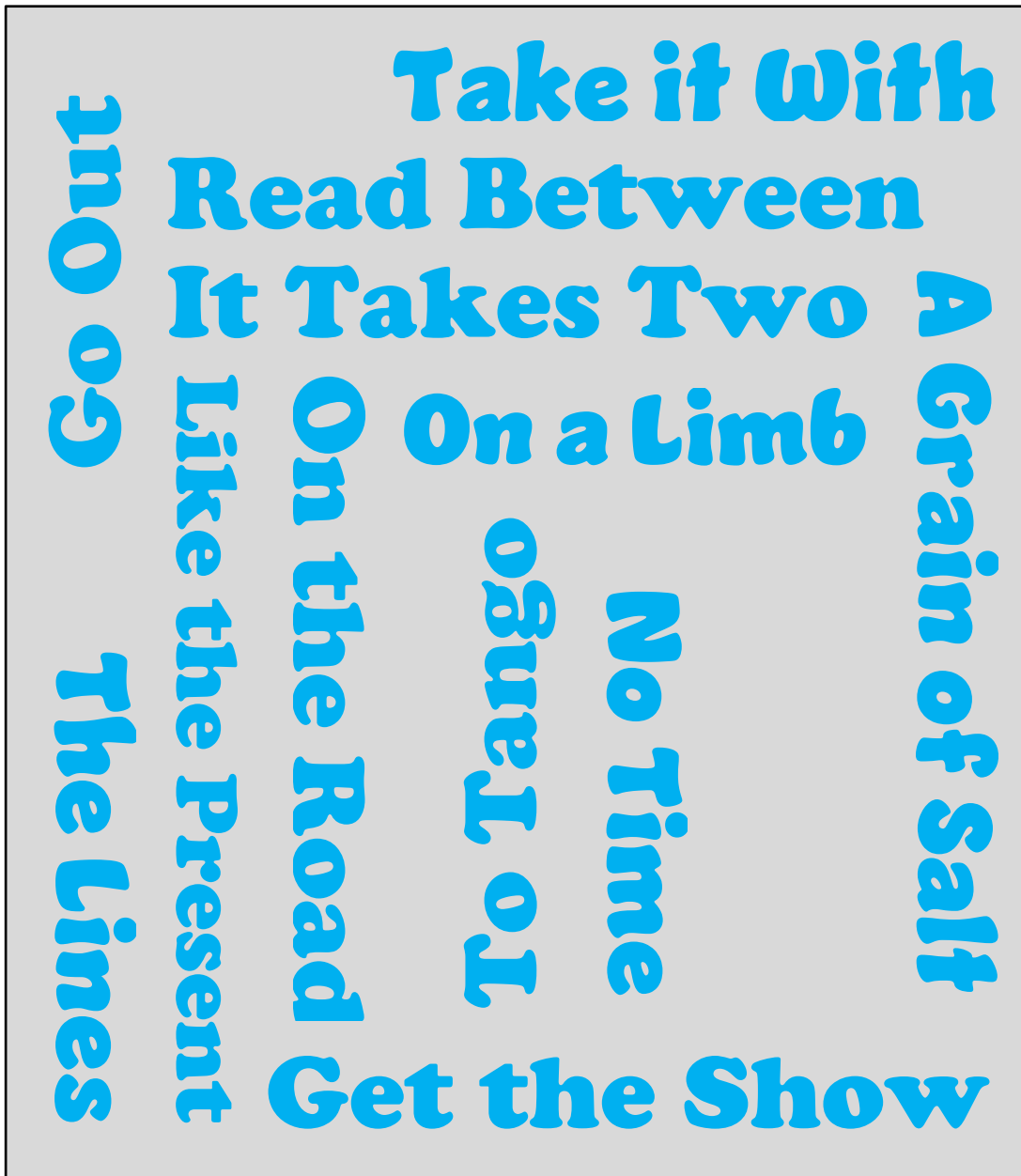


Phraseology

Print-N-Play Cards, Set 2



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Welcome (back) to Phraseology Cards (Search to find Set 1 at the [FUNdoing.com/blog](https://www.fun-doing.com/blog))

Like the first installment, this experience is a norming and processing activity about "meaning" and making meaning. In some educational theories it's said that we should start with what we know before venturing into the unknown. Using Phraseology Cards (Set 1 or Set 2) can help us practice this idea before diving deeper into new social learning experiences.

Activity Objective: Part 1: Phrasing – Using all the cards (below), pair them up so that two cards make a phrase that has a known meaning. Part 2: Re-Phrasing – Combine two or more cards together creating a new phrase with a unique meaning. (You can see some of the re-phrasing with Set 1 cards at the [FUNdoing.com/blog](https://www.fun-doing.com/blog) post.)

Facilitated Objective: Explore prior knowledge (and why this might be useful), and practice behaviors related to communication, sharing voice, community knowledge, and building rapport.

Needs & Numbers: Print out the 40 Phraseology Cards below on copy paper or card stock paper - go with a color that's different from the cards in Set 1 (if you've made them). For long-term use laminated the cards if you are using regular (thin) copy paper. Card stock holds up well on its own for a while. One set of 40 cards works well with a group of two to 16 participants. (You can run the activity with up to 40 people, it will just take longer for some of the sharing sessions.)

Time: 15 to 20 minutes at any time during a program – maybe a little longer if you plan to use the phrases for a processing session at the end of a program (depending on the number of players of course and how much they like to talk).

Set-Up: Spread out the cards, words-side up, on a tabletop or floor, so all the cards can easily be read.

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Procedure: Each phrase in this set is made up of two cards. After determining how many people are in your group, you will need a card for each person in play. For every two people you need one phrase. Think of the math this way: The number of participants you have divided by two will give you the number of phrases you need to use from the Set. (NOTE: If there is an odd number of players, you will want to jump in and play – even it out.) Put together the phrase pairs you need, then shuffle the cards before dealing a card to each person.

Part 1: Phrasing With a card in each person's hand, ask (challenge) your group to match two cards together that make up a known (documented) phrase that has a known meaning. (Use the Meanings Key below for translations.)

When players identify a pair, they call out (nice and loud), "We have a match!" Then, with the group, discuss the meaning of the phrase. Depending on the diversity of the group, there could be a wide range of meanings. Then, find out if the phrase might have a particular connection to the group, in the moment, or might it have any influence on the group as they work together. Could the phrase be a "norm" the group wants to adopt?

There will be some phrases (I'm betting) that will be unknown to group members. This can be a good time to talk about "unknowns" that might show up during a program. You can use the "Meaning Key" to share one meaning and discuss how this impacts the group.

Does the group need to match up all the cards? Maybe? Maybe not?

When there is time, move into Part 2 (below). Or, after working on tasks together for a while, "trying out" some of the phrases discovered in Part 1, lay out the cards again and try Part 2 – make some new meaning.

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Part 2: Re-Phrasing The group has already matched the cards into their common form in Part 1. Now, make new meanings by matching two (or more?) cards into an uncommon form and uniquely define the phrase. These could end up being fun, silly combinations or more serious, norm-relevant combinations.

'Making new meanings' might be a good conversation (processing) topic. Run with the energy of the group if it seems appropriate.

Processing with Phraseology Cards: You can pull the cards back out (one Set or both), at the end of a program and find out, by putting cards together, which phrases really stood out for the group during the program.

Using Both Sets Together Now that there are two Sets of Phraseology Cards to work with, you can add another talking point to the experience. When setting up the activity and counting out your card/phrase needs, include an equal number of phrases from both Sets – with the understanding that each Set of cards is a different color (e.g., Set 1 is yellow, Set 2 is green). During 'phrasing' ask participants to only pair up with card colors that are the same ('sameness'). Share meanings when matches are found. Then, during Re-Phrasing, ask participants to pair up with a different colored card and share meanings when discovered. The talking point can be about diversity – stepping out of sameness can be beneficial, providing opportunities that are not possible if we don't.

Facilitation Notes: As a group works through Phrasing (or later in Re-Phrasing), they may notice the borders of the cards and realize one type of boarder (solid line) is the first part of a phrase and the other boarder (dotted line) is the second part of a phrase.

If they recognize this, will it be easier? Maybe? Maybe they never notice the boarders. No matter. It's just another form of data that can be useful or not needed. This can relate to the work you do together. When we "look" or "pay attention" we might see something that will help. Looking (purposeful observation) is a learned skill that can be useful.

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When we look, we have the opportunity to uncover more meaning and make more meaning. This activity is all about making meaning together as a group. And, know that it's okay to share your understanding of the phrases as well - it doesn't "mean" you have the right answer, it's only "an" answer.

Share your Phraseology Cards experiences. Email me: chris@onteambuilding.com

And, be sure to visit FUNdoing.com for more teambuilding resources.....

Be well! Have FUN doing what you do!

Chris

Again, thank you for supporting the FUNdoing adventures by sharing the source of the Phraseology Cards (FUNdoing.com/blog) with those who might find it useful.

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Phraseology (Idiom) Meanings Key

Phraseology Cards, Set 2 (resource: portallas.com/wp-content/uploads/Idioms.pdf)

Break The Ice	A Meaning: Start a conversation easily.
Under The Weather	A Meaning: Feeling sick or unwell.
Spill The Beans	A Meaning: Tell a secret.
The Ball Is In Your Court	A Meaning: It's your decision now.
Burn The Midnight Oil	A Meaning: Work late into the night.
Once In A Blue Moon	A Meaning: Very rare. (Two Full Moons in a month.)
A Blessing In Disguise	A Meaning: Something good, hidden from plain sight.
Throw In The Towel	A Meaning: Give up; Admit defeat.
Take It With A Grain of Salt	A Meaning: Be skeptical about something.
Piece Of Cake	A Meaning: Very easy.
Go Out On a Limb	A Meaning: Take a chance.
Call It A Day	A Meaning: Stop working for now.
A Change Of Heart	A Meaning: Change your opinion.
Read Between The Lines	A Meaning: Find the hidden meaning.
No Time Like the Present	A Meaning: It's better to do something right away.
Get the Show On the Road	A Meaning: Putting a plan or idea into action.
It Takes Two To Tango	A Meaning: Actions or communications need more than one person.
Grass is Always Greener On the Other Side	A Meaning: The alternative solution may seem better even if it isn't always the case.
Thinking On Your Feet	A Meaning: Adjusting quickly to change, making fast decisions.
Actions Speak Louder Than Words	A Meaning: What someone does is more important than what they say

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**Break
The**

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Ice

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**Under
The**

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Weather

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Spill The

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Beans

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**The
Ball Is**

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**In Your
Court**

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Burn The

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**Midnight
Oil**

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Once

In A

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**Blue
Moon**

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A

Blessing In

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Disguise

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**Throw
In**

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**The
Towel**

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**Take It
With**

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**A Grain
Of Salt**

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Piece Of

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Cake

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Go Out

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**On A
Limb**

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Call It

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A Day

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A Change

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Of Heart

Phraseology Cards #2 – www.fundoing.com

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Between**

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**The
Lines**

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No Time

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**Like The
Present**

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Show**

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**On The
Road**

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**It Takes
Two**

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**To
Tango**

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**Grass
Is Always
Greener**

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**On The
Other Side**

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**Thinking
On**

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Your Feet

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Speak**

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