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English Vocabulary - Idioms & Phrases

English

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Q:1 Be glad to see the back of

1. Be happy to be back in the previous position
2. Be glad to look at the past events
3. Be glad to see your opponent defeating
4. Be glad to see someone leave

Q:2 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Smell a rat

1. Think that there is a dead animal
2. Have a reason to suspect something
3. Have no doubts about something
4. Feel that there is a loss in business

Q:3 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the nick of the time

1. A long delay
2. At the last possible moment
3. A special occasion
4. The beginning of a month

Q:4 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be glad to see the back of

1. Be happy to see someone again
2. Be happy at another's success
3. Be relieved at another's failure
4. Be happy when a person leaves

Q:5 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To have eggs on one's face.

1. To throw eggs on a speaker's face
2. To apply egg yolk on one's face for making it look beautiful
3. To be embarrassed because of one's action
4. To buy eggs and break them

Q:6 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom or phrase.

Thick as thieves

1. Being very dishonest
2. Never helping anyone
3. Telling lies all the time
4. Having a close friendship

Q:7 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ask for trouble

1. To attempt something impossible
2. Act in a way that is likely to incur problems or difficulties
3. A person who has no work is bound to create trouble for others
4. To attempt to do something without proper materials

Q:8 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Drive someone up the wall

1. To overcome an obstacle by going over it.
2. To help someone achieve success.
3. To tell someone to speak politely.
4. Make someone very irritated or angry.

Q:9 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In high spirits

1. Become successful
2. Feel joyful
3. Create confusion
4. Remain calm

Q:10 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A stone's throw away

1. At a short distance
2. Many miles away
3. At a remote location
4. Very far off

Answer Key

1. (4)	2. (2)	3. (2)	4. (4)	5. (3)
6. (4)	7. (2)	8. (4)	9. (2)	10. (1)

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is option 4 i.e. **be glad to see someone leave**.

The meaning of the given idiom is-

Be glad to see the back of- be glad to see someone leave.

E.g. I was glad to see the back of them at the end of the party because they were so annoying during the whole party.

As the meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option it will be the correct answer.

Q:2 The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **have a reason to suspect something**.

- The phrase 'smell a rat' is an idiomatic expression that means to sense that something is not right or that there may be deceit or dishonesty involved.
- It suggests an intuitive perception of suspicion or the detection of something amiss in a situation.

Thus, the most appropriate choice would be 'have a reason to suspect something'.

Q:3 The correct answer is option 2) i.e. **at the last possible moment**.

- In the nick of the time: at the last possible moment.
- E.g. He remembered in the nick of time that his passport was in his coat pocket.

Q:4 The correct answer is Option 4 i.e. **Be happy when a person leaves**.

Idioms: A group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words.

Be glad to see the back of means to be glad to get rid of someone; to be glad someone has left.

Example: The hotel staff was glad to see the back of such a difficult guest.

Q:5 The correct answer is Option 3 i.e. **To be embarrassed because of one's action**.

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a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words.

To have eggs on one's face means to look foolish or be embarrassed.

Example: Jerry had an egg on his face after boasting that the examinations were really easy, but ended up failing most of his papers.

Hence, the chosen option is the correct answer.

Q:6 The correct answer is Option 4 i.e. **Having a close friendship**.

Idioms: A group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words.

Thick as thieves mean to be very close friends and share secrets, etc.

Example: The two men became thick as thieves, opening a cafe and committing crimes together.

Hence, the chosen option is the correct answer.

Q:7 The correct answer is Option 2 i.e. **Act in a way that is likely to incur problems or difficulties**.

- In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.
- An **IDIOM** refers to 'a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words'.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

- **Ask for trouble-** to do something or act in a manner that will very likely result in trouble, difficulty, or danger for you.
- **For example:-** Those kids were just **asking for trouble** when they went trespassing on my property, and now trouble is what they'll get!

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Q:8 The correct answer is option 4 i.e. **Make someone very irritated or angry**.

- In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.
- An **IDIOM** refers to 'a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words'.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

- **Drive someone up the wall-** Make someone very

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irritated or angry.

- **For example:-** 'It's *driving me up the wall* trying to find out who did what'.

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Q:9 The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **Feel joyful**.

- In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.
- An **IDIOM** refers to 'a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words'.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

- **In high spirits-** Feel joyful.
- **For example:-** Seb was still *in high spirits* after winning the race.

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Q:10 The correct answer is option 1 i.e. **At a short distance**.

- In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.
- An **IDIOM** refers to 'a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words'.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

- **A stone's throw away-** At a short distance.
- **For example:-** The hotel is only *a stone's throw away* from the beach..

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.