

1. A big cheese

- 1) a view from a very high place which allows you to see a large area
- 2) an important or a powerful person in a group or family
- 3) to be nosy and listen to other people's private conversations.
- 4) a story or an explanation which is obviously not true.

Answer & Explanation

2. At the crack of the dawn

- 1) someone in a group of people but not liked by them.
- 2) a method which clearly proves something
- 3) To use very obscene or blasphemous language
- 4) very early in morning

Answer & Explanation

3. A dead letter

- 1) an argument or law not followed by anyone.
- 2) u do something easily and without any preparation
- 3) someone who gets early in the morning
- 4) to be nosy and listen to other people's private conversations.

Answer & Explanation

4. At the eleventh hour

- 1) a strange person
- 2) be too late.

- 3) an event done to warn someone
- 4) one is very busy and have commitments

Answer & Explanation

5. A witch hunt

- 1) to follow someone
- 2) something of very high quality
- 3) an attempt to find and punish those who have options that are believed to be dangerous
- 4) a sudden change in circumstances

Answer & Explanation

6. Afraid of one's own shadow

- 1) to make public something embarrassing that should be kept secret.
- 2) everything is ready.
- 3) to become easily frightened
- 4) a person who is angry or upset about something.

Answer & Explanation

7. An arm and a leg

- 2) to appear suddenly without warning.
- 2) a large amount of money
- 3) to ask for too much.
- 4) To be what one would expect to happen or expect somebody to do

Answer & Explanation

8. Asleep at the switch

- 1) not to be alert on opportunity
- 2) to be lost and bewildered
- 3) to be always ready to serve
- 4) at the lowest level

Answer & Explanation

9. A boon in disguise

- 1) to keep at a distance
- 2) in disorder
- 3) a benefit in loss
- 4) To show that he is no longer highly regarded

Answer & Explanation

10. A bull in a China shop

- 1) an important day
- 2) pleasure for a short time
- 3) an awkward person
- 4) to steal from one's employer

Answer & Explanation

1. Hand in the till

- 1) to an untidy situation
- 2) To work carelessly
- 3) To be addicted to narcotic drug
- 4) to steal from one's employer

Answer & Explanation

2. Hat in hand

- 1) to ask someone for a favor with humility
- 2) Under no circumstances
- 3) game of chance
- 4) To keep one's door close

Answer & Explanation

3. Have a card up your sleeve

- 1) To be victorious
- 2) To be what one would expect to happen or expect somebody to do
- 3) to have a secret plan
- 4) To die

Answer & Explanation

4. Have a cow

- 1) To show that he is no longer highly regarded
- 2) To be familiar with the matter
- 3) to be very worried, upset or angry about something
- 4) shaving small sums at the risk of large ones

Answer & Explanation

5. Have a face like thunder

- 1) The youngest apprentice in a printing office
- 2) a person who is angry or upset about something.
- 3) To defeat at the last moment
- 4) To make an exception

Answer & Explanation

6. Have a leg up on somebody

- 1) All people alive or dead
- 2) Cautiously check the views of others
- 3) to have an advantage over someone.
- 4) An important question that is very difficult to answer

Answer & Explanation

7. Have a lot on one's plate

- 1) A long period of time
- 2) Exact counterpart or likeness of

- 3) one is very busy and have commitments
- 4) In a state of panic

Answer & Explanation

8. Have a whale of a time

- 1) To impose tax on somebody
- 2) very friendly
- 3) No matter how great the reward
- 4) to have an exciting or fun time

Answer & Explanation

9. Have an axe to grind

- 1) to have a strong opinion about something.
- 2) to become a nun
- 3) To use very obscene or blasphemous language
- 4) To be idle

Answer & Explanation

10. Have big ears

- 1) To appear in court
- 2) illegal strike

- 3) to be nosy and listen to other people's private conversations.
- 4) In the world high above

