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Ch. 1: "Jerry Muskrat Has a Fright" **The Adventures of Jerry Muskrat**

Directions: Jerry Muskrat thinks Mother is foolish about many things. He thinks he can take care of himself "without being tied to his mother's apron strings." This quote is an idiom. An idiom is a way of speaking that is known to people who speak the language, but might not make sense if only the meaning of the words is used. Imagine Jerry truly tied to his mother by the sash of her apron! Explain what the idiom "tied to his mother's apron strings" means. Illustrate your thoughts to help you explain.