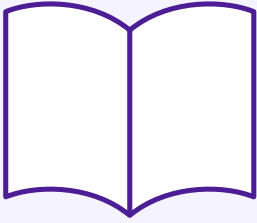


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- Example: it's raining cats and dogs
- Example: bite the bullet
- Example: under the weather
- How to spot it: The literal meaning makes no sense in the sentence.
- Effect: Sounds natural to a native speaker and baffling to everyone else.

LOOK FOR IT

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Naming it earns half the mark. Explaining its effect on the reader earns the other half.