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Idioms and Phrases Quiz 2

Directions: For each of the following sentences four alternatives are given. You are required to choose the correct meaning of the idiom or phrase given underlined in the sentence.

1. Keep your chin up

- A. To tell people about someone's secrets B. To encourage someone in his bad times
C. Everyone gets a chance eventually D. Once in a life-time

2. Icing on the cake

- A. Getting extra than expectations B. To feel very sad
C. To act confident in a difficult situation D. To commit a fraud

3. Make someone the scapegoat for something

- A. To make to bear the sins for others B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time
C. Take a subordinate position D. Worried for frivolous things

4. A long face

- A. Something is better than nothing B. To look disappointed for something
C. The only choice D. To sniff something wrong

5. To kick the bucket

- A. To pass away B. To keep people at a distance C. To interfere in someone's affairs
D. To lose a sustained share/position

6. A leopard can't/doesn't change its spots

- A. Hard to live alone B. Hard to change a character C. Impossible to get success
D. A situation of lawlessness

7. A fly in the ointment

- A. to bring good luck B. To rush for something C. To speak indirectly or evasively
D. A spoilsport

8. A storm in a tea-cup

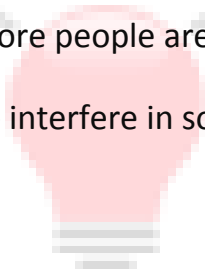
- A. To see signs of plague epidemic B. To get back to previous state without results
C. to hide oneself D. Worried for frivolous things

9. Going to the dogs

- A. Reaching a bad state B. Reaching success after much efforts C. Very annoyed
D. To sniff something wrong

10. To poke one's nose into someone's affairs

- A. More people are required to finish a difficult task B. Scarcely available
C. To interfere in someone's affairs D. Winning everything coming your way



Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	A	A	B	A	B	D	D	A	C

Explanations:

1.

Meaning: an expression of encouragement to someone who has to bear some emotional burdens.

Ex. Friend! Don't lose hope. Keep your chin up!

2.

Meaning: something good that is added to another good thing.

Ex. He was delighted to have his story published – getting paid for it was just icing on the cake.

3.

Meaning: to make someone take the blame for something.

Ex. Don't make me the scapegoat for the broken glass. I didn't do it.

4.

Meaning: if you have a long face, you look sad.

Ex. 'Why do you have such a long face?', 'My husband doesn't want to see me anymore.'

5.

Meaning: to die

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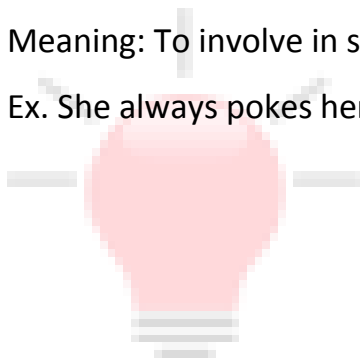
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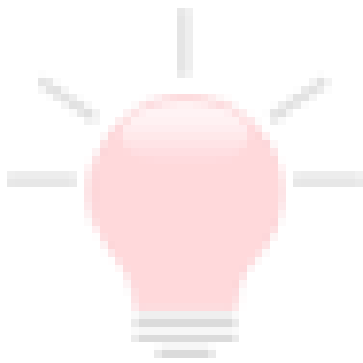
10.

Meaning: To involve in somebody's matters when you are not wanted

Ex. She always pokes her nose into my affairs. I don't like it.



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