



Idioms and Sayings

1 Sayings have two meanings – like in English, if someone says something is easy, it is “a piece of cake”. Have you heard this saying before?

2 The first meaning is what just the words mean:
“It is a slice of cake”

The second meaning is what the saying means in culture:
“It is easy”

3 Look at the sayings listed below. Write down what the *words* mean, and then write down what you think the *saying* means.

4 How might sayings be tricky to understand for someone that hasn't heard them before? If you don't recognize a saying, how could you find out the meaning?

“ Sayings are part of your culture. Each culture has sayings that are unique to its people.”



“Don't cry over spilled milk”

“You're barking up the wrong tree”

“Sorry to burst your bubble”