

WHAT WE SAY VS. WHAT WE MEAN WITH AMELIA BEDELIA

MESSECHET NEDARIM

One of the more surprising parts of Seder Nashim, dealing with Jewish family life and practice, is Messechet Nedarim which teaches about making vows and promises. Part of the discussion in the Mishnah and Gemara is how we understand a person's words: Do we take them at face value, i.e. literally, or do we judge them based on the colloquial meaning?

It begs the question of us – how often do we say things that we don't mean? And how often do we say things that aren't meant to be taken literally?

Today we'll explore the words that we use, what we mean, and what they might actually mean.

GETTING TO KNOW AMELIA

Amelia Bedelia is an exceedingly genuine person. She takes everything quite literally which leads to a few misunderstandings.

Watch/Read a classic Amelia Bedelia Story with the link below!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPUIMm5gh1U>

ACT IT OUT! CHARADES!

CAN YOU ACT OUT THESE IDIOMS?

Feel free to make this a guessing game or a competition. For a competition you'll need two teams. Each team picks a number and then has to act out these modern-day phrases and their teammates have to guess what they're doing!

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| 1. Go Fly a Kite. | 13. Beat around the bush. |
| 2. You're in hot water. | 14. Bend over backwards. |
| 3. Spilled the beans | 15. Quit cold turkey. |
| 4. Let the cat out of the bag. | 16. Get over it. |
| 5. A broken heart. | 17. Go for broke. |
| 6. Tie the knot. | 18. He lost his head. |
| 7. You look like a million bucks! | 19. Keep an eye on him. |
| 8. In the doghouse. | 20. Lend me your ear. |
| 9. Raining cats and dogs. | 21. Off the hook. |
| 10. Blessing in disguise. | 22. Pulling your leg. |
| 11. Piece of cake. | 23. The ball is in your court. |
| 12. Read between the lines. | 24. Turn over a new leaf. |
| | 25. When pigs fly |