

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Summer idioms



LET'S TALK!

In your opinion, what are some of the benefits of summer weather and how does it affect people's mood?

What are some popular summer activities or hobbies that people in your country engage in?

How has summer vacation evolved over the years? Do you think people's preferences for summer destinations and activities have changed?

Are there any summer festivals or events in your country that you recommend experiencing? Why are they special?

Describe your ideal summer getaway. What factors do you consider when choosing a destination and what activities would you engage in?



SUMMER BUCKET LIST

Which of these activities would you like to try? Share some activities from your bucket list.

Attend an outdoor music festival or concert.

Explore hiking trails and go on nature walks to enjoy the beauty of the season.

Go on a road trip to a destination you've always wanted to visit.

Have a picnic in the park with friends or family.

Have a beach day and try out water sports such as surfing or kayaking.

Learn a new skill or hobby, such as photography, painting, or playing a musical instrument.



SUMMER IDIOMS

Look through the idioms and try to guess their meaning.



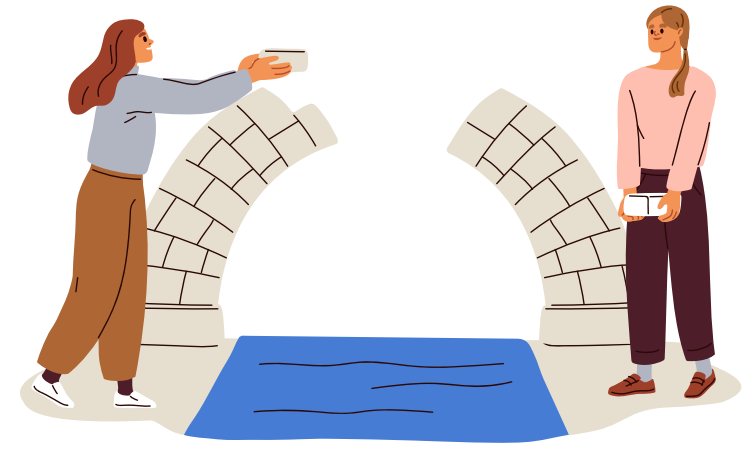
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soak up some sun



a fair-weathered friend



social butterfly



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let your hair down



farmer's tan



Indian summer



rain or shine



summer fling

SUMMER IDIOMS



Read the sentences with the idioms, determine their meanings from the context, then match the highlighted phrases with their meanings.

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2. The dog days of summer are here, and it's too hot to do anything outdoors. _____
3. They had a memorable summer fling during their vacation in Greece. _____
4. Sarah realized that her so-called friend was just a fair-weathered friend who disappeared when she needed support. _____
5. Mark is always chasing rainbows, dreaming of becoming a famous musician. _____
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11. After a long week of work, it's time to let our hair down and have some fun at the weekend party. _____

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- b) Pursuing something that is impossible or highly unlikely to achieve.
- c) A period of unseasonably warm and pleasant weather that occurs in late autumn, typically after the first frost.
- d) The hottest and most uncomfortable period of summer, typically occurring in July and August.
- e) Someone with a deep tan, indicating that their skin has become significantly darker due to sun exposure.
- f) Someone who is supportive or friendly only during favorable circumstances but disappears or becomes unreliable when difficulties arise.
- g) A person who is highly sociable, enjoys being around people, and actively participates in social events and gatherings.
- h) An event or activity will take place regardless of the weather conditions.
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- j) To relax and enjoy oneself without worrying about rules, expectations, or responsibilities.
- k) To spend time outdoors, especially under the sun, to enjoy the warmth and relaxation associated with summertime.

ANSWERS



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LET'S PRACTICE

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2. During their vacation in Mexico, they spent hours at the beach, trying to _____ and enjoy the warm weather.
3. Sarah is always surrounded by people at parties and events. She's a real _____ who loves socializing.
4. After spending the entire summer outside, John returned from his vacation _____.
5. They met during a vacation in Greece and had a short-lived _____ before going back to their respective lives.
6. The outdoor concert will take place _____. The event organizers have made arrangements for any weather conditions.
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rain



