



Elementary

1 I'm sorry but that smells terrible because I'm afraid the meat is off.

Idiom definition: I'm sorry but that smells terrible because I'm afraid the meat is bad.

Correct answer: (c) is bad

2 She just left him, said she was through with him and disappeared.

Idiom definition: She just left him, said she didn't want to see him again and disappeared.

Correct answer: (a) didn't want to see him again

3 I'm on for tonight if you want to go to the match.

Idiom definition: I'm ready to go out tonight if you want to go to the match.

Correct answer: (d) I'm ready to go out

4 He's always interested in elections and is very much into politics.

Idiom definition: He's always interested in elections and is very interested in politics.

Correct answer: (c) very interested in

5 I believe that after all those arguments they agreed their marriage was over.

Idiom definition: I believe that after all those arguments they agreed their marriage was ended.

Correct answer: (a) ended

6 Between you and me, so don't tell anyone, I'm sure he'll lose the election.

Idiom definition: In confidence, so don't tell anyone, I'm sure he'll lose the election.

Correct answer: (b) In confidence

7 You won't have to wait too long because another bus will be along soon.

Idiom definition: You won't have to wait too long because another bus will arrive soon.

Correct answer: (c) will arrive

8 By the way did you manage to see that film last night?

Idiom definition: Incidentally did you manage to see that film last night?

Correct answer: (d) Incidentally

9 It's quite clear to everyone that she's a socialist through and through.

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Intermediate

1 As usual he left it to the last moment and as a consequence he missed the boat.

Idiom definition: As usual he left it to the last moment and as a consequence he didn't take advantage of the opportunity.

Correct answer: (b) didn't take advantage of the opportunity

2 I'm sorry to tell you that you've burnt your boats now and so you won't be able to go back.

Idiom definition: I'm sorry to tell you that your current situation cannot be reversed now and so you won't be able to go back.

Correct answer: (a) your current situation cannot be reversed

3 I told her I understood exactly what she was feeling as we were both after all in the same boat.

Idiom definition: I told her I understood exactly what she was feeling as we were both after all in a similar situation.

Correct answer: (d) in a similar situation

4 No matter how smoothly things are running, you can always rely on Charlie to rock the boat.

Idiom definition: No matter how smoothly things are running, you can always rely on Charlie to spoil everything.

Correct answer: (c) spoil everything

5 We were all a bit worried about the new manager because we heard that she liked to run a tight ship.

Idiom definition: We were all a bit worried about the new manager because we heard that she liked to be well organized.

Correct answer: (a) be well organized

6 Although they were a couple well into their 80's everything in their house was always shipshape.

Idiom definition: Although they were a couple well into their 80's everything in their house was always very neat.

Correct answer: (b) very neat



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7 Everybody imagined that there was a big romance between the two of them but it turned out they were merely ships that pass in the night.

Idiom definition: Everybody imagined that there was a big romance between the two of them but it turned out they were merely strangers meeting once.

Correct answer: (c) strangers meeting once

8 Sadly it never happened but she was absolutely sure her ship would come in one day and she could buy that house in the country.

Idiom definition: Sadly it never happened but she was absolutely sure she would be rich one day and she could buy that house in the country.

Correct answer: (d) she would be rich

9 In view of his change in fortune he decided to push the boat out and hold a big party.

Idiom definition: In view of his change in fortune he decided to spend a lot of money and hold a big party.

Correct answer: (a) spend a lot of money

10 Once you've read the instruction book, you'll probably find it's plain sailing.

Idiom definition: Once you've read the instruction book, you'll probably find it's straightforward.

Correct answer: (c) straightforward

Advanced

1 You will be in a very difficult situation now that he's let the cat out of the bag.

Idiom definition: You will be in a very difficult situation now that he's revealed the truth.

Correct answer: (c) revealed the truth

2 If I were you, I would not raise the subject again and my best advice is to let sleeping dogs lie.

Idiom definition: If I were you, I would not raise the subject again and my best advice is to not say any more.

Correct answer: (c) not say any more

3 Remember if you go into that meeting without being prepared with some answers, you will simply be a sitting duck.

Idiom definition: Remember if you go into that meeting without being prepared with some answers, you will simply be a ready target.

Correct answer: (b) a ready target



4 I'm afraid he didn't take my advice and they made him look a complete fool because he was unprepared and he ended up a dead duck.

Idiom definition: I'm afraid he didn't take my advice and they made him look a complete fool because he was unprepared and he ended up a person with no future.

Correct answer: (c) a person with no future

5 Mind you as I have said many times before I don't know how he's lasted so long in the job because he's always been the lame duck in the team.

Idiom definition: Mind you as I have said many times before I don't know how he's lasted so long in the job because he's always been the inefficient person in the team.

Correct answer: (b) the inefficient person

6 The older generation always maintains that in their day things were better and nowadays the country is going to the dogs.

Idiom definition: The older generation always maintains that in their day things were better and nowadays the country is losing its standards.

Correct answer: (c) is losing its standards

7 If you're unsure about which way the cat is going to jump, I suggest you hang on for a bit longer.

Idiom definition: If you're unsure about what will happen next, I suggest you hang on for a bit longer.

Correct answer: (d) what will happen next

8 There is no need to apologize about your remarks as I can assure you it's like water off a duck's back to me.

Idiom definition: There is no need to apologize about your remarks as I can assure you it's of little concern to me.

Correct answer: (c) of little concern

9 Once more he is in the doghouse but I couldn't possibly tell you why.

Idiom definition: Once more he is out of favour but I couldn't possibly tell you why.

Correct answer: (b) out of favour

10 As so many people are coming to a party at their house, they're running around preparing food like scalded cats.

Idiom definition: As so many people are coming to a party at their house, they're running around preparing food in a nervous state.

Correct answer: (a) in a nervous state