

Review Idioms¹

in the bag

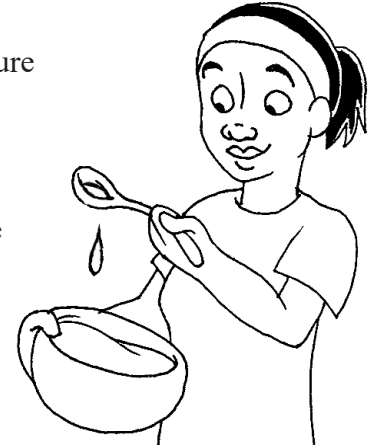
If you have something in the bag, you are sure to get or achieve that thing.

piece of cake

If something is a piece of cake, it is very easy or no trouble.

ace up your sleeve

If you have an ace up your sleeve, you have an advantage that nobody knows about.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

7 Rashim told Stacy he had the **spelling** 116
 16 **bee** in the bag. In other words, Rashim was 124
 saying he was **sure** to win the spelling bee. 132
 25 In the bag means that you are **certain** to get 133
 35 or **achieve** something. 141
 38 Dan **applied** for a new job, but he 148
 46 wasn't **worried**. He thought he had the job 154
 54 in the bag because his sister was friends 162
 62 with the **employer**. 169
 65 You might have something in the bag 178
 72 because it's a piece of cake. If something 185
 80 is a piece of cake, it is very easy or no 194
 91 trouble. 201
 92 Vang knew he would win the race 205
 99 because running was very easy for him.
 106 The race would be a piece of cake for
 115 Vang.

Cooking was a piece of cake for Sara because she went to school to become a **chef**.
 Something might be a piece of cake for you because you have an **advantage** over others. When nobody knows about your advantage, you have an **ace up your sleeve**.
 Harry won \$10,000 on the **quiz show**. But Harry had an ace up his sleeve: he had been **studying history** books all week. Harry was in a better **position** than his quiz show **opponents**, who did not study history books before the show.

words read _____

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goal _____

- errors _____ = _____
cold score

- errors _____ = _____
hot score expression date passed

Answer the Questions

Applying the common idea⁵

- When are the idioms in this story most likely to be used?
 - when a person has prepared for an event
 - when a person is reading a map
 - when a person writes a letter

Focusing on a detail⁶

- What was the ace up Harry's sleeve?
 - He knew the people in charge of the contest.
 - He had been studying history books all week.
 - He had gone to school to become a chef.

Getting meaning from the context⁷

- What does the word **position** mean in this story?
 - a person's beliefs about something
 - the spot or place someone is in
 - the job someone does at a company

Making connections within the text⁸

- Why was cooking a piece of cake for Sara?
 - She had spent a lot of time practicing in school.
 - She liked to eat things that tasted sweet.
 - She owned a successful restaurant.

Writing a response⁹

- Why did Dan think the job he applied for was in the bag?

Developing vocabulary¹⁰

- Write a bold-faced word or phrase from the story that means the same as the bold-faced word or phrase in each sentence.
 - Jin worked hard to **accomplish** his goal of writing a five-page essay.

- After I played in the rain, Mom was **feeling afraid** that I would be sick.

- The **person who prepared the food** put an extra slice of bread on my plate.

Applying information¹¹

- What would it be like to take a test that you knew you had in the bag?

- What is a piece of cake for you? Why?

- Would you want to compete in a contest against someone who had an ace up his sleeve? Why or why not?

Number Correct: _____

ace²¹

An ace is a playing card, often with the highest point value. *With the points from one more ace, I can win the card game.*



achieve¹⁵

Achieve means to complete, win, or make real. *When she sells the last shirt, she will achieve her goal of selling all the shirts.*

advantage²⁰

If someone has an advantage, that person has a better chance to succeed than someone else has. *Amy has the advantage in the race because she is the fastest runner.*

applied¹⁶

Applied means you gave a company your name and work history to show that you want to be hired for a job. *I really need a summer job, so I applied at every store in the mall.*

certain¹⁴

Certain means sure or positive. *I am certain that I will pass the test because I studied very hard this week.*

chef¹⁹

A chef is a person who cooks for other people, often at a restaurant. *Many people liked the food that the chef cooked, so his restaurant was always busy.*



employer¹⁸

An employer is the person or company that pays you to do a job. *My employer tells me which jobs I should work on and when I need to finish them.*

history²⁵

History is the study of people and events in the past. *In our history class, we studied how America became a country.*

opponents²⁷

Opponents are the people who are against you in a contest or competition. *Seeing my opponents before a game always makes me nervous.*

position²⁶

A position is the way someone or something is placed compared to others. *The tallest basketball player was in a good position to score a lot of points.*

quiz show²³

A quiz show is a kind of television program in which people win prizes by answering questions about history and other topics. *She won a new car by answering the most questions correctly on a quiz show.*

sleeve²²

A sleeve is the part of a shirt that covers an arm. *The sleeve was longer than his arm, so it covered his hand.*



spelling bee¹²

A spelling bee is a contest in which people try to say the letters of a word in the correct order. *I studied the dictionary to get ready for the spelling bee.*



studying²⁴

Studying means trying to learn about something. *The students were studying by reading in the library.*



sure¹³

If you are sure, you know what you are thinking is true or right. *I am sure that we need to fill our bottles with water before we walk five miles to the park.*

worried¹⁷

Worried means feeling afraid that something bad will happen. *Jan was worried that she would be in trouble because she was late for school.*