Answer & Explanation

1. Dashed off

- 1) Wrote
- 2) Have and effect on/upon
- 3) Including something when you are calculating something or planning something
- 4) Make possible

Answer & Explanation

2. Do away with

- 1) Abolish, get rid of , eliminate
- 2) Become shorter
- 3) Progress very slowly
- 4) Educate , train , etc, very badly

Answer & Explanation

3. Cut into

- 1) Sell, finish
- 2) Interfere
- 3) Become gradually fainter till inaudible
- 4) Die one by one

Answer & Explanation

4. Catch up

- 1) Win
- 2) Accept
- 3) Overtake
- 4) Get, obtain

Answer & Explanation

5. Blow up

- 1) Request for
- 2) Interrupt
- 3) Explode , be destroyed by and explosion
- 4) Manage successfully

Answer & Explanation

6. Explain away

- 1) Attack violently
- 2) Feel for
- 3) Search with the hands
- 4) Show why one should not be blamed for a fault , mistake etc.

Answer & Explanation

7. Draw away

- 1) Spend time in a lazy way
- 2) Wish somebody/something good luck , success or happiness , by raising your glass and then drinking
- 3) Think, talk or write about something for too long
- 4) Start, open, begin to discuss or deal with some thing or sympathize with

Answer & Explanation

8. Get round

- 1) Persuade somebody , make contact with
- 2) Attacked
- 3) Circulate, spread, gradually
- 4) Pass through ,be approved , be passed

Answer & Explanation

9. Get along

- 1) Manage
- 2) Reach ,arrive
- 3) Swallow
- 4) Reach

Answer & Explanation

10. **Explain away**

- 1) Circulate, spread, gradually
- 2) Search with the hands
- 3) Attack violently
- 4) Show why one should not be blamed for a fault , mistake etc.

Answer & Explanation

1. **To snap one's fingers**

- 1) Restless
- 2) To give a challenge
- 3) To be anxious
- 4) An impractical plan

Answer & Explanation

2. **A chip off the old block**

- 1) To captive tem unexpectedly
- 2) To surrender or give up the contest
- 3) To keep on talking
- 4) Characteristics of one's ancestors

Answer & Explanation

3. **To catch somebody on the hop to**

- 1) To catch somebody of guard
- 2) To reveal secret information
- 3) To be afraid
- 4) To send away

Answer & Explanation

4. To save one's face

- 1) To indulge in over-refined arguments
- 2) A lover of woman company
- 3) to evade disgrace
- 4) Anything which eludes or deceives

Answer & Explanation

5. To get into scrape

- 1) To find oneself in an awkward predicament
- 2) To lose one's temper
- 3) To initiate work in a movement
- 4) To be perplexed

Answer & Explanation

6. Hush money

- 1) Bribe paid to secure silence
- 2) A task difficult to perform
- 3) To take aim at
- 4) Everything without distinction

Answer & Explanation

7. To disabuse one's mind

- 1) To take reckless risks
- 2) To suffer humiliation
- 3) To remove a misapprehension
- 4) To have a slight encounter

Answer & Explanation

8. To pull one's socks up

- 1) To try hard
- 2) Narrowly
- 3) To be inconsistent
- 4) To produce the proof of something

Answer & Explanation

9. To beggars' description

- 1) To be furious
- 2) To be offended
- 3) A secret plan
- 4) Beyond one's power to describe adequately

Answer & Explanation

10. **To draw the long bow**

- 1) To make an exaggerated statement
- 2) Upset one's plan
- 3) To come out successful
- 4) To be actively engaged To carry on a contest regardless of consequences

Answer & Explanation

1. **Armchair critic**

- 1) Be happy when a person leaves.
- 2) Speak of an issue (mostly current) which many people are talking about and which is usually disputed.
- 3) Who knows or pretends to know a lot about something in theory rather than practice.
- 4) A way of asking what someone is thinking.

