



## LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG

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### PDF 2: Varied Speaking Activities

#### Activity 1: Image Discussion (Pairs)

Look at the image and discuss:

- What is happening in the big picture?
- Why is the man running?
- What do the small history pictures show?
- Do you think this is a funny story? Why?

#### Activity 2: Would You Rather...? (Groups)

1. Would you rather accidentally let a big secret out or keep a difficult secret?
2. Would you rather be the person who let the cat out of the bag or the person whose secret was revealed?
3. Would you rather buy something from an old market without seeing it first or always check inside the bag?
4. Would you rather be good at keeping secrets or good at discovering secrets?

#### Activity 3: Speaking Activity: The Secret Box

**The Mission:** One student (the "Secret Keeper") will think of a well-known secret (a surprise birthday party, a hidden location, a secret ingredient). The other students are "reporters" trying to discover the truth.

**The Task:** Ask your classmates questions to guess the secret and **"let the cat out of the bag!"** You can only ask Yes/No questions.

##### Example Questions:

- "Is the secret a person?"
- "Is it a happy secret?"
- "Does the secret happen this week?"

#### Activity 4: Create Your Own Idiom Story

In pairs, invent a funny new idiom and its story.

Example: "Let the dog out of the car" = accidentally tell everyone your plans.

Then present your new idiom and story to the class.

### Activity 5: Role-Play Prompts (Numbered)

Close your eyes and point to a number (1–8). Act it out:

1. You are a market seller trying to sell a “pig in a poke.”
2. You accidentally let the cat out of the bag about a surprise party. Apologize.
3. Your friend just revealed your secret. React.
4. You are explaining the origin of the idiom to a foreign visitor.
5. Someone says “I have a secret!” Try to make them tell you.
6. You are a customer who just discovered a cat instead of a pig.
7. You are telling your family about a secret you accidentally revealed.
8. Two friends argue after one let the cat out of the bag.
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### Activity 6: Quick Reflection

Answer one of these:

- Are you good at keeping secrets? Why or why not?
- What is the funniest secret you (or someone else) ever revealed?
- Which idiom do you like more: “Let the Cat Out of the Bag” or another one you know?