

Idioms 5
14 Questions

NAME : _____

CLASS : _____

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1. Helen was able to comfort Nicholas's mother Susan, 40, when they met recently. 'We were two mothers ___ and able to make each other feel better.'

A breaking the ice B in the same boat

C patting each other on the back

2. To ___ and discuss plans for the future service, I invited all three for drinks at my home in Temple Fortune.

A hit it off B be in the same boat

C break th ice

3. People of my own age seems so immature. I just don't seem to be ___.'

A a silver lining B on the same wavelength

C in the same boat

4. When the chairman invited me round to his house I honestly thought it was to receive a wage increase, or at least ___. Instead, he said it's all over.'

A a pat on the back B a silver lining

C the same wavelength

5. He's hideously over-educated; she's a good-hearted dunce. But they manage to ___, despite the cultural gap.

A be in the same boat B have a silver lining

C hit it off

6. She's still got a long way to go with her therapy, but at least now she can see ___, not just a big black cloud.

A the same boat B the silver lining

C the same wavelength

7. When the crowd heard that the children were in the school, it erupted into violent demonstrations, and with the police barely able to ___, Huckaby had to arrange the hasty departure of her new pupils.

A give it the cold shoulder B jump on the bandwagon

C keep it at bay

8. I think people find it very hard to identify that there's a problem. Most people want their marriages to work and will ___ to some of the difficulties that may be getting in the way of making them work.'

A have an axe to grind B keep a low profile

C turn a blind eye

9. We present the facts as they are. We don't have any political bias, nor do we ___.'

A give the cold shoulder B have an axe to grind

C steer clear

10. At the centre of this spreading reputation, Mackay Brown ___, delighted to be told that he looks more like a local fisherman than a poet.

A keeps a low profile B gives me the cold shoulder

C keeps me at arm's length

11. The variety and quality on offer have improved tremendously over the last ten years. Even the large bakeries have tried to ___, producing baguettes, rye bread and the like, but their insistence on using inferior, cheaper flour means they fail to produce really good bread.

A have an axe to grind B keep a low profile

C jump on the bandwagon

12. Her book is chilling in its description of what it feels like to ___ by Hollywood. The unreturned phone calls, the sudden cancellation of deals, the former friends who ignore you.

A have an axe to grind
 C steer clear

B be given the cold shoulder

13. To avoid making the room too dark, ___ dark-coloured carpets.

A steer clear of
 C turn a blind eye to

B give the cold shoulder to

14. The Guardian is unhappy about the trend towards honouring newspaper editors, and says many in the trade believe the press and politicians are best when they stay ___.

A kept at bay
 C at arm's length

B on the bandwagon