Answer & Explanation

2. **Go bananas**

- 1) Without any hesitation.
- 2) A large amount of money.
- 3) Become extremely angry or excited.
- 4) All the advantages.

Answer & Explanation

3. **Power behind the throne**

- 1) The person who actually controls the person who is apparently in charge.

- 2) To take on a task that is way too big.
- 3) To further a loss with mockery or indignity; to worsen an unfavorable situation.
- 4) Not speaking directly about the issue.

Answer & Explanation

4. Make both ends meet

- 1) Accusing the wrong person.
- 2) Earn just enough money to live on.
- 3) It is up to you to make the next decision or step
- 4) A good idea or plan.

Answer & Explanation

5. Nip in the bud

- 1) Cannot judge something primarily on appearance.
- 2) Something good that isn't recognized at first.
- 3) To stop something soon after it has begun
- 4) To present a counter argument.

Answer & Explanation

6. Take cue from

- 1) Feeling slightly ill.
- 2) When you complain about a loss from the past.

- 3) Very different from.
- 4) To be strongly influenced.

Answer & Explanation

7. Uncalled for

- 1) To deceive someone into thinking well of them.
- 2) To take the credit for something someone else did.
- 3) Insulting or offensive.
- 4) Would never like to do something.

Answer & Explanation

8. Smoking gun

- 1) Something good that isn't recognized at first.
- 2) The indisputable sign of guilt.
- 3) A good invention or innovation.
- 4) Not to take what someone says too seriously.

Answer & Explanation

9. Stiff-necked

- 1) Acid test proves the effectiveness of something.
- 2) Do what is expected or promised.
- 3) Haughty and stubborn.
- 4) Examining something carefully to not miss out any details.

Answer & Explanation

10. **Play havoc**

- 1) Completely disrupt.
- 2) Trying out every possibility to get a result.
- 3) Works very well or has the desired effect.
- 4) Getting your things well organized

Answer & Explanation

1. **Part and parcel**

- 1) Does not want to choose or make a decision.
- 2) To have no idea.
- 3) Everything.
- 4) A basic or essential part.

Answer & Explanation

2. **Sacred cow**

- 1) Someone who lacks intelligence.
- 2) Institution held to be above criticism.
- 3) Happens very rarely.
- 4) Very different from.

Answer & Explanation

3. Moot point

- 1) An issue open to argument
- 2) The final problem in a series of problems
- 3) Actions or communications need more than one person
- 4) Do not put all your resources in one possibility

Answer & Explanation

4. Hold one's peace

- 1) Even difficult times will lead to better days.
- 2) Overwhelmed by what is happening in the moment.
- 3) remain silent about something.
- 4) To hear rumors.

Answer & Explanation

5. From pillar to post

- 1) Someone finds it difficult to choose between two alternatives.
- 2) It is up to you to make the next decision or step.
- 3) Something good that isn't recognized at first.
- 4) From one place to another in an unceremonious or fruitless manner.

Answer & Explanation

6. Play second fiddle

- 1) To take on a task that is way too big.
- 2) Have a subordinate role to someone or something.

- 3) A good invention or innovation.
- 4) To work late into the night.

Answer & Explanation

7. Kith and kin

- 1) Friends and relatives
- 2) Peace and war
- 3) Sweet and better
- 4) Family and friends

Answer & Explanation

8. Hang by a thread

- 1) You complain about a loss from the past.
- 2) Cannot judge something primarily on appearance.
- 3) To be in danger of having something unlucky or bad happen.
- 4) Something is done badly to save money.

Answer & Explanation

9. See eye to eye

- 1) Happens very rarely.
- 2) Two (or more people) agree on something.
- 3) To hear something from the authoritative source.
- 4) Deceive someone into thinking well of them.

Answer & Explanation

10. **Turn one's head**

- 1) Something is very expensive.
- 2) Feeling slightly ill.
- 3) Cause to become infatuated.
- 4) All the advantages.

