Read the sentences and definitions and choose the correct word from the list to complete the **bold** idioms.

bark birds chickens donkey duck fish horse lion rat tail

1 I **did all the** _____ **work** on this project, so I hope I'm going to get the credit for it. = did the hard, boring part

2 I told him what I thought of him, but **it's like water off a** _____**'s back**. = criticism doesn't affect him

3 He moved from a village to London, but he **was like