ANIMAL IDIOMS

A. Complete each idiom on the left with the correct animal word (write the correct *number* next to each picture). Then match the idioms to their definitions on the right (write the correct *letter* in each box).

1	to take the ..... by the horns		a	to ignore a problem because trying to deal with it could cause an even more difficult situation
2	to do the ..... work		b	to talk and think a lot about something
3	to flog a dead		c	to do the hard boring part of a job or task
4	to keep the ..... from the door		d	to have more important or more interesting things to do
5	to let sleeping .....s lie		e	to face a difficult or dangerous situation directly and with courage
6	to let the ..... out of the bag		f	to do something badly; to make a mess of something
7	to smell a		g	to have enough money to avoid going hungry
8	to have other/bigger ..... to fry		h	to reveal a secret
9	to have a ..... in your bonnet		i	to waste your effort by trying to do something that is no longer possible
10	to make a .....'s ear of something		j	to sense that something is wrong about a situation



B. Complete the sentences with the correct animal idiom from exercise A (write the verbs in the correct form).

1. As a student, he took an evening job to .....
2. He keeps trying to get it published but I think he .....
3. He ..... that bookcase he was supposed to be making.
4. I thought about bringing up my concerns but decided instead to .....
5. Our teacher ..... about punctuation.
6. She decided to ..... and try to solve the problem without any further delay.
7. She .....when her husband came home with lipstick on his collar.
8. We wanted the party to be a surprise, but he .....
9. We'll have to address that problem tomorrow. Right now we .....
10. Why should I ..... while you sit around doing nothing?