

IDIOMS WITH: "CLOTHING"*

Name: Class:

*Choose the correct idiom to replace the expression in the brackets.

1. The boy always comes to help his friends (**very promptly**) which is why everybody likes him.
a) dressed to kill b) below the belt c) under his belt d) at the drop of a hat
2. It is time that we (**make a big effort**) and try to get this job done.
a) fill our shoes b) keep our shirt on c) buckle down d) tighten our belts
3. The train was (**full and very crowded**) this morning.
a) off the cuff b) bursting at the seams c) decked out d) flying by the seat of its pants
4. The woman was (**dressed**) in her best clothes when I saw her at the theater last night.
a) decked out b) coming into fashion c) filling her shoes d) on a shoestring
5. The fact that my friend is the new class president is (**something that he should be proud of**).
a) on his coat-tails b) a feather in his cap c) up his sleeve d) talking through his hat
6. Our boss always (**shows his feelings openly**) and everyone knows his problems.
a) wears his heart on his sleeve b) wears the pants in his family
c) pulls up his socks d) loses his shirt
7. Now that I have some job experience (**in my possession**), I will be able to look for a better job.
a) below the belt b) burning a hole in my pocket
c) up my sleeve d) under my belt
8. The man is a (**very formal person**) and nobody likes to invite him to a party.
a) wolf in sheep's clothing b) fine-tooth comb
c) stuffed shirt d) bee in his bonnet
9. The student will have to (**make a greater effort**) if he wants to pass his exams.
a) pull up his socks b) air his dirty linen in public
c) handle himself with kid gloves d) put on his thinking cap
10. "You should try and (**calm down**). It is not good to become angry."
a) roll up your sleeves b) wear your heart on your sleeve
c) lose your shirt d) keep your shirt on
11. The new supervisor has a reputation for being very mean so you will have to (**treat her very gently**).
a) fly by the seat of your pants b) handle her with kid gloves
c) fit like a glove d) fill her shoes

- II. Fill in the gap with a word from the box.**

1. I can't decide what to do now. What would you do if you were **in my**
2. He told me that I was stupid, which I felt was a bit **below the**
3. I can't help you carry these boxes. I am **a big girl's**
4. I saw a film last night that **scared the** **off** me.
5. It is my mother that **wears the** in our family.
6. The new student is **as bright as a**
7. If you pass that exam, **I will eat my**
8. Jane is 25 years old, but she's still **tied to her mother's** **strings**.
9. That dress was too expensive, so I had to **cut my** **according to my cloth**.
10. There's no way, he will **go** **in hand** to his brother.
11. This is my last chance - I'll **lose my** if this business venture fails.
12. This job doesn't really **me down to the ground**.
13. I knew Mark had one or two tricks **up his**
14. He got very **hot under the** when I asked him for money.
15. She appeared **down at the** after her break up with her partner.

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