

That's Easy!

Review Idioms ¹

- 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 Story ²⁻⁴

6	Rashim told Stacy he had the	116	Cooking was a piece of cake for Sara
14	spelling bee in the bag. In other words,	124	because she went to school to become a
22	Rashim was saying he was sure to win	132	chef .
30	the spelling bee. In the bag means that	133	Something might be a piece of cake
37	you are certain to get or achieve	140	for you because you have an advantage
38	something.	147	over others. When nobody knows about
46	Dan applied for a new job, but he	153	your advantage, you have an ace up
53	wasn't worried . He thought he had the	160	your sleeve .
61	job in the bag because his sister was	162	Harry won \$10,000 on the quiz
65	friends with the employer .	168	show . But Harry had an ace up his
71	You might have something in the	176	sleeve: he had been studying history
79	bag because it's a piece of cake. If	182	books all week. Harry was in a better
88	something is a piece of cake, it is very	190	position than his quiz show opponents ,
92	easy or no trouble.	196	who did not study history books before
99	Vang knew he would win the race	203	the show.
106	because running was very easy for him.	205	
115	The race would be a piece of cake for		
	Vang.		

words read _____

- errors _____

= _____
cold score

words read _____

- errors _____

= _____
hot score

expression

Answer the Questions

Applying the main idea⁵

1. When are the idioms in this story most likely to be used?
 - a. when a person has entered a contest
 - b. when a person is reading a map
 - c. when a person writes a letter

Recalling a fact⁶

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

Getting meaning from context⁷

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

Making connections within the text⁸

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

Processing information⁹

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

Developing vocabulary¹⁰

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

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

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

Applying information¹¹

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

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

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

Number Correct: _____

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Learn New Words

ace¹²

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



achieve¹³

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

advantage¹⁴

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.*

applied¹⁵

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.*

certain¹⁶

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

chef¹⁷

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.*



history¹⁹

History is the facts about people and events in the past. *It is fun to read about the history of a famous person.*

opponents²⁰

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

position²¹

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 show²²

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.*

sleeve²³

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



Learn New Words, Continued

spelling bee²⁴

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.*



sure²⁶

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.*

studying²⁵

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



worried²⁷

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

