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Idioms

Directions: Read each idiom and determine the meaning.

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

1. When the politician was caught stealing from the taxpayers, everyone thought he would receive a severe punishment, but all he got was **a slap on the wrist**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

2. We thought that our neighbor's, the Jones family, were rich beyond our wildest dreams, but it turns out that **we're all in the same boat**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

3. If Kim thinks that I'm going to let her copy my math homework, **she's barking up the wrong tree**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

4. The Vikings thought that they would easily beat the other team, but when it was tied with a minute left in the fourth quarter, they knew that this game was really coming **down to the wire**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

5. I thought Janet would be a good worker, but it turns out that she **can't cut the mustard**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

6. Tom wanted to **get down to brass tacks**, but the lawyer kept chatting about the weather.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

7. The lawyer knew that **beating around the bush** would get Tom all worked up.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

8. After playing for three straight quarters, the quarterback was **running out of steam**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

9. Don't get so worked up, buddy. She's only **pulling your leg**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

10. Jane decided that she would **go out on a limb** and ask Byron to the Spring Fling dance.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

11. Jimbo was too tired to finish the assignment, so he decided to **hit the hay**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

12. Alan was excited when he found out that he would have his own front row parking spot at the university, but that was **just the icing on the cake**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

13. Ever since Amy's uncle **bought the farm**, she's been faced with the difficult decision of dividing the inheritance amongst the family.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

14. Working at the Burger King was at first overwhelming to Kyle, but now he **knows the ropes**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

15. Julie thought her mom would let her go to the party, but **no dice**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____
