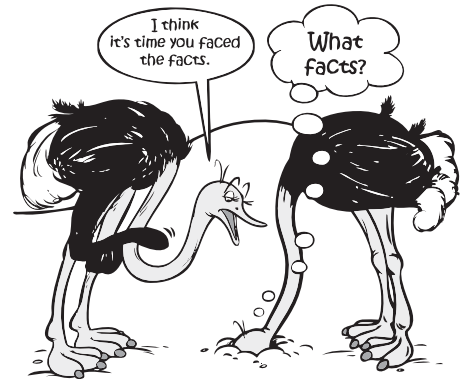


Animal Idioms 1

The bolded phrase in each sentence is an idiom. Find the phrase in the box that means the same thing as the idiom, and write its letter on the line.

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| a. wasn't well-liked | f. nervous |
| b. looking for the wrong solution | g. ignore the facts |
| c. sick | h. overcame shyness |
| d. not good | i. told a secret |
| e. suspects something is wrong | j. act crazy and out of control |

- _____ 1. Tina **let the cat out of the bag** about the anniversary party.
- _____ 2. Teachers are ready for students to **go hog wild** when the weather turns warm.
- _____ 3. You're **barking up the wrong tree** if you think I have your video game. I don't even like that game.
- _____ 4. Don't **bury your head in the sand** and think you can ace the test without studying.
- _____ 5. My cousin really **came out of his shell** when he tried out for the school play.
- _____ 6. Cole looked **green around the gills** when he got off the roller coaster.
- _____ 7. We thought our song would be a big hit at the talent show, but it **laid an egg**.
- _____ 8. When Mom **smells a rat**, we know it won't be long before we're in trouble.
- _____ 9. Corey was confident about singing the national anthem, but he got **butterflies in his stomach** when it was time to do it.
- _____ 10. I asked my mom to listen to my new favorite song. She thought it was **for the birds**.



Animal Idioms 2

We never tell my dad what anyone is getting for Christmas because he'll **let the cat out of the bag**.

1. Which idiom means the same as **let the cat out of the bag**?
 - a. spill the beans
 - b. cry over spilled milk
 - c. go to the dogs

2. Your teacher doesn't want your class to **let the cat out of the bag** about the special spring concert song. What advice would she not give everyone?
 - a. "Keep it under your hat."
 - b. "Mum's the word."
 - c. "Flap your gums about it."

3. Which idiom would be the opposite of **let the cat out of the bag**?
 - a. keep it under lock and key
 - b. feather your nest
 - c. let it all hang out

4. What's something you wouldn't want to **let the cat out of the bag** about? _____

Nick's usually a quiet guy, but he **goes hog wild** if he has a few dollars to spend at the video store.

5. Which idiom does not mean the same as **go hog wild**?
 - a. chill out
 - b. go nuts
 - c. let your hair down

6. What might your teacher say to someone in class who was **going hog wild**?
 - a. "Break a leg."
 - b. "Simmer down."
 - c. "Get off your high horse."

7. What would someone be doing if he was **going hog wild** in a candy store?
 - a. grabbing everything in sight
 - b. picking and choosing
 - c. burying his head in the sand

8. What's something that makes you want to **go hog wild**? _____