Answer & Explanation

1. **Stew in his own juice**

- 1) boil
- 2) Suffer in his own juice
- 3) Make a stew
- 4) Suffer for his own act

Answer & Explanation

2. **Hanging fire**

- 1) stuck up
- 2) ignored
- 3) hotly debated
- 4) going on slowly

Answer & Explanation

3. Hold out

- 1) highlight
- 2) offer
- 3) show
- 4) promise

Answer & Explanation

4. Plough a lonely furrow

- 1) remain unaffected
- 2) do without the help of others
- 3) survive in isolation
- 4) remain non-aligned

Answer & Explanation

5. Big draw

- 1) a lovely spectacle
- 2) a game without any result
- 3) a keen contest
- 4) a huge attraction

Answer & Explanation

6. Backstairs influence

- 1) Political influence
- 2) Deserving and proper influence

- 3) Backing influence
- 4) Secret and unfair influence

Answer & Explanation

7. The candle at both ends

- 1) overtaxing his energies
- 2) wasting his money
- 3) becoming overgenerous
- 4) losing his objectives

Answer & Explanation

8. Held over

- 1) stopped
- 2) postponed
- 3) dropped
- 4) cancelled

Answer & Explanation

9. The cold shoulder

- 1) abused me
- 2) insulted me
- 3) scolded me
- 4) ignored me

Answer & Explanation

10. **Through his hat**

- 1) talking insultingly
- 2) talking nonsense
- 3) talking ignorantly
- 4) talking irresponsibly

Answer & Explanation

1. **Buckle down**

1. Doing some hard work with determination and full attention.
2. Small but good start with a possibility for a bright future.
3. Being successful.
4. Something that is immediately successful.

Answer & Explanation

2. **Sink your teeth into**

1. Succeeding in your enterprise.
2. Getting comparably less successful than before.
3. doing something with a lot of energy and enthusiasm.
4. Something that ends before getting a result.

Answer & Explanation

3. Throw down the gauntlet

1. stop working
2. for want of time
3. start working
4. accept defeat

Answer & Explanation

4. To cut the Gordian Knot

1. To perform a difficult task
2. to act unreliably
3. to avoid difficulties
4. to cut a lot of threads

Answer & Explanation

5. In the nick of time

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Answer & Explanation

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2. Refers to an extremely proud person.
3. View an unpleasant situation in a positive light.
4. Accepting something humiliating or embarrassing.

Answer & Explanation

9. Under the aegis of

1. under pressure of
2. with the support of
3. under the shelter of a tree
4. to take advantage of

Answer & Explanation

10. **Not let grass grow under feet**

1. Don't delay in getting something done.
2. Works very well or has the desired effect.
3. People or things which are no longer useful or necessary.
4. Works very well or has the desired effect.

Answer & Explanation

1. **Mean business**

- A. Being serious about what you announce.
- B. Being constantly aware of the most recent developments.
- C. Putting up a plan or idea into action.
- D. Adjusting quickly to changes and making fast decisions

Answer

2. **Sail through something**

- A. Works very well or has the desired effect.
- B. Being successful in doing something without difficulty.
- C. Clever or expert way of doing something.
- D. Don't delay in getting something done.

Answer

3. **Back-room boys**

- A. Desirable position which is well-paid and considered relatively easy.
- B. People or things which are no longer useful or necessary.
- C. People who perform important work but have no contact with the public.
- D. lose the job.

Answer

4. Shape up or ship out

- A. Waiting for an opportunity to take action, mostly to replace someone else in their Job.
- B. Examining a group of people and deciding their suitability.
- C. Big sum of money given to a person when they leave a company or retire.
- D. This expression is used to warn someone that if they do not improve their ways, they will have to leave their job.

Answer

5. Eat, sleep and breathe something

- A. Being so enthusiastic and passionate about something that you think about it all the time.
- B. Clever or expert way of doing something.
- C. lose the job.
- D. Examining a group of people and deciding their suitability.

