

Gr 7 Eng Home Text book Week 5

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### Idioms and proverbs

**Idioms** are groups of words whose meaning is different from the meanings of the individual words, for example, *over the moon* and *in a nutshell*.

**Proverbs** are short sayings which state a general truth or a piece of advice. Proverbs are quite descriptive, so if you use some common sense, you can usually guess the meanings.

- *A stitch in time saves nine* means that if you fix something quickly, you will save yourself a lot of time and effort in the future.
- *The early bird catches the worm* means that if you arrive somewhere early, or do something before anyone else, you will normally be rewarded for your effort.

### Classroom activity 6

Work with a partner. Work out the meaning of the following idiomatic expressions. Once you have discussed each idiom/proverb, write down its meaning. The first one has been done for you.

- 1 Look before you leap – before you do something impulsively, think carefully about how your actions could affect you. Sometimes if you are too hasty, the consequences of your actions could be unexpected and unpleasant.
- 2 Waste not want not
- 3 Familiarity breeds contempt
- 4 At a snail's pace
- 5 Left high and dry
- 6 Cross the bridge when one comes to it
- 7 Move the goalposts
- 8 Keep the ball rolling



## Write a newspaper article

### What you know already

When you write a newspaper article, you need to pay attention to the format. What does it look like and how is it set out? You will notice from your reading of newspaper articles that they are set out in columns. You do not, however, have to use columns when you write your article. You must include a headline (the title of a newspaper article). You must also write your article in a formal style. You must consider for whom you are writing your article, why you are writing your article and what situation the readers find themselves in with relation to the article. How will the information affect them?



Answer **Yes** or **No** to each of the following statements:

	Yes	No
I know that I must choose a topic that interests me when I write an article.		
I know that I must pay attention to format when I write an article.		
I know that an article has a very different style from an essay and that I must choose my words carefully.		
I know that I must think carefully about why I am writing the article.		
I know that I must not include contractions such as <i>don't</i> in an article and that I must write in a formal style.		

### What you still need to know

You must choose your words very carefully when you write an article. You must also work on your sentence structure, making sure that it is accurate and effective. How does your sentence structure add to your meaning? You must make sure that you plan, draft, revise, edit and proofread your article before you present it to your teacher for assessment.

