of toads.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of tigers.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of turkeys.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of monkeys.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of frogs.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of hippos.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of gorillas.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of geese.

### Activity 3

#### Puns

Puns are clever play on words with two different meanings.

Read through these jokes that all use puns.

Can you add to them? We would love to hear your best ones so please e-mail them to us!!

Q: What happened to the guy who sued over his missing luggage?

A: He lost his case.

Hal: How did you get hit on the head with a book?

Sal: I only have my shelf to blame.

Q: Why did the spider go to the computer?

A: To check his web site.

Q: What do you call a sleeping bull?

A: A bull-dozer.

Q: What do you call a knight who is afraid to fight?

A: Sir Render.

Q: Why did the teddy say no to dessert?

A: Because he was stuffed.