Answer

6. With bells on

- A. When you are delighted and eager to go somewhere, you are said to go with bells on.
- B. When a feeling is very intense and exciting, it is said to be at a fever pitch.
- C. Something that requires a lot of effort and hard work.
- D. Thinking or talking about it all day long.

Answer

7. Fling yourself into

- A. Controlling your feelings to deal with a situation.

- B. Using the office photocopier for personal use.
- C. Being very eager and enthusiastic about the idea of doing something.
- D. Doing something with a lot of energy and enthusiasm.

Answer

8. Hang on by fingernails

- A. Being the first one to make a start at something.
- B. Doing some hard work with determination and full attention.
- C. Continuing to do something in a very difficult situation.
- D. Doing everything you can to make something successful.

Answer

9. Going places

- A. Performing beyond your ability.
- B. Exhibiting talent and ability that will lead to a successful future.
- C. Possessing a determination to obtain something.
- D. Progress in what you are trying to achieve.

Answer

10. Sink your teeth into

- A. Having strong feelings for someone who cannot be yours.
- B. doing something with a lot of energy and enthusiasm.
- C. A comment which is true and makes you uncomfortable is close to home.
- D. Maintaining your position.

Answer

An idiom/phrase and four possible meanings are given, identify the meaning from the choices and mark its number as the answer.

1. **Bark up the wrong tree**

- A. to stay in jail
- B. give trouble
- C. Accuse the wrong person
- D. beat up completely

Answer

2. **A wet blanket**

- A. a highly educated gentleman
- B. a jovial teenager
- C. A person who spoils others fun by being depressing
- D. a person drenched in rain

Answer

3. **Not let grass grow under feet**

- A. Expresses a reaction without words.
- B. Something that makes you feel disgusting or nervous.
- C. Don't delay in getting something done.
- D. Refers to not exhibiting any emotion where it is expected.

Answer

4. **Get ducks in a row**

- A. Becoming very rich while starting very poor.
- B. Succeeding in your enterprise.
- C. Getting your things well organized.
- D. Doing something that will cause your own failure.

Answer

5. Get the show on the road

- A. contained in a list of members, employees, or clients.
- B. Feeling uncomfortable in unfamiliar surroundings.
- C. doing something with a lot of energy and enthusiasm.
- D. Putting up a plan or idea into action.

Answer

6. Keep your fingers on the pulse

- A. helped in the execution of the plan.
- B. Being constantly aware of the most recent developments.
- C. thwarted the execution of the plan.
- D. to give offence to them

Answer

7. Stick one one's colours

- A. paint nicely
- B. refuse to submit
- C. opposite in views
- D. admit defeat

Answer

8. Sail through something

- A. tried to cause an accident
- B. hesitating between two options
- C. Works very well or has the desired effect.
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Answer

9. Tricks of the trade

- A. very small in quantity
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- A. Refers to a person without sentiments and sympathy for anyone.
- B. People or things which are no longer useful or necessary.
- C. Challenge someone in his own area.
- D. Carrying an idea which constantly occupies your thoughts.

Answer

2. **draw a blank**

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Answer

4. **blood and guts**

- A. unusually good.
- B. be obsessed with something,
- C. be in a state of easy prosperity.
- D. violence and bloodshed.

Answer

5. **Get the axe**

- A. Getting into tears because of some one's behavior.
- B. a guest's written thanks for hospitality.

- C. lose the job.
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6. on the books

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- B. Feeling uncomfortable in unfamiliar surroundings.
- C. on someone's side; giving someone support.
- D. defend your position or interests.

