



# **Figurative Language in Shakespeare**

## ***Idioms***

# What is an Idiom?

## **Idiom (n):**

- 1. Any commonly used word or expression that has a figurative meaning beyond its literal meaning.**
- 2. a type of colloquialism**
  - a. colloquialism (n):**
    - i. A saying that expresses something other than the literal meaning of the words it contains is a colloquialism, like saying "I wasn't born yesterday," to mean "you can't fool me."

# **Idioms You May be Familiar With**

**Kick the bucket**

**Piece of Cake**

**Striking out**

**Raining cats and dogs**

**There's a frog in my throat**

**A little birdie told me**

**Best thing since sliced bread**

<http://www.smart-words.org/quotes-sayings/idioms-meaning.html>

# Idioms from Shakespeare

## Idiom

1. to your heart's content
2. in a pickle
3. send him packing
4. the long and the short of it
5. into thin air
6. the green-eyed monster
7. forever and a day
8. good riddance

## Meaning

1. do something as much as you want to
2. in a mess; in trouble
3. send him away
4. the idea of the whole
5. disappear
6. jealousy
7. a long time
8. happy to be free of that person/thing

# Idioms from Macbeth

## Idiom

1. a sorry sight
2. as pure as snow
3. screw your courage to  
the sticking place
4. at one fell swoop
5. fair play/foul play

## Meaning

Find the meanings...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

# **Individual Work**

**Draw an idiom.**

**Create a poster for that idiom.**

**The poster must include:**

- **Idiom in title form**
- **part of speech**
- **definition**
- **image as a mnemonic device**

**The poster must be a half page.**

**See the example on the next slide.**

# Example of Poster

## **PIECE OF CAKE**

(n)

Something that was easy to do

