

Activity 1 Holiday Homework Write the work inside your work book- answers only!

Idioms

Rewrite the underlined idiom in your own words, showing its correct meaning.

Example: Yesterday, it rained cats and dogs.

Answer: Yesterday, it rained heavily.

1. The teacher instructed the impudent child to hold her tongue.
2. Hercules was lion-hearted.
3. The policeman found the evidence and smelt a rat.
4. She accidentally let the cat out of the bag.
5. He was an impatient man and put the cart before the horse.
6. The beggar led a dog's life.
7. The defeated athlete threw in the towel.
8. The leader decided to take the bull by the horns.
9. The disobedient student acted the goat to receive attention.
10. The competitor found his opponent's Achilles' heel.
11. At the start of the year, the boy decided to turn over a new leaf.
12. The witness resolved to lay her cards on the table.
13. The student now had to paddle his own canoe.
14. The judge had to sit on the fence and hear both sides of the story.
15. She told a joke to break the ice.
16. The inheritance of the dead man's fortune became a bone of contention.
17. He needed to see the report in black and white.
18. The leaders did not see eye to eye.
19. The thief was now in hot water.
20. The reporter heard it straight from the horse's mouth.

Activity 2

Revision of figures of speech

Give an example of each figure of speech described in the table.

Figure of speech	Definition	Example
1. Simile	A direct comparison of two normally unconnected objects	
2. Metaphor	A comparison is made. The words like/as are not used. (One thing <i>is</i> another.)	
3. Onomatopoeia	Sound words	
4. Alliteration	Repetition of a consonant sound	
5. Rhetorical question	No answer is expected.	
6. Personification	Non-living things or abstract objects are given human qualities.	

Activity 3

Work in groups of three.

Identify the figure of speech in each sentence below.

The figure of speech could be one of the seven listed in the table above.

1. He ran as fast as the wind.
2. Crack! – the branch broke.
3. The weather smiled on us.
4. With long legs frantically flying, he fled from the scene.
5. He is a pillar of strength.
6. How can I explain how I feel?
7. Rebellion reared its ugly head.
8. The cricket ball whizzed by like a bullet.
9. He eats like a pig.
10. Peter is a tiger when he loses his temper.
11. The sun listens to the messages of the clouds.
12. The moon veiled her face.
13. He is as wealthy as Bill Gates.
14. The sky exploded with a crash, bang and hissing of fireworks.
15. Cathy the kitten catches the cotton reel.

16. Don't you think it's time you stopped fooling around in class?
17. They looked at the sullen sky.
18. The news was a dagger in his heart.
19. He is as stubborn as a mule.
20. Who can deny it?
21. Our house was as quiet as a tomb.
22. You're a snake when you're angry.
23. How many times do I have to repeat myself?
24. The sun rose from its bed.
25. He shall feed his flock like a Shepherd.
26. The stone listens carefully to the grass as it grows around it.
27. I have a bone to pick with you.
28. They were struggling to make ends meet.
29. The actress was as thin as a rake.
30. Henry Hippo hid in his house.

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How did we work?

Rubric for INDIVIDUAL work

	Yes	No
1. I worked responsibly.		
3. I managed my time well.		
4. I understand figures of speech.		

Activity 3

Finding bias in newspaper reports

Reporters claim that they report only facts. They should not express opinions.

Examine the two extracts from different newspapers and decide whether they present the same facts.

1. Compile a comparative table.

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	Citizen	Cape Times
How many people died during the unrest on 21 November?		
Why did the police begin to shoot?		
Identify words and phrases reporters used to describe the crowd and its actions.		
Where do the reporters get their information from?		

2. Compare the two columns.

It is clear that each reporter's view of the facts is different. They each have their own point of view or bias.

2.1 Discuss what your findings tell you about the attitude of each reporter towards the police and the crowd.

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Citizen:

Cape Times:

2.2 Which article do you think is most credible? Why ?

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NB: Provide responsible answers.

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2 Die in clashes at Mamelodi – Police Report

Two people, a man and a woman, were shot dead as police clashed with mobs during a day of unrest in Pretoria's Mamelodi township yesterday.

A police report said that at 10 am a group of Blacks stoned a police vehicle. Police opened fire, fatally wounding a Black female. A Black male was also arrested.

In a later incident a group of Blacks threw a petrol bomb at a police vehicle. One round from a shotgun was fired, fatally wounding a black man, the police report said.

Residents of Mamelodi staged a stayaway from work yesterday. township residents confirmed that most residents had not gone to work.

Earlier there were reports of people marching through the township in protest against the local council. The march was said to be in protest at high rents, the presence of police in the township, and the banning of weekend funerals.

The march was stopped by police. Most bus and taxi drivers servicing Mamelodi were warned by organisers of the stayaway not to operate yesterday and groups of youths stood at terminals and railway stations to turn away workers.

6 Die as police fire on crowd

Police and soldiers manned roadblocks around Mamelodi, near Pretoria, late last night after at least six people – including elderly women – died and hundreds of people were injured when police opened fire on a crowd of 50 000.

The crowd had been marching on the Development Board office after a massive stayaway organised by local youths in protest against the army presence in the townships, high rents, stringent restrictions imposed on unrest, funerals and the banning of weekend funerals.

The Mamelodi doctors, who together treated over 50 people, said most of the injured had been shot in the back with birdshot and buckshot and many had lacerations.

Dr Fabian Ribero, 52, said his consulting rooms were visited by over 30 people who 'looked like they had been in a war'.

Residents claim that they had asked the mayor of Mamelodi, Mr Bennet Ndlazi, to lead the march to meet senior police officials to protest against the police presence in the area, the banning of funerals at weekends and high rents.

Witnesses said the crowd, consisting of old and young men and women and their children, gathered outside the board offices and waited for the mayor.

Armed police and soldiers arrived at the offices and told the crowd to gather at the local stadium if they had any grievances to voice.

The mayor tried to address the crowd from a police Casspir but was drowned out by chanting. Police ordered the crowd to disperse within five minutes. They ignored the order and police opened fire.

Witnesses said scores of people were injured as the crowd stampeded. Old men and women were trampled underfoot.

Youths then went on the rampage, stoning and gutting a number of delivery vehicles and setting up barricades with burning tyres, rocks and electric poles.