

The background of the slide features a large, semi-circular illustration of an open Japanese folding fan (sensu). The fan's surface is decorated with a traditional ink wash landscape painting (suiboku-ga), depicting misty mountains, a winding river, and a small boat. The fan is set against a light beige background. A thin horizontal line is positioned below the text.

Lesson 8



How would you describe your father?



"The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Dutch painter Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (1606-1669)

Prodigal Son



1. How did the younger son earn a living after spending his money?
2. How did he come to his senses and decided to return home?
3. How did his father react when he saw the son from a distance?
4. Why was his elder brother angry and refused to celebrate his brother's return?

Learn words and phrases:

Prodigal Son -

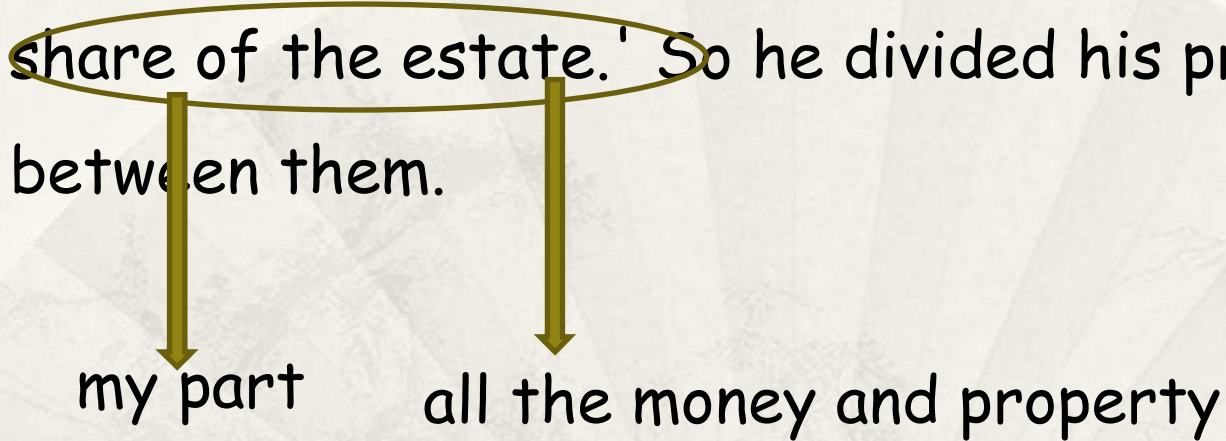
This **idiom** refers to anyone who has been resistant to guidance or discipline. The return of a prodigal son is a return to a better way of living. (www.selbl.org)



"Henry has already said that what he has done in the past has left him lifelong regrets. I think '**the return of the prodigal son**' is most important," said Lisa Kuo Yu-chin (SCMP March 08)

Learn words and phrases:

¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.



my part

all the money and property

Learn words and phrases:

¹³ Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

wasted

Live a life in a very uncontrolled way

wild-living cats: cats living in natural surroundings and are not looked after by people.

Learn words and phrases:

severe: to describe something that is very bad or undesirable
famine : serious shortage of food

¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

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not having enough food or money

e.g. To Help Children in Need is a Charity Indeed.
(by UNICEF)

Learn words and phrases:

¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

to give the use of his services for payment

e.g. Princess of Wales Diana hired herself out as a part-time cleaning woman for a while before finding work as a kindergarten teacher's assistant.



Learn words and phrases:



¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no-one gave him anything.

wanted it very much

to eat in order
to stop feeling
hungry

Learn words and phrases:

¹⁷ When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!'

extra food

meaning: he stopped being foolish and became sensible again.

Learn words and phrases:

¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him:
Father I have sinned against heaven and against you.

to start a journey

Learn words and phrases:

¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'

not any more

deserving

Learn words and phrases:

²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him

off (adv)
far away from

Learn words and phrases:

²¹ The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

doing something wrong

sin (noun) : original **sin**, the **sin** of pride

sin (verb) : We have all **sinned**.

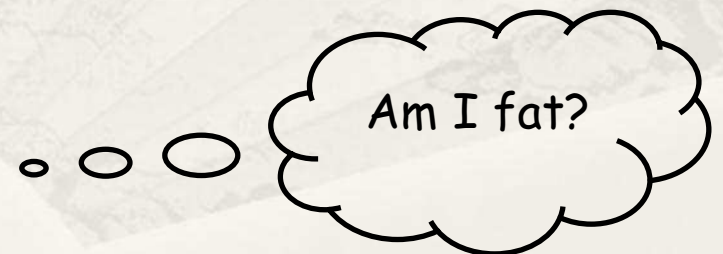
sin (**against** a person, principle, etc.) : Human beings have **sinned against** God

Learn words and phrases:

²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.



meaning: become fatter as a result of eating more.



a large and special meal

Learn words and phrases:

²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was
lost and is found. So they began to celebrate.



Lost and Found

Learn words and phrases:

²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

Which literary device?

an **idiom** which means unharmed and whole or healthy

e.g. It was a rough trip, but we got there safe and sound.

Learn words and phrases:

³¹ 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.'

becomes a famous quote in songs and movies



Release year: 1952

Fill in the blanks by using the words and phrases just learnt:

- * Don't ^{squander} _____ food. Buy just what you will eat.
- * I long to _____ listen to the live concert of Lady Gaga.
- * The U.S. soldiers backed home safe and sound _____ from Iraq.
- * When he came to his senses _____, he realized that he had been sleeping on the street.
- * Do you know why more teenagers hire themselves out _____ as teen models?

Learn literary devices

Parable: Prodigal Son is a parable as it carries a spiritual meaning : -



the Father -
Heavenly father
the Prodigal Son -
sinners, the lost



Learn literary devices

Metaphor: e.g. a pillar of fire and cloud
(*Exodus*)

Contrast: e.g. the Lord gave and the
Lord has taken away (*The Patience of Job*)

Exaggeration: e.g. "If your right eye
causes you to sin, gouge it out and
throw it away" (taken from the
Bible- Mathew 5:29)

Learn literary devices

v 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no-one gave him anything. **metaphor and exaggeration**

v 17 When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

contrast

exaggeration

Learn literary devices

v30 But when this son of yours who has
squandered your property with prostitutes
comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!

contrast

v32 But we had to celebrate and be glad,
because this brother of yours was dead and is
alive again; he was lost and is found.

metaphor

contrast

Perform a skit

Cast needed: the father, the younger son, the elder son, a servant, a narrator (if necessary)

Group Discussion: Forgiveness

Have you encountered similar situation where your parents, teachers or friends forgave what you did?

How did you feel when your wrongs were forgiven?

Have you ever forgiven anyone?

A Real-Life Prodigal Son - John Newton (1779)

