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Idioms 3

Directions: Read each idiom and determine the meaning.

Idiom: A common expression understood figuratively, as the literal definition makes no sense.

1. I know that the fight that they had yesterday seemed serious, but that's just **the tip of the iceberg**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

2. Sam and Paul had been dating forever, so we knew that it wouldn't be long until they **tied the knot**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

3. I would have loved to call in sick everyday until the summer, but I had to **face the music** one day.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

4. Jacob wanted to join karate class, but with the cost of his sister's ballet class, he had to put his karate dreams **on the back burner**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

5. Vince was sick of school, but on Thursday he could finally **see the light at the end of the tunnel**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

6. Tim **jumped on the bandwagon** and got his ear pierced after all of the other guys pierced their ears.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

7. Chrissy yelled at Alec for taking the last wingding, but he wasn't scared because he knew that she was **all bark and no bite**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

8. Tommy's mother didn't even lecture him after he came home late again; it was like **beating a dead horse**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

9. Lucy must have **gotten up on the wrong side of the bed**, because she was muttering curses again.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

10. **Hold your horses**, Janet. We should ask him why he did it before we make our decision.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

11. Mike told the students he would share the answers, and they were **all ears**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

12. Luke hopelessly stared at the problem. He **couldn't make heads or tails of it**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

13. While the boss was away, the two workers decided to **shoot the breeze** over a cup of coffee..

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

14. Dad wanted to let me off punishment, but mom said, "He **made his bed. Now he has to lie in it.**"

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

15. You knew there was no answer to this problem. You sent me **on a wild goose chase**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____
