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Idioms: Literal vs. Figurative

Directions: Each sentence below contains an idiom. First, explain what the idiom would mean if taken literally. Then, write what you think is its figurative meaning.

1. "The cat's out of the bag."

• Literal Meaning: _____



• Figurative Meaning: _____

2. "You're skating on thin ice."

• Literal Meaning: _____



• Figurative Meaning: _____

3. "She's walking on eggshells."

• Literal Meaning: _____



• Figurative Meaning: _____

4. "Don't count your chickens before they hatch."

• Literal Meaning: _____



• Figurative Meaning: _____

5. "He was boiling mad."

• Literal Meaning: _____



• Figurative Meaning: _____