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English Vocabulary - Idioms & Phrases

English

Q:1 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To put one's foot in one's mouth

1. To deliberately provoke someone
2. To gather all of one's resources
3. To be disorderly and stupid
4. To accidentally embarrass or upset someone

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

In hot water

1. In trouble
2. In suspense
3. In advantage
4. In shower

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

Make big time

1. Attain fame and success
2. Spend more than one earns
3. Reach earlier than expected
4. Earn more than needed

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

Read between the lines

1. understand what is implied but not stated directly
2. read very slowly enjoying each line
3. read loudly each and every word given in the sentence
4. read carefully each and every word written

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

By the skin of one's teeth

1. Without anyone's help
2. By a very narrow margin
3. With the help of someone
4. By a very big margin

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

Living in a fool's paradise

1. To live in luxuriously after fooling someone
2. To be fooled by someone

3. To live in a world of imagination

4. To believe wrongly that your situation is good

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

Have several irons in the fire

1. Doing iron related work
2. Having too many engagements at a time
3. Burning unwanted pieces of iron
4. Talking to many persons simultaneously

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

To leave no stone unturned

1. To try everything possible to solve a problem
2. To turn everything upside down
3. To become accustomed to routine things
4. To become furious with somebody

Q:9 The question consists of an idiom or phrase, followed by four alternatives to it. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Raise some hackles

1. Cause someone or some people to be upset
2. An event that happens infrequently
3. Something that will never happen
4. To allow someone, who have been caught, to not be punished

Q:10 The question consists of an idiom or phrase, followed by four alternatives to it. Select the most appropriate alternative as the meaning of the given idiom.

Boil the ocean

1. Being ignored
2. Being very happy
3. Taking up an almost impossible or overly ambitious project
4. Doing something in an easier and least expensive manner

Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **To accidentally embarrass or upset someone**

The meaning of the given idiom is:-

To put one's foot in one's mouth: **to say something by accident that embarrasses or upsets someone**

Example: I really *put my foot* in my *mouth* with Eva.

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

Q:2 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **In trouble.**

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

In hot water means in trouble or disgrace.

Example: He found himself in hot water over his comments about immigration.

Q:3 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **Attain fame and success.**

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

Make big-time means the highest or most successful level in a career.

Example: You've made a big time!

Q:4 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **understand what is implied but not stated directly.**

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

Reading between the lines means to understand what someone really means, or what is really happening in a situation, even though it is not said openly.

Example: She said she could afford it, but reading between the lines I don't think she has enough money.

Q:5 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **By a very narrow margin.**

Idioms: A group of words established by usage as having

a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words.

By the skin of one's teeth means by a very narrow margin; only just.

Example: He escaped from the secret police by the skin of his teeth.

Q:6 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **To believe wrongly that your situation is good.**

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

▪ **Living in a fool's paradise** means to believe wrongly and stupidly that your situation is good when really it is not.

Example: She indeed lives in a fool's paradise as she always dreams about making a huge fortune overnight.

Hence, chosen option is the correct answer.

Q:7 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Having too many engagements at a time.**

▪ 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:-

▪ **Nose-** Having too many engagements at a time.

▪ **For example:-** Rahul turned down the consulting job; he felt that he already had **too many irons in the fire**.

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 1** i.e. **To try everything possible to solve a problem**

The meaning of the given idiom is:-

To leave no stone unturned - to make every possible effort to find someone or something.

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

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **cause someone or some people to be upset.**



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The meaning of the given idiom is-

Raise some hackles - cause someone or some people to be upset.

- **Example:** The court ruling is sure to raise some hackles.

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

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Taking up an almost impossible or overly ambitious project.**

The meaning of the given idiom is-

Boil the ocean - Taking up an almost impossible or overly ambitious project.

- **Example:** Don't try to boil the ocean with your first version of a product.

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