Answer

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- B. to request
- C. to show kindness
- D. show weakness

Answer

2. **To play fast and loose**

- A. to talk aloud
- B. complete and safe
- C. to work hard
- D. to act unreliably

Answer

3. **Pay a score**

- A. to stay in jail
- B. avenge in injury
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- D. quarrel

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- B. select the best thing
- C. to win
- D. quarrel

Answer

7. **Bury the hatchet**

- A. work hard
- B. hidden enemy

- C. make peace
- D. fold the flag

Answer

8. **Blow hot and cold**

- A. to praise and then blame
- B. to temper
- C. in collusion
- D. for want of time

Answer

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- A. to beat around
- B. to speak in a round about manner
- C. give trouble
- D. to speak very politely

Answer

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- A. A sweet manner
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For each of the following sentences four alternatives are given. You are required to choose the correct meaning of the Idioms underlined in the sentences.

Level : Medium

Ideal Score : 7/10

1. **I did not mind what he was saying, he was only talking through his hat.**

- a. talking insultingly
- b. talking irresponsibly
- c. talking ignorantly
- d. talking nonsense

Answer

2. **Being ditched by her girlfriend, he is down in the mouth these days.**

- a. out of spirits
- b. always in a fighting mood
- c. become smelly
- d. always telling lies

Answer

3. **I am afraid there is something fishy about the 2G Spectrum Auction.**

- a. full of fish
- b. very clear
- c. black at the bottom
- d. as lucid as water

Answer

4. **She is accused of sitting on the fence.**

- a. confused

- b. observing the scene
- c. hesitating between two options
- d. resting on the fence.

Answer

5. Rohan is a little hard of hearing.

- a. inaudible
- b. disinterested
- c. deaf
- d. insensitive

Answer

6. It was Malvika who put a spoke in my wheel.

- a. tried to cause an accident
- b. helped in the execution of the plan.
- c. thwarted the execution of the plan.
- d. destroyed the plan

Answer

7. Why do you wish to tread on their toes ?

- a. to give offence to them
- b. to follow them grudgingly
- c. to treat them indifferently
- d. to be kicked by them

Answer

8. Stop playing Fast and Loose with her.

- a. to bequile others.
- b. to play tricks.
- c. to play with feelings
- d. to be losing fast.

Answer

9. Why to be scared of facing the music ?

- a.to be greeted rudely
- b.to be offered warm hospitality
- c.to enjoy a musical programme
- d. to bear the consequences

Answer

10. .Few and far between means :

- a.very small in number
- b.very small in distance
- c.very small in quantity
- d. between near and far

Answer

An idiom/phrase and four possible meanings are given, identify the meaning from the choices and mark its number as the answer.

1. Stick one one's colours

- A. paint nicely
- B. refuse to submit
- C. opposite in views
- D. admit defeat

Answer

2. To cut the Gordian Knot

- A. To perform a difficult task
- B. to act unreliably
- C. to avoid difficulties
- D. to cut a lot of threads

Answer

3. ***Bark up the wrong tree***

- A. to stay in jail
- B. give trouble
- C. Accuse the wrong person
- D. beat up completely

Answer

4. ***Throw down the gauntlet***

- A. stop working
- B. for want of time
- C. start working
- D. accept defeat

Answer

5. ***A smear campaign***

- A. an attempt to damage reputation
- B. a professional meeting
- C. to be comfortable
- D. find from a distance

Answer

6. ***Put something off***

- A. to fall behind
- B. to disagree
- C. to put in the cupboard
- D. to postpone

Answer

7. ***A wet blanket***

- A. a highly educated gentleman
- B. a jovial teenager

- C. A person who spoils others fun by being depressing
- D. a person drenched in rain

Answer

8. ***An Amazon***

- A. A women who is strong and energetic
- B. A beautiful women
- C. A women who is dainty
- D. A greedy women

Answer

9. ***Under the aegis of***

- A. under pressure of
- B. with the support of
- C. under the shelter of a tree
- D. to take advantage of

Answer

10. ***Brain drain***

- A. disease in the brain
- B. loss of experts to another country
- C. Bad tempered and sarcastic
- D. to think deeply

Answer

For each of the following sentences four alternatives are given. You are required to choose the correct meaning of the Idioms underlined in the sentences.

