



Elementary

1 English idiom

Charlie's having a lot of problems with his business but at least he's **keeping his head above water**.

Idiom definition

Charlie's having a lot of problems with his business but at least he's **managing to survive**.

Correct answer: (c) managing to survive

2 English idiom

That's the thing about Charlie even when things are really bad he doesn't panic and **keeps his cool**.

Idiom definition

That's the thing about Charlie even when things are really bad he doesn't panic and **stays calm**.

Correct answer: (a) stays calm

3 English idiom

In a situation like his of course the one thing you must do is **keep the wolf from the door** and try to find money to pay all the bills.

Idiom definition

In a situation like his of course the one thing you must do is **get enough money to live on** and try to find money to pay all the bills.

Correct answer: (b) get enough money to live on

4 English idiom

At least Charlie can manage that but he doesn't go telling everyone about his problem and **keeps himself to himself**.

Idiom definition

At least Charlie can manage that but he doesn't go telling everyone about his problem and **doesn't talk about himself to others**.

Correct answer: (d) doesn't talk about himself to others

5 English idiom

Some of his friends are a bit worried about him because he doesn't seem so friendly to them as he used to be and **keeps his distance**.

Idiom definition

Some of his friends are a bit worried about him because he doesn't seem so friendly to them as he used to be and **doesn't let people get too close**.

Correct answer: (a) doesn't let people get too close



6 English idiom

The main thing that you have to admire him for is that he doesn't get into trouble and **keeps his nose clean**.

Idiom definition

The main thing that you have to admire him for is that he doesn't get into trouble and **behaves legally**.

Correct answer: (b) behaves legally

7 English idiom

It's surprising how few people knew that Charlie was having money problems but I suppose it was because he had **kept it to himself**.

Idiom definition

It's surprising how few people knew that Charlie was having money problems but I suppose it was because he had **kept it secret**.

Correct answer: (d) kept it secret

8 English idiom

His problem really was that he had tried very hard to be as successful as the rest of the people in his street by trying **to keep up with the Joneses**.

Idiom definition

His problem really was that he had tried very hard to be as successful as the rest of the people in his street by trying **to remain on the same social level as his neighbours**.

Correct answer: (a) to remain on the same social level as his neighbours

9 English idiom

When he confided in me, I promised Charlie that I wouldn't tell anybody about it and until now I **have kept my word**.

Idiom definition

When he confided in me, I promised Charlie that I wouldn't tell anybody about it and until now I **did what I said**.

Correct answer: (c) did what I said

10 English idiom

My only advice to Charlie was to **keep his chin up** and stop worrying.

Idiom definition

My only advice to Charlie was to **try to be optimistic** and stop worrying.

Correct answer: (b) try to be optimistic

Intermediate

1 English idiom

It was late at night, the wind was howling and when she heard the knock on the door, she almost jumped out of her skin.

Idiom definition

It was late at night, the wind was howling and when she heard the knock on the door, she was terrified.

Correct answer: (b) was terrified

2 English idiom

As they only had a few minutes to get to the station, they ran all the way and finally caught the train by the skin of their teeth.

Idiom definition

As they only had a few minutes to get to the station, they ran all the way and finally caught the train just in time.

Correct answer: (a) just in time

3 English idiom

There's something about him I just can't stand and he really gets under my skin.

Idiom definition

There's something about him I just can't stand and he really annoys me.

Correct answer: (d) annoys me

4 English idiom

I wouldn't do that but you do whatever you like, as it's no skin off my nose.

Idiom definition

I wouldn't do that but you do whatever you like, as it's not important to me.

Correct answer: (b) it's not important to me

5 English idiom

It doesn't matter what you say to her I promise you, she's got a very thick skin.

Idiom definition

It doesn't matter what you say to her I promise you, she's not affected by criticism.

Correct answer: (a) she's not affected by criticism

6 English idiom

He looked at her and in the words of Frank Sinatra said: 'I've got you under my skin'.



Idiom definition

He looked at her and in the words of Frank Sinatra said: 'I'm very attracted to you'.

Correct answer: (c) I'm very attracted to you

7 English idiom

It was simply a case of running away or being killed and we decided to run to save our skins.

Idiom definition

It was simply a case of running away or being killed and we decided to run to stay alive.

Correct answer: (d) to stay alive

8 English idiom

Be very careful what you say to Georgina about her new hairstyle; remember she has a very thin skin.

Idiom definition

Be very careful what you say to Georgina about her new hairstyle; remember she is very sensitive.

Correct answer: (b) she is very sensitive

9 English idiom

I think the horse had been neglected for months and not been given enough to eat because it was just skin and bones.

Idiom definition

I think the horse had been neglected for months and not been given enough to eat because it was very thin.

Correct answer: (a) very thin

10 English idiom

They say there's a very rare book in that pile of old books for sale so keep your eyes skinned.

Idiom definition

They say there's a very rare book in that pile of old books for sale so look carefully.

Correct answer: (d) look carefully



Advanced

1 English idiom

I feel really good about this class. I'm going to ace the exam tomorrow.

Idiom definition

I feel really good about this class. I'm going to do well or excel in the exam tomorrow.

Correct answer: (b) do well or excel in

2 English idiom

His mom was really bent out of shape because he got home late last night.

Idiom definition

His mom was really angry because he got home late last night.

Correct answer: (a) angry

3 English idiom

Johnny has a really big mouth. You can't tell him anything or the whole world will know about it.

Idiom definition

Johnny has a really talkative nature and doesn't keep secrets well. You can't tell him anything or the whole world will know about it.

Correct answer: (a) talkative nature and doesn't keep secrets well

4 English idiom

Our manager made a big stink about the slight decrease in sales last month.

Idiom definition

Our manager made a big fuss about the slight decrease in sales last month.

Correct answer: (b) big fuss

5 English idiom

Richard received a large inheritance last year but he blew all of his money on silly things and now he's broke.

Idiom definition

Richard received a large inheritance last year but he spent all of his money on silly things and now he's broke.

Correct answer: (a) spent all of his money



6 English idiom

Kathy was ready to blow a fuse when she found out someone stole her patent idea.

Idiom definition

Kathy was ready to lose her temper when she found out someone stole her patent idea.

Correct answer: (c) lose her temper

7 English idiom

The college students went out to a club last night and got bombed because the school year ended.

Idiom definition

The college students went out to a club last night and got drunk because the school year ended.

Correct answer: (a) got drunk

8 English idiom

The class went bonkers as soon as the teacher left the room.

Idiom definition

The class acted in a wild, crazy manner as soon as the teacher left the room.

Correct answer: (a) acted in a wild, crazy manner

9 English idiom

Christie fell down and got a boo-boo on her arm so she cried until her mother picked her up.

Idiom definition

Christie fell down and got a bruise on her arm so she cried until her mother picked her up.

Correct answer: (b) bruise

10 English idiom

If Randy doesn't get with it, he'll fail the entire school year.

Idiom definition

If Randy doesn't become aware of his situation, he'll fail the entire school year.

Correct answer: (a) become aware of his situation