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English Vocabulary – Idioms & Phrases

English

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

By the skin of your teeth

1. To just barely get by or make it
2. To get worried easily
3. To do difficult tasks
4. Chewing food improperly

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

Bite the bullet

1. To get something over with because it is inevitable
2. To eat something unhealthy because of its taste
3. To buy ammunition because of upcoming danger
4. To feel powerless because of fatigue

Q:3 Select the appropriate meaning of the following Idiom:

Blue Blood

1. Member of reptile family
2. Blood colour changed to Blue
3. Belonging to the working class society
4. Member of aristocratic or noble family

Q:4 Select the appropriate meaning of the following Idioms & Phrases:

Raining cats and dogs

1. Fighting between animals
2. Raining blows on pets
3. Raining heavily
4. Fighting between two groups

Q:5 Select the appropriate meaning of the following Idiom:

Bolt from the blue

1. No idea
2. A complete surprise
3. Thundering
4. Informing something bad

Q:6 Select the appropriate meaning of the following Idiom:

To bell the cat.

1. To face the risk
2. Conflict

3. Facing enemy

4. Make friendship

Q:7 Select the appropriate meaning of the following Idioms & Phrases:

In hot water

1. Medically useful water
2. Water in turbulence
3. Trouble with someone
4. Water getting hot suddenly

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

In the movie 'Encanto', the family thought Bruno was a black sheep.

1. Disgrace for the family
2. Unrelated to the family
3. Danger to the family
4. Unloved by the family

Q:9 Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The evidence put forward could not confirm his guilt.

1. Bring up
2. Break down
3. Bear up
4. Blow off

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

He is in high spirits today.

1. Annoying
2. Disturbed
3. Drunk
4. Cheerful



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Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **To just barely get by or make it**

- This idiom is used to describe a situation where **someone narrowly or barely succeeds in something, often implying that the success was very close to becoming a failure.**
- It doesn't relate to **getting worried easily, doing difficult tasks, or chewing food improperly**, so those options are not correct interpretations of this idiom.

Q:2 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **To get something over with because it is inevitable**

- This idiom is used to describe facing a difficult or unpleasant situation or task with courage and determination.
- Especially when you have no choice but to confront it.
- It implies accepting and dealing with a tough situation head-on, despite its challenges.

Q:3 The correct answer is **Option 4**, i.e. **Member of aristocratic or noble family.**

- The idiom 'Blue Blood' is used to describe people who come from a wealthy, noble, or upper-class background.

Q:4 The correct answer is **Option 3**, i.e. **Raining heavily.**

- The idiom 'raining cats and dogs' means that it's raining very heavily. It is an expression used to describe the intensity of rain.

Q:5 The correct answer is **option 2**, i.e. **A complete surprise.**

The idiom 'bolt from the blue' describes something that happens suddenly and without warning and surprises a person, often because it's shocking or unexpected.

Q:6 The correct answer is **Option 1**, i.e. **To face the risk.**

The idiom 'to bell the cat' means to undertake a dangerous or difficult task.

Q:7 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Trouble with someone.**

- The idiom 'in hot water' means to be in trouble or facing difficulties and may have to deal with unfavorable outcomes.

Q:8 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Disgrace for the family**

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'A black sheep' means someone who is considered an embarrassment or a disgrace to the family.

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Bear up.**

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'Bear up' means to be strong enough to continue at a difficult time.

Meaning of other idioms:

Bring up: to bring a person to maturity.

Break down: failure to progress.

Blow off: fail to keep an appointment with someone.

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Cheerful.**

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

'In high spirits' means very happy and excited.