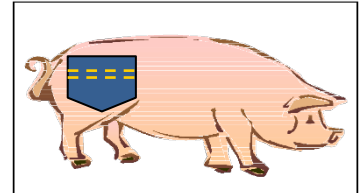


Cowboy Idioms

Idioms are phrases that have hidden meanings. The expressions do not mean exactly what the words say. Read each idiom and write what it really means on the line. Then use the box to draw a picture of what that idiom would look like if it really meant what it says.

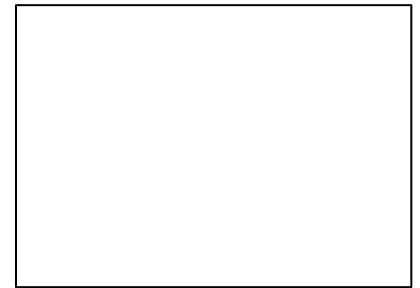
Example:

The lazy cowboy was as **handy as hip pockets on a hog**.
What is the meaning of this idiom? It means that the person or thing is useless.



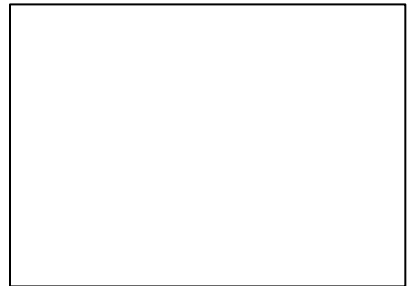
1. The new cowboy swore he could keep up with the herd, but when the other cowboys realized that he had never ridden a horse, they decided that the new guy was **all hat and no cattle**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____



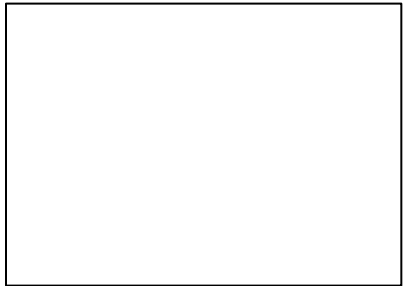
2. Even though the cowboys worked late into the night, they had to **bite the bullet** and wake up early.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____



3. Just as the young cowboy was about to make a big mistake, the cook told him, "**Don't squat with your spurs on.**"

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____



4. There was a dance in town, so the cowboys put on their **best bib and tucker**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

