

# What Did You Say??

**Schmand-fair** (*chemin de fer*- French for locomotive) is an example of how language changes over time and geography. Here are some fun examples of how words we hear don't always mean what we think they do.

Read the phrases below, and see if the students can figure out what phrase they are really saying, by changing the emphasis and

1. Dew ache who gulls urge
2. Chest jew wade aim in it
3. Do June Hoe Mine Aim
4. Eggs hearse Sized hay lee
5. Awe mile of
6. Dawned Hey guinea Chants his
7. Chest hey Kitty sea
8. Eight hey blanch hair
9. Dawn ways might I'm
10. Hun door hen easer come Stan says
11. Able ink gun
12. Bet Turk oar kit it
13. Pitchers heat bell town
14. Abe Aura her She's Chalk lit
15. Doll may shuns
16. Lass twill and taste a mint
17. weed owns tans ditch ants
18. soon knees hide up
19. jaw knees app bulls heed
20. June your ice cool
21. lee tell louse hind a prayer he
22. kit tread he fort hey cough
23. miss turn high sky

## ANSWER KEY

1. do a Google search

2. just you wait a minute

3. do you know my name

4. exercise daily

5. all my love

6. don't take any chances

7. just take it easy

8. a table and chair

9. don't waste my time

10. under any circumstances

11. Abe Lincoln

12. better forget it

13. put your seat belt on

14. a bar of Hershey's chocolate

15. Dalmatians

16. last will and testament

17. we don't stand a chance

18. sunny side up

19. Johnny Appleseed

20. junior high school

21. little house on the prairie

22. get ready for takeoff

23. mister nice guy