

Animal Idioms Worksheet

Instructions: Underline the idiomatic expressions in the sentences and write the meanings.

Sentences with Idioms / Phrases	Meaning
A little bird told me that you're getting a divorce.	
Frank had ants in his pants before taking his exam.	
He asked me if I broke his laptop. I said he was barking up the wrong tree.	
I will never be your beast of burden. You have got to deal with your own problems.	
I told you several times that I won't do it. Don't beat a dead horse!	
Tom was the black sheep of the family and preferred to do things on his own.	
My father always takes a cat nap after work.	
What's wrong? Cat got your tongue? You haven't said a word since we arrived.	
Mary was going to go skydiving, but she chickened out.	
Tom always clams up when you ask him about his ex-girlfriend.	
You're such a copy cat! Do your own work!	
Her little daughter always cries crocodile tears to get whatever she wants.	
The dog days of summer are really humid and uncomfortable.	
Zoe bought the dress, before anyone asked her to the prom. I told her not to count her chickens before they hatch.	
The other candidates dropped like flies at the end of the election.	

She's such an eager beaver when checking updates on Instagram.	
Sara is such an early bird. She gets up before the sun rises.	
The couple's money problem was an elephant in the room. They never talk about finances.	
Something fishy is going on. He takes his wedding ring off when he leaves.	
Don't have a cow! It's not like I scratched the car on purpose!	
Hold your horses! I'll be ready in a minute.	
Holy cow! Did she really dye her hair blue?	
Stop horsing around kids. You're in the library.	
The coach won't let me play. I'm in the dog house.	
Why not kill two birds with one stone and brush your teeth in the shower?	
Starbucks is kitty corner to the gas station.	
Don't let the cat out of the bag about the birthday party.	
You took the lion's share of the money. All I got was a couple pennies.	
Monkey see, monkey do. Your brother spilt ketchup on his shirt too.	
She has a huge nest egg, so she doesn't have to work anymore.	
Last night, I pigged out on a bag of potato chips.	
Don't worry. You'll find another girl. There are plenty of other fish in the sea.	
It's raining cats and dogs. Remember your umbrella.	
I escaped the rat race in the office and moved to Hawaii.	

Carl really screwed the pooch on the exam. He's the only one who failed.	
For my brilliant little brother, setting up the Wifi connection is like shooting fish in a barrel.	
Before pulling the trigger, he told the gangster to sleep with the fishes.	
I smell rat. I know I left my wallet on my desk, but it's gone.	
The boss said we're bankrupt. The news came straight from the horse's mouth.	
If you want to be rich, take the bull by the horns and work harder.	
I remember learning about the birds and the bees in middle school.	
She was upset because her sister got the lion's share of the inheritance.	
She can watch Netflix until the cows come home.	
She insulted me but I didn't care. It was like water off a duck's back.	
Making the playoffs is now a wild goose chase. The team should focus on player development.	