Level : Medium

Ideal Score : 7/10

1. **I did not mind what he was saying, he was only talking through his hat.**

a.talking insultingly
b.talking irresponsibly
c.talking ignorantly
d.talking nonsense

Answer

2. **Being ditched by her girlfriend, he is down in the mouth these days.**

a.out of spirits
b.always in a fighting mood
c.become smelly
d.always telling lies

Answer

3. **I am afraid there is something fishy about the 2G Spectrum Auction.**

a.full of fish
b.very clear
c.black at the bottom
d.as lucid as water

Answer

4. **She is accused of sitting on the fence.**

a.confused
b.observing the scene
c.hesitating between two options
d.resting on the fence.

Answer

5. Rohan is a little hard of hearing.

- a.inaudible
- b.disinterested
- c.deaf
- d.insensitive

Answer

6. It was Malvika who put a spoke in my wheel.

- a.tried to cause an accident
- b.helped in the execution of the plan.
- c.thwarted the execution of the plan.
- d.destroyed the plan

Answer

7. Why do you wish to tread on their toes ?

- a.to give offence to them
- b.to follow them grudgingly
- c.to treat them indifferently
- d.to be kicked by them

Answer

8. Stop playing Fast and Loose with her.

- a.to beguile others.
- b.to play tricks.
- c.to play with feelings
- d.to be losing fast.

Answer

9. Why to be scared of facing the music ?

- a.to be greeted rudely
- b.to be offered warm hospitality

- c.to enjoy a musical programme
- d. to bear the consequences

Answer

10. **.Few and far between means :**

- a.very small in number
- b.very small in distance
- c.very small in quantity
- d. between near and far

Answer

11. Mean business:

Hindi- Sachmuch krne ka irada rakhna

Meaning- Being serious/dedicated

Sentence- The Exam is cracked by those who mean business.



12. Apple of one's eye:

Hindi- Ankho ka tara ,jada pyara

Meaning- A person of whom one is extremely fond and proud.

Sentence- Your child is quite rightly the apple of your eye



13. The best of both worlds:

Hindi- Dono or se laabdayak

Meaning- The benefits of widely differing situations, enjoyed at the same time.

Sentence- I had the best of both worlds since I worked as an ordinary member of the team but got to learn from the leaders.



14. Feeling a bit under the weather:

Hindi- thoda bimar ya thik mehsus na krna

Meaning- Feeling slightly ill

Sentence- I may not be able to dance today, as I am feeling a bit under the weather.



15. Icing on the cake:

Hindi- Sone pe Suhaga, pehle se or acha hogya

Meaning- turns good into great

Sentence- The standard 1.8 litre motor is a little beauty and the addition of a turbo adds icing on the cake.



16. Cost an arm and a leg:

Hindi- Mehnga soda

Meaning- Be extremely expensive

Sentence- Try living on that in London, where a cup of coffee costs an arm and a leg



17. Jump on the bandwagon

Hindi- bhed chaal, ya rivaj ko dekh kar china

Meaning- To join a popular activity or trend

Sentence- I remember when punk became popular, lots of long-haired hippies jumped on the bandwagon and cut their hair short and wore black clothes.



18. Ball is in your court

Hindi- age tumahari marji

Meaning- It is up to you to make the next move

Sentence- Now the ball is in your court; decide whether you want to marry that guy or not.



19. Bite off more than you can chew

Hindi- yogatya se jada kam hath me lelena[itna chba ni hona jitna muh bhar liya :P] **Meaning-**to try to do more than you are able to do

Sentence-I bit off more than I could chew when I decided to take up the 300-page research project.



20. Can't judge a book by its cover

Hindi- bahar se dekh k use sahi na man,na

Meaning- Outward appearances are not a reliable indication of the true character of someone or something

Sentence- The girl looked impressive in the picture. Still I decided to meet her because it is wise not to judge a book by its cover.



