

Matching Idioms

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

PART I - Directions: Fill in the blanks with the missing word. Use the clues given. Then match the idiom with its definition. You can get explanations for many of these idioms online at <http://www.goenglish.com/idioms.asp>.

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| _____ 1. Feeling like a _____ out of water. (cold-blooded aquatic vertebrate) | A. well-behaved |
| _____ 2. His name definitely rings a _____. (hollow metal musical instrument) | B. exposed a secret |
| _____ 3. Don't pull my _____. (limb used for walking) | C. going to cause trouble |
| _____ 4. She let the _____ out of the bag. (feline) | D. examine something closely |
| _____ 5. You could have knocked me down with a _____. (thing that a bird has on its wings) | E. joke around |
| _____ 6. My mother has a _____ thumb. (yellow + blue) | F. someone who is no fun |
| _____ 7. My vocabulary words are something I learn by _____. (the chambered muscular organ in vertebrates that pumps blood through the body) | G. being unable to say something |
| _____ 8. He's been burning the _____ at both ends. (cylinder of wax used to provide light) | H. robbed or taken advantage of |
| _____ 9. I'm so hungry I could eat a _____. (large hoofed mammal) | I. triggers a memory |
| _____ 10. The box was as _____ as a feather. (the opposite of heavy) | J. feeling out of place |
| _____ 11. The child was as good as _____. (a yellowish precious metal) | K. raining hard |
| _____ 12. Don't put all your _____ in one basket. (items that can be scrambled or fried) | L. go to sleep |
| _____ 13. Sometimes you need to read _____ the lines. (in an intermediate space, position, or time) | M. very hungry |
| _____ 14. Don't be such a stick in the _____. (wet dirt) | N. memorize |
| _____ 15. He was taken to the _____. (business where clothes are washed without water) | O. something in the past not worth worrying about |
| _____ 16. That's _____ under the bridge. (H2O) | P. being surprised |
| _____ 17. I think I'm going to _____ the hay. (strike) | Q. working too long and too hard |
| _____ 18. Has the _____ got your tongue? (adult kitten) | R. risk everything at one time |
| _____ 19. It's raining _____ and _____. (adult kittens and adult puppies) | S. is a good gardener |
| _____ 20. That's opening a can of _____. (slimy creatures that enjoy crawling through the dirt) | T. doesn't weigh very much |

Idiom:

Rough sketch expressing the literal meaning of the idiom:

A sentence using the idiom:

Meaning of the idiom: