

Idiom of the Month: THE LION'S SHARE

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1. *Tick five words that you can use to ask for food.*

- a. a slice
- b. a piece
- c. a glass
- d. a bowl
- e. a portion
- f. a plate

2a. *Read*

You've got **the lion's share** of that cake!

That's because I'm very hungry.

But John hasn't got any _____ and I've only got a small piece.

2b. *Complete*

My brother always gets the _____ of the cake after Sunday lunch. Mum says that's because he's bigger and needs the energy. It's not fair!

3. **Read these sentences. Match each animal idiom to the correct meaning.**

- a. Martin always gets **the lion's share** of the cake. Poor Suzy always gets the smallest piece.
- b. Lucy is so **pig-headed**. She never admits that she's wrong.
- c. I told James to **hold his horses** but he ran out of the class and didn't wait for me.
- d. Jenny was **like a fish out of water** at the rock music festival; she doesn't like rock music and didn't know any of the songs.
- e. Freddy really **gets my goat** - he always makes horrible comments about my friends.

- 1. ... stupid and stubborn...
- 2. ... the biggest portion...
- 3. ... not happy and relaxed...
- 4. ... wait a minute...
- 5. ... makes me angry...

4. **Complete these rhymes with the correct idiom.**

- a. Baby Jim gets the _____
of the big green juicy pear.
- b. Mary really _____
She always hides my favourite coat.
- c. Mark is so _____
He will never get wedded.
- d. Julie was like a _____
At the party with her daughter
- e. Philip wouldn't _____
He ran to his college courses.

Teachers Notes

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1.

Elicit some favourite food from students, maybe use it as an occasion to review countable/uncountable nouns and give some examples such as rice; you can have a bowl of rice, a dish of rice or even just a spoonful!

a b c e f

2b

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3.

- a. 2
- b. 1
- c. 4
- d. 3
- e. 5

4.

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e. Philip wouldn't hold his horses
He ran to his college courses.