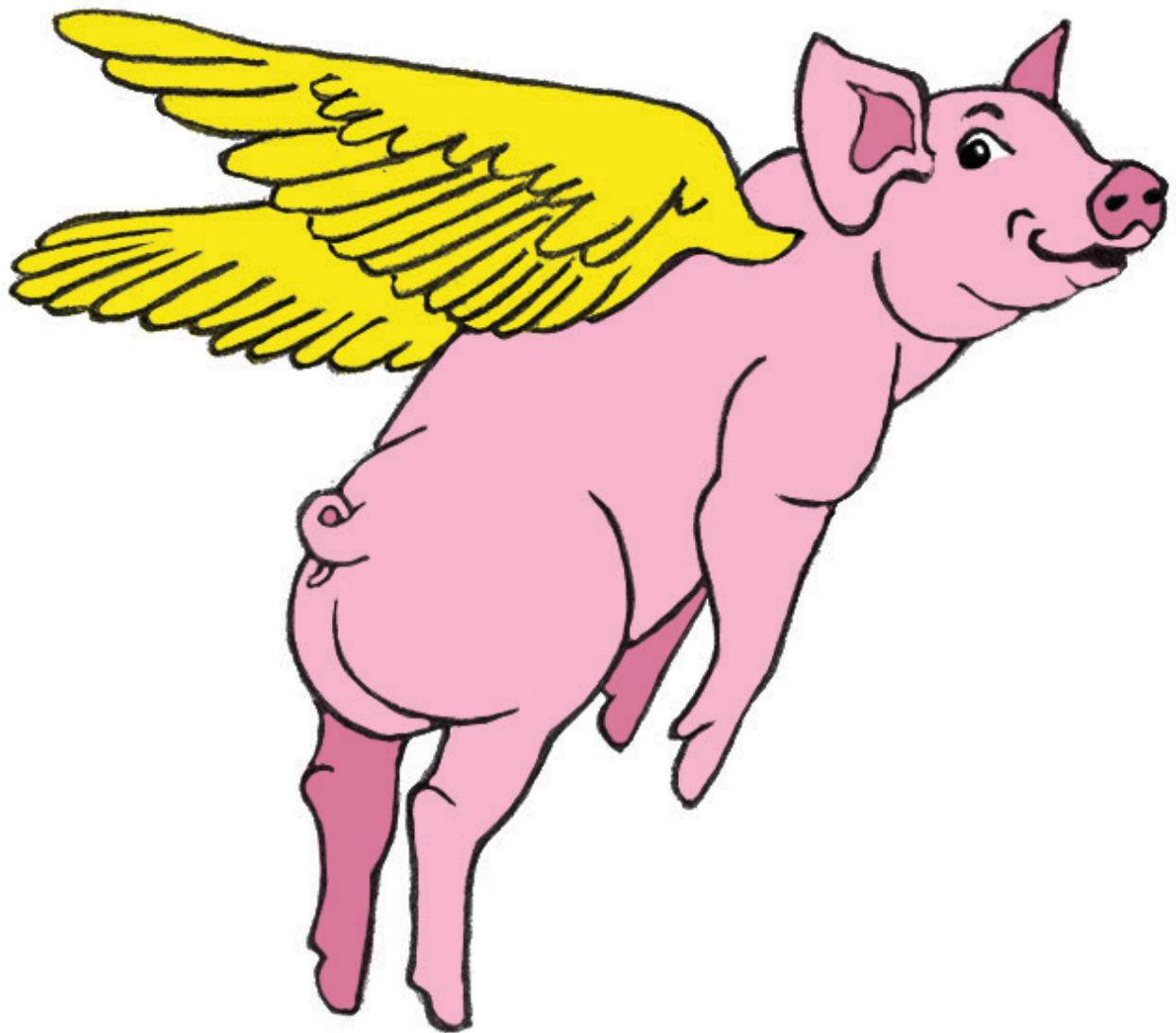


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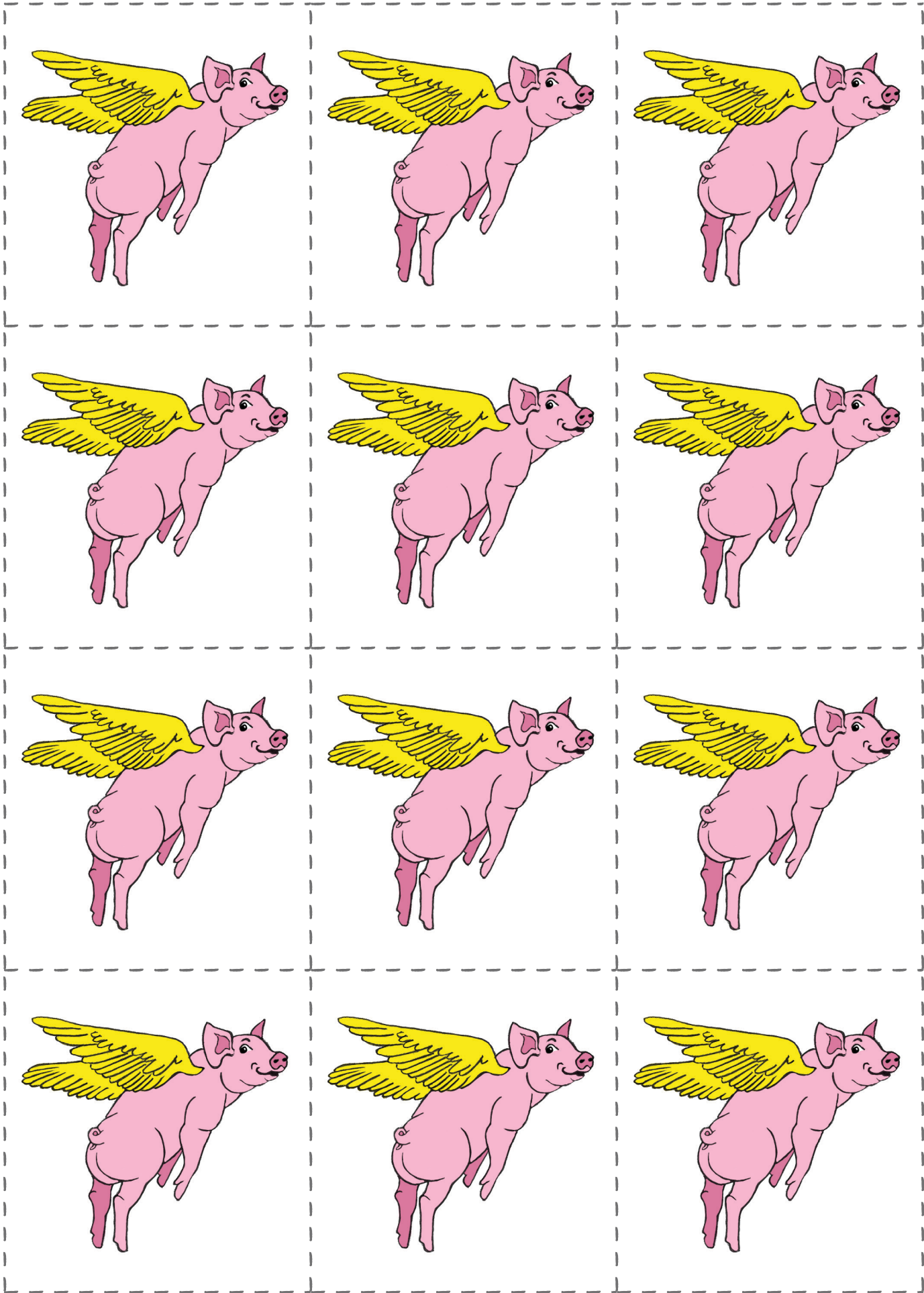
Your student will frequently encounter idioms in everyday speech and while reading, so it's beneficial to expand his vocabulary to include them. In this activity, students will learn twelve common idioms such as *hold your horses* and *in a pickle*.

Instructions

1. Print pages 3-4 of this activity back-to-back.
2. Cut out the flying pig cards and place them on the table with the illustrations facing up.
3. "If something costs *an arm and a leg*, it costs a lot. It doesn't really mean that you have to pay with an arm and a leg. Sayings like these are called *idioms*. Idioms are sayings that you don't take literally."
4. Have your student select a pig card and read the phrase on the back. If possible, your student should use the idiom in a sentence or explain what it means. If he doesn't know what the idiom means, explain it to him. Continue until all the flying pig cards have been read.

Answer Key

<i>when pigs fly</i>	a way of saying that something will never happen
<i>on pins and needles</i>	anxious; excited; in suspense
<i>keep an eye on</i>	to watch someone or something closely
<i>give/lend a hand</i>	to help someone
<i>miss the boat</i>	to miss out on an opportunity; to make an error or not understand
<i>hold your horses</i>	to wait; to have patience
<i>hang out</i>	to spend time with certain people or at a certain place
<i>let the cat out of the bag</i>	to reveal a secret by mistake
<i>apple of my eye</i>	someone or something that is very precious; a favorite person or object
<i>green with envy</i>	jealous; wishing you had what someone else has
<i>takes the cake</i>	when a person does something that is even worse than what he's done before
<i>in a pickle</i>	to be in a difficult situation



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