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English Vocabulary – Idioms & Phrases

English

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

Butter fingers

1. To be very efficient
2. To be clumsy
3. To cook well
4. To like rich food

Q:2 Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the idiom/phrase in bold. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

The team's project was riddled with issues, but their perseverance paid off when they finally **saw the light at the end of the tunnel**.

1. They installed a new light system in their project.
2. They were blinded by hard work during their project.
3. They encountered a dead end situation.
4. They found a solution and saw the end of their troubles.

Q:3 Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the phrase in bold. If none of the options convey the correct meaning, mark 'None of the above' as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

The manager's criticism was harsh, leaving the employee feeling like he had been **thrown to the wolves**.

1. The employee was given a promotion.
2. The employee was praised for their outstanding work.
3. The employee was left to deal with a difficult situation alone and unsupported.
4. The employee was left alone in front of a clever person.

Q:4 Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the phrase in bold. If none of the options convey the correct meaning, mark 'None of the above' as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

The negotiations were intense, but both parties eventually found common ground and **buried the hatchet**.

1. They took a break from negotiations to practice hatchet throwing.
2. They brought a hatchet as a gift during negotiations.

3. They argued about who should carry the hatchet.

4. They reached an agreement and resolved their differences.

Q:5 Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the phrase in bold. If none of the options convey the correct meaning, mark 'None of the above' as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

The project was delayed due to unforeseen complications, and the team had to **put their noses to the grindstone** to meet the deadline.

1. The team worked on a very difficult project.
2. The team focused on individual tasks.
3. The team worked hard and diligently on the project.
4. The team made a sculpture out of stone.

Q:6 Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the phrase in bold. If none of the options convey the correct meaning, mark 'None of the above' as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

The author decided to **stick to their guns** and maintain the controversial theme in their novel.

1. The author was morally firm.
2. The author stood firm in their convictions and choices.
3. The author stuck to the theme of the novel.
4. The author began writing about historical battles.

Q:7 Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the phrase in bold. If none of the options convey the correct meaning, mark 'None of the above' as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

The entrepreneur's new product was so revolutionary that it quickly gained a **sky-high** reputation in the industry.

1. The product became very popular and was highly regarded.
2. The product was highlighted excessively.
3. The product's design was very promising.
4. The product was known for its affinity with the sky.
5. None of the above



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Q:8 Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the phrase in bold. If none of the options convey the correct meaning, mark '*None of the above*' as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

Her ability to come up with creative solutions on the spot earned her a reputation as a **quick thinker**.

1. She developed a method for accelerating thinking processes.
2. She became a professional brainstormer.
3. She participated in a quick-thinking competition.
4. None of these
5. She gained fame for her ability to think rapidly and cleverly.

Q:9 Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the phrase in bold. If none of the options convey the correct meaning, mark '*None of the above*' as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

Despite the challenges, the young entrepreneur managed to **make a killing** with her unique online business idea.

1. She started a business in the fashion industry.
2. She became a professional after many years.
3. She made a lot of money and achieved great success.
4. She became a well-known animal activist.
5. None of these

Q:10 Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the phrase in bold. If none of the options convey the correct meaning, mark '*None of the above*' as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

The research team's breakthrough discovery was truly a **feather in their cap**, showcasing their dedication to scientific advancement.

1. The research team wore feathered hats during their experiment.
2. The research team got organized and did things effectively.
3. The research team received recognition and praise for their accomplishment.
4. The team stuck in a difficult circumstance with no escape
5. None of these



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Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **Option 2. i.e. To be clumsy.**

The idiom 'Butter fingers' is used to describe someone who is prone to dropping things or has a habit of being clumsy, especially when handling objects.

Thus, the most appropriate choice would be **'to be clumsy'**.

Q:2 The correct answer is **option 4 i.e. They found a solution and saw the end of their troubles.**

Explanation: 'See the light at the end of the tunnel' means to perceive the end of a difficult situation and the possibility of a positive outcome.

Hence, the given answer is correct.

Q:3 The correct answer is **option 4 i.e. The employee was left to deal with a difficult situation alone and unsupported.**

Explanation: 'Thrown to the wolves' means to be left to face a difficult situation without support or protection.

Hence, the given answer is correct.

Q:4 The correct answer is **option 4 i.e. They reached an agreement and resolved their differences.**

Explanation: 'Buried the hatchet' means to end a conflict or disagreement and reconcile.

Hence, the given answer is correct.

Q:5 The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. The team worked hard and diligently on the project.**

Explanation: 'Put your nose to the grindstone' means to work hard and put in great effort.

Hence, the given answer is correct.

Q:6 The correct answer is **option 2 i.e. The author stood firm in their convictions and choices.**

Explanation: 'Stick to your guns' means to hold firmly to your beliefs or decisions, even when

facing opposition.

Hence, the given answer is correct.

Q:7 The correct answer is **option 1 i.e. The product became very popular and was highly regarded.**

Explanation: 'Sky-high' means extremely high or elevated, often used metaphorically to describe something with a very high reputation.

Hence, the given option is correct.

Q:8 The correct answer is **option 5 i.e. She gained fame for her ability to think rapidly and cleverly.**

Explanation: 'Quick thinker' refers to someone who is able to think and respond rapidly and cleverly, especially in challenging or unexpected situations.

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. She made a lot of money and achieved great success.**

Explanation: 'Make a killing' means to make a significant amount of money or to achieve great success, often in a short period.

Hence, the given answer is correct.

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. The research team received recognition and praise for their accomplishment.**

Explanation: 'Feather in your cap' is an idiom used to describe an achievement or accomplishment that brings recognition and pride.