21. Hear it on grapevine

Hindi- udti udti khabar sun na

Meaning-to hear news from someone who heard the news from someone else

Sentence-I heard it on grapevine that she was pregnant, but I don't know anything more..



22. It takes two to tango

Hindi- Tali do hath se bjtai hai

Meaning-Both parties involved in a situation or argument are equally responsible for it

Sentence-Even though I thought I would be fired after the altercation with my manager, thankfully upper management realized that it takes two to tango.



23. Last straw

Hindi- halat or biqad jana

Meaning- A further difficulty or annoyance, typically minor in itself but coming

on top of a series of difficulties, that makes a situation unbearable

Sentence- My body was already in bad shape. The accident was the last straw. I am now on complete bed rest.



24. To be in the doldrums

Hindi- udaasi me hona kuj na bnta dikhne par

Meaning- if a business, an economy or a person's job is in the doldrums, it is not very successful and nothing new is happening in it

Usage notes: The doldrums was the name for an area of sea where ships were not able to move because there was no wind

Sentence- Sam was in the doldrums after he was insulted by the boss in front of his colleagues.



25. To sit on the fence

Hindi- baad par bethna,uske kisi side na jana [koi faisla na dena] **Meaning-** To remain neutral

Sentence- Since I wasn't aware of the details, I decided to sit on the fence during the argument between my cousins.



1. Once in a blue moon:

Hindi-Kabhi Kabaar

Meaning-Something that happens very rarely[Because a 'blue moon' is a phenomenon that occurs only very rarely]**Sentence-** She said: 'I only go to bingo once in a blue moon and it was a spur of the moment decision to go on Saturday afternoon.'

Synonyms-hardly ever, almost never, scarcely ever, rarely, very seldom



2. Beating around the bush:

Hindi-Baat ko ghumana

Meaning-to avoid talking about what is important

Sentence-The President was beating around the bush when the citizens demanded a reason for the forgery of legal documents.



3. Chip on your shoulder:

Hindi-Matlab ki chip hai knde par kuj bulne nai deti

Meaning-If someone has a chip on their shoulder, they are resentful about something and feel that they have been treated badly.

Sentence-He has a chip on his shoulder for being abandoned by his parents in his childhood.



4. Cry over spilt milk:

Hindi-Vyarth Pachtana [spilt- fta hau, fte dhudh par pcha k kya faida :P]

Meaning-Complaining about a loss or failure from the past

Sentence-He was mad because he couldn't clear the cut off due to a silly mistake. But, then he realized there was no use crying over spilt milk and decided to become more careful.



5. Spill the beans:

Hindi-pat se bol uthna [spill-failna] **Meaning-**Reveal secret information unintentionally or indiscreetly.

Sentence-The little one spilled the beans about the surprise vacation we had planned.



6. Piece of cake:

Hindi-Assan Kaam

Meaning-Something that is easy to understand or do

Sentence-I thought that cracking bank exams is difficult, but later it turned out to be a piece of cake!

7. Blessing in disguise:



Hindi-Apratyaksh kirpa-daan [pta na hona ki kya khas hai apke pass] **Meaning-**something that at first appears to be bad or unlucky but is actually good

Sentence-Losing my job was a blessing in disguise – I never would have found this one if it hadn't happened.



8. Come hell or high water:

Hindi- chahe jo b ho jaye

Meaning-Possible obstacles in your path (will not stop you)

Sentence-I have decided that come hell or high water I will become an banker.



9. Taste of your own medicine:

Hindi-Mja Chkhana usi k tarike se

Meaning-Give someone the same bad treatment that they have given to others

Sentence-Tired of his humiliation of me, I decided to give him a taste of his own medicine.



10. Golden handshake:

Hindi-Sunehri alvida

Meaning-A payment given to someone who is made redundant or retires early

Sentence-The management of the company wanted to decrease their workforce. They offered a golden handshake to their aged employees.

