**Lesson Title: Say what you mean**

**You will need:** Activity 7a sheet

**Activity 7a:**

This can be done on a smartboard or printed out and given to pupils.

Pupils try to work out what common phrases mean.

**Activity 7b.**

Pupils create a list of other phrases that we use that don’t mean what we say.

**Quote to use** “Some days I get it, but other days if someone tells me to “hop into somewhere” my brain follows that instruction without question.”

**Discussion:**

Some autistic people try to cover up their mistake by laughing, smiling or appearing rude. Sometimes it can be quite embarrassing when you make a mistake that you haven’t realised you have made. It can be hard to ‘read between the lines’. How do you feel when you make a mistake? How do you feel when you misunderstand something?

**Activity 7a**

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| **Phrase** | **Literal meaning** | **What it really means** |
| *We are just going to jump into the shops before school.* | *Jump as we are going to the shops.* | *We are going to the shops before school.* |
| Curiosity killed the cat |  |  |
| Great minds think alike |  |  |
| Blood is thicker than water |  |  |
| You are barking up the wrong tree. |  |  |
| Actions speak louder than words. |  |  |
| Let’s call it a day. |  |  |
| She is driving me up the wall. |  |  |
| It costs an arm and a leg. |  |  |
| Grab a seat. |  |  |
| Mark your work. |  |  |