

Speech and Language Therapy

## **Non Literal Language**

### **Lesson 14 of 14 on Understanding Language**

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# Task 1 - Draw it out

Have a go turning some of the simile and metaphors into drawings.

This can be a really helpful strategy to help us understand everyday non literal language that we might hear.

Turn these into a poster!

Hang on = Wait a moment  
Have a seat = Sit down  
Knocked my socks off = Impressed me very much  
Pulling my leg = Kidding me, making a joke  
Horsing around = messing around, playing  
Let the cat out of the bag = Told the secret or let someone know something they weren't supposed to know  
Play it by ear = Improvise or make it up as you go  
Don't see eye to eye = Don't agree  
Call it a day = Quit doing something for now  
You're driving me up the wall = you're annoying me  
Bend over backwards = Do everything you can  
Fishy = Weird or Odd  
Give it a shot = Try to do it  
That was a piece of cake = That was easy  
Slipped my mind = I forgot  
In hot water = In trouble  
Having second thoughts = Changed your mind  
Out of the blue = Random or unexpected  
I'm all ears = I'm listening  
In the same boat = In the same situation



# Making up my own similes and metaphors....



## Work this out..

Matt was in the school talent show. He practiced for weeks to perfect his juggling act. When the big day came, he got up on stage and juggled 3 flaming sticks and didn't even miss a single one. Everyone cheered when he finished. When he walked off stage, his dad said "Wow, you really knocked my socks off!"

## Work this out...

Tara was super busy. She was talking on the phone with her office while she stirred the soup that was cooking on the stove and starting to burn. Her son Billy walked up to her and said "Mum, I need help with my homework". Tara replied with "Hang on!"



## Work this out...

The children walked into the classroom and found their teacher, Ms. Parting waiting for them. All of the chairs were arranged in a circle around Ms. Parting. As they approached the circle of chairs, Ms. Parting said “Have a seat” and waved her hand toward the chairs.

## Work this out..

Ben was a very helpful child. He loved helping his mother and she really needed his help today. It was his brother's birthday party so all of their family would be coming to the house in 2 hours. Ben helped his mother by cleaning up the play room, sweeping the kitchen, cleaning the bathrooms, and organizing the bookshelves. Ben's mother told him how much she appreciated that he bent over backwards to help her get ready.

