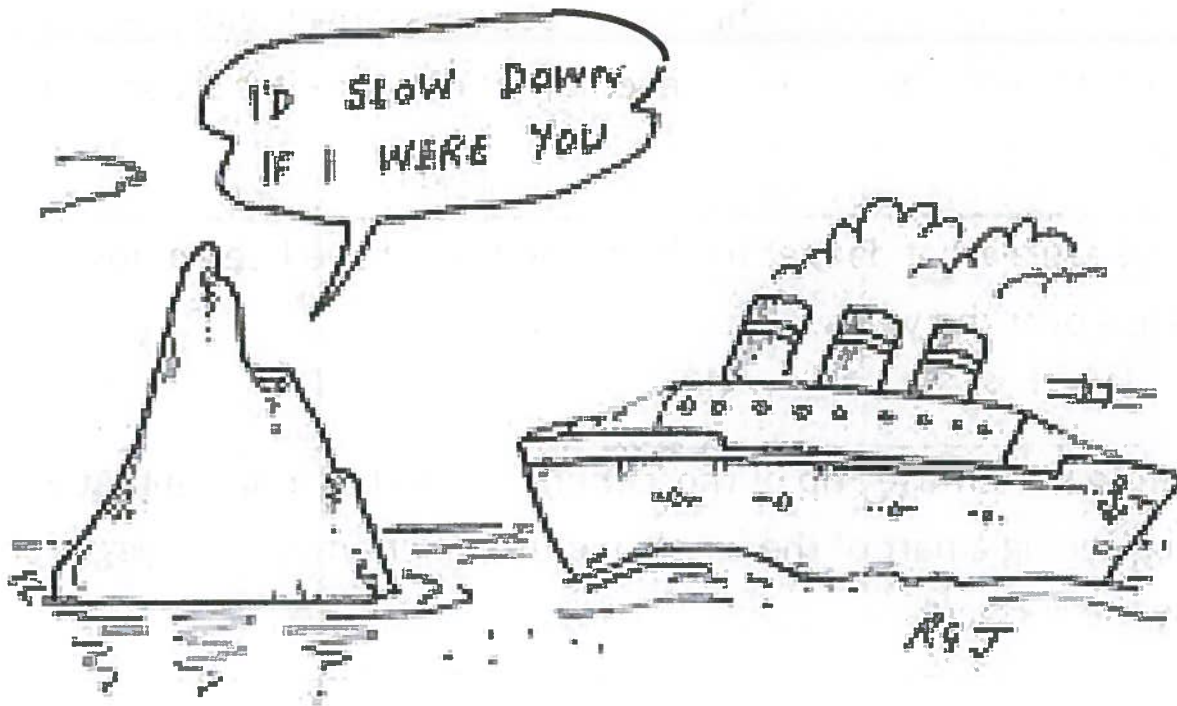


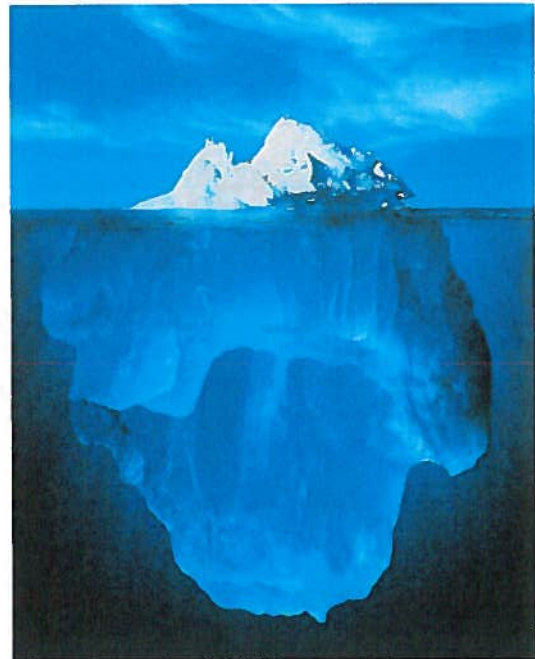
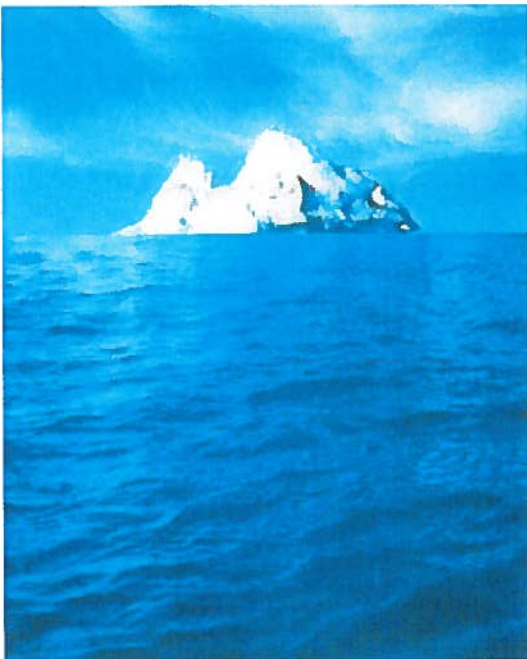
The Tip of the Iceberg!



THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG

Spot the difference!

What do you notice about the two pictures below. Can you explain it?



Idioms

Only 1/7 to 1/8 of an iceberg can be seen above water. The rest is hidden below the surface. This does not necessarily mean that the ice underneath the water is six or seven times deeper - it is six or seven times greater in mass.

Icebergs are a great danger to ships, and there have been many collisions over the years.

Therefore the phrase "tip of the iceberg" is used to indicate that you may only be seeing a part of the whole picture. There may be a bigger problem below the surface!

Phrases like this are known as 'idioms' An idiom is a saying that does not mean exactly what the words themselves mean. Here's an example:

'I'm all ears'



If you are all ears,
you are very eager
to hear what
someone has to say.