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INDIAN SUMMER

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SUMMER FLING

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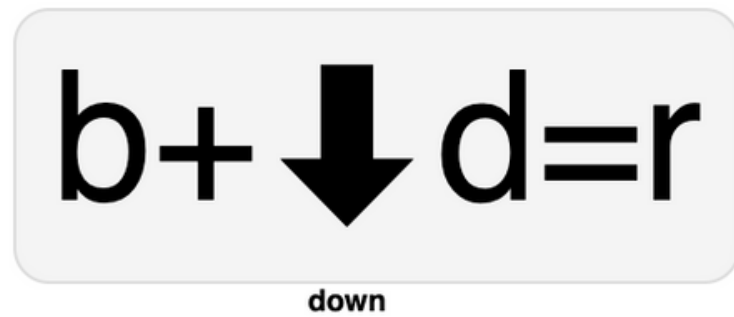


FAIR-WEATHERED FRIEND



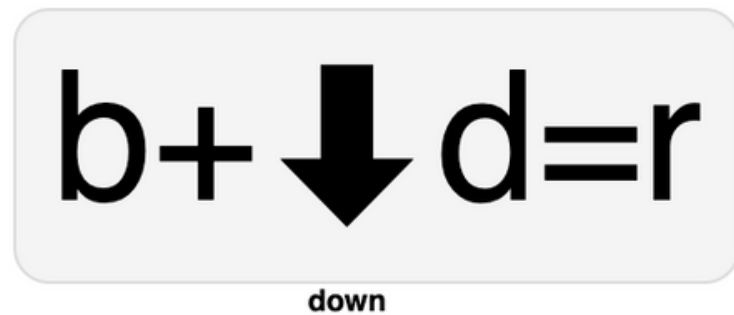
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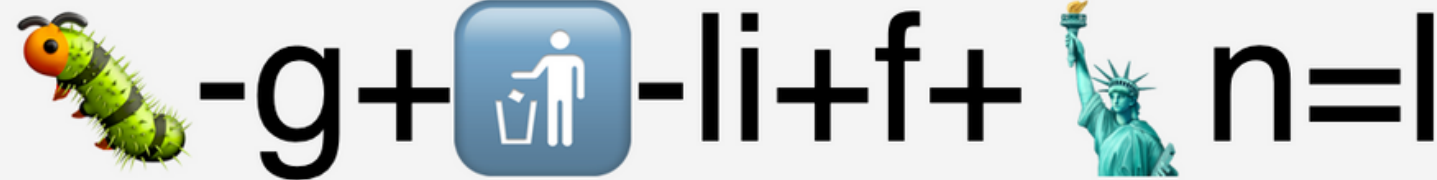
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SOCIAL BUTTERFLY



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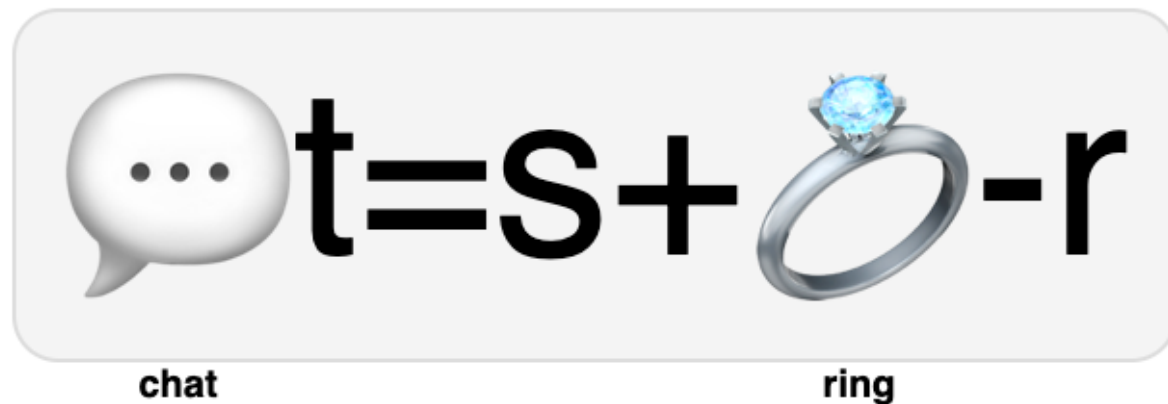
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**FARMER'S TAN**

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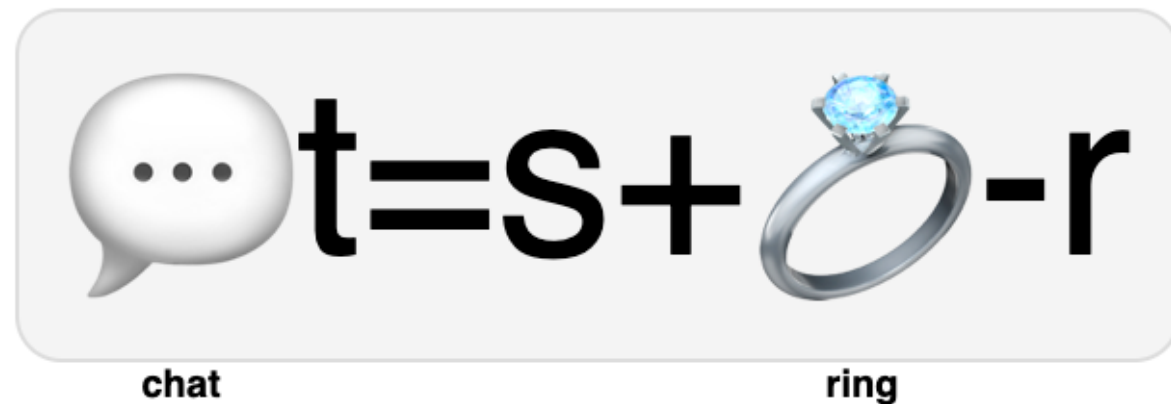
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CHASING RAINBOWS

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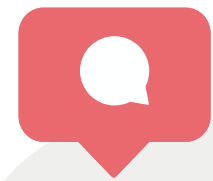
SOAK UP SOME SUN

LET'S PRACTICE!

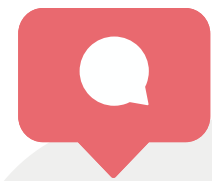
Read what four people say about their summer experience. Which summer idioms you can use instead of underlined words?



Ah, what a fantastic summer it has been! I've had the chance to relax and make the most of this season. From spontaneous road trips to beachside bonfires, I've embraced the carefree spirit that comes with letting your hair down. It's been a time of adventure, laughter, and creating memories with friends and loved ones.



Ah, the memories of my relationships will forever hold a special place in my heart. It was a whirlwind romance that blossomed under the warm summer sun. We shared laughter, adventures, and countless unforgettable moments together.



What an incredible summer it has been for me as a partier! From rooftop parties to beach outings, I've been fluttering from one gathering to another, relishing in the joy of connecting with old and new friends alike. Being an outgoing person has allowed me to spread my wings and immerse myself in vibrant conversations, laughter, and shared experiences.



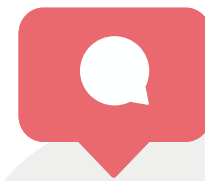
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ANSWERS



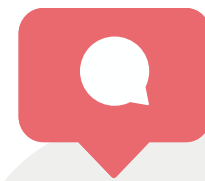
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EXTRA TASK

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom.

1. During _____, I often find myself swimming in the pool just to stay cool.
2. Working outdoors all day, James developed a deep tan and came home looking _____.
3. After a cool and rainy August, the sun finally emerged, giving us a delightful _____ before the arrival of autumn.
4. During the vacation, they left all their worries behind and _____, enjoying every moment of relaxation.
5. Despite his shyness in his younger years, he evolved into a charismatic and outgoing individual, a _____, as he grew older.
6. I know you want to become an actor but I think you should stop _____ and get an office job.
7. I was hit by an accident and was hoping my friend Jenny to help me, but she is really just a _____.
8. We go hiking every Sunday, _____, because we love being out in nature regardless of the weather conditions.
9. Visitors can _____ in our garden by the pool, after having lunch on our terrace.
10. Even though he wore a wide-brimmed hat, the _____ on his forehead was a testament to the hours he spent tending to his crops under the scorching sun.
11. They were only together on their holiday and drifted apart shortly after, it was just a _____!



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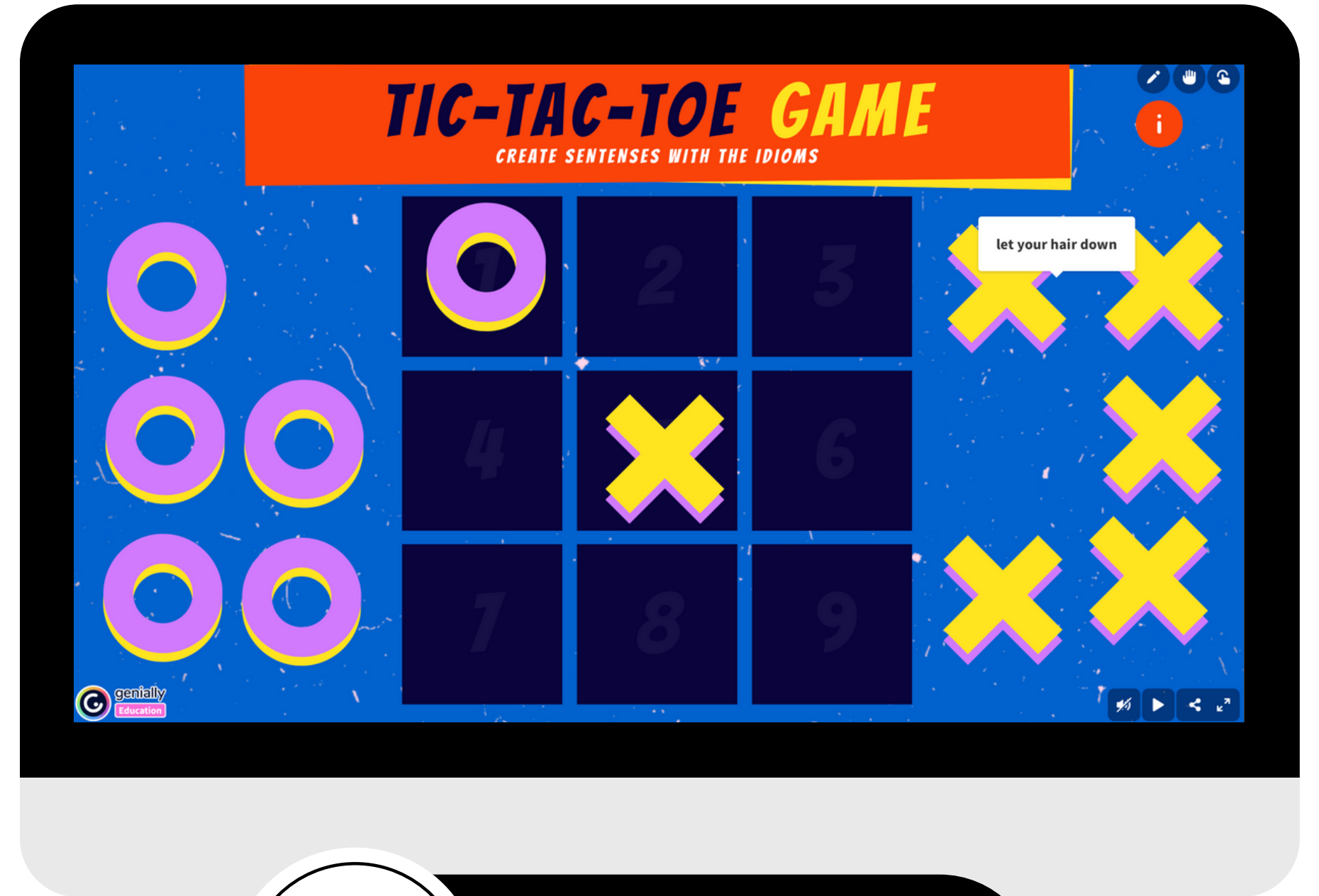
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TIC-TAC-TOE

- *The goal of tic-tac-toe is to be the first player to get three in a row (vertically, horizontally or diagonally).*
- *You can play in teams or player VS player.*
- *Mark the squares with Xs or Os.*
- *Create the sentences using the idioms.*



PLAY NOW

LET'S TALK!

When you hear the phrase "soak up some sun," what activities or places come to mind for enjoying the summer weather?

Are you a social butterfly during the summer months? How do you typically engage with others and make the most of social opportunities during this time?

Have you experienced an Indian summer? What does this phrase mean to you, and how does it manifest in your region or country?

Have you ever had a farmer's tan? What activities or circumstances led to it, and how do you feel about having uneven tan lines?





Revise the idioms for the next lesson. Use this Quizlet set. You can also play different games to practice or even test yourself in the Quizlet app or on the site.





THANK YOU!

