

LITERAL VS. NONLITERAL LANGUAGE

Read the nonliteral phrases under column A.

Write the literal meaning of the underlined words under column B.

COLUMN A

Nonliteral phrases

I have butterflies in my stomach.

I will reach for the stars.

I can be anything because the world is my oyster.

It's raining cats and dogs outside.

My parents bring home the bacon for us children.

Sally's legs were on fire after she ran the race.

Tell me, I am all ears.

Our quiz next class is giving me cold feet.

I'm crossing my fingers for you. You can do it!

Can you fill in the blanks so I am more informed?

COLUMN B

Literal phrases
