

# Shakespearean Idioms Worksheet 1

Name:

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The sentences below each contain a Shakespearean idiom. Read the sentence and then write down what you think the bold words or words mean.

1. Barry decided to **lie low** until people had forgotten about his argument with Petra.

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2. Giles has gone at last and **good riddance**!

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3. Kevin was suffering from the **green-eyed monster** when he heard that Bina was chosen to go on the science trip.

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4. I'm not a **night owl** at all. I'm usually asleep long before the rest of my family.

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5. That laptop is **as dead as a doornail**. Good luck getting that fixed.

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6. Michael seems to lead **a charmed life**. I don't think anything bad has ever happened to him.

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7. Tom has gone to help Mrs. Gifford with her shopping again. He really does have **a heart of gold**.

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8. It's nice that Aunt Kath wants to help out after I broke my leg, but she pops around twice a day - she's **killing me with kindness**.

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9. I've been on a **wild goose chase** trying to find Tim's new comic and now I've found that it's not in the shops until tomorrow.

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10. I wouldn't watch that scary film. It's not for the **faint hearted**.

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11. Grandpa has twelve grandchildren, but the eldest is the **apple of his eye**.

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12. Harry doesn't like to show his feelings but his wife **wears her heart on her sleeve**.

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13. I was very nervous meeting Louise's family for the first time but her dad told a joke to **break the ice** and everything was fine afterwards.

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14. Our football team has been playing so badly recently that I think it's a **foregone conclusion** they won't win on Saturday.

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15. Alex has said that he has done nothing wrong but I'm sure **the truth will out**.

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# Shakespearean Idioms

## Worksheet 2

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The sentences below each contain a Shakespearean idiom. Read the sentence and then write down what you think the bold words or words mean.

1. Sanchay has been **waiting with bated breath** to find out which high school he is going to.

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2. I know this looks like a crazy way to get the job done but **there is method in my madness**.

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3. He was **bedazzled** by the promise of fame and didn't read the contract properly.

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4. I have not laughed that hard in a long time. The comedian had me **in stitches**.

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5. I can't get the job without experience but **there's the rub**; I can't get experience without doing the job.

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6. You have so much talent and the rest of your life ahead of you, **the world's your oyster**.

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7. The eerie howl from behind the trees made **my hair stand on end**.

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8. That old car of yours has **seen better days**.

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9. Because of the road works, the car was moving **at a snail's pace**.

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10. The police officers tried to find Mr. Byrom but he had **melted into thin air**.

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11. After we had discussed different ideas for an hour we **came full circle** and decided upon Rory's original suggestion.

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12. I can't wear this stripy coat outside. I'll be a **laughing stock**.

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13. I'll tell you where they hide the extra biscuits but **mum's the word**.

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14. Bob has only been staying with us for two days but already he's **eaten me out of house and home**.

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15. Alice is **in a pickle** because she accidentally made plans to meet two different friends on the same day.

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