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Happy Friday! Today's lessons continue on from Wednesday focused on making and drawing crystals. Perhaps you could make a special drawing for a special person you may be celebrating on Sunday ... (Hint, hint ... Do something extremely kind for all those you honor on Mother's Day!)

### **Making Crystals**

Here is a lesson on making a supersaturated solution for salt and sugar crystals. To make your own, you will need: a jar, salt and/or sugar, spoon, hot water and food coloring (optional). You may need help from an adult to get "piping hot" water. <https://youtu.be/wyHPShp4dJE>

### **Drawing Crystals**

Many LES students enjoy the gems I like to draw. Here is a tutorial on drawing diamonds at three levels: easy, medium and hard.

<https://youtu.be/S-hZUDVUtiY>

### **Idioms**

Learn more about these phrases or expressions that don't exactly mean what they say. Keep your eyes peeled as idioms are all over the place! <https://youtu.be/A7-2k9BDVvc>

The following website for English language learners sorts idioms by category. What are your favorites? Can you illustrate a few and have someone guess what they are? <https://www.fluentland.com/idioms-arranged-in-categories/>

The history of idioms is also interesting. The idiom about "feeling under the weather" means someone feels ill. The origin of this idiom comes from when humans sailed the seas. When a sailor was feeling ill, they would go beneath the bow, which is the front part of the boat. This would hopefully protect them from adverse conditions as they were literally under the bad weather that could sicken them further.

To "spill the beans" means to reveal a secret and likely originates from ancient Greece. One of their voting processes involved beans where people would vote by placing one or two colored beans in a vase. White typically meant yes and black or brown typically meant no. If someone "spilt the beans," the secret results of the election would be revealed before intended.

Enjoy a weekend footloose and fancy free full of a barrel of laughs! (Those were all idioms, guys. Get it?).

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