



Let the cat out of the bag

When we say, "let the cat out of the bag," it means telling a secret before it should be known. It's like accidentally spoiling a surprise.

Examples

1. Imagine you're planning a surprise party for a friend, but you accidentally tell them about it. You've "let the cat out of the bag," and the surprise is gone.
2. In school, if someone figures out a surprise quiz and tells others, they've "let the cat out of the bag," and the surprise is ruined.
3. Suppose a company has a secret project, but someone leaks the details. That's like "letting the cat out of the bag," and the surprise is no more.

Where it comes from

This idiom comes from the 18th century when people used to buy and sell animals at markets. Sometimes, dishonest sellers would put a cat in a bag instead of the animal they promised. When the buyer opened the bag and found a cat, they'd "let the cat out of the bag" to reveal the trick.

Why it's important

"**Letting the cat out of the bag**" reminds us to keep secrets and surprises. It shows that revealing them too soon can be disappointing. In our daily lives, it's a reminder to be trustworthy, responsible, and keep surprises a secret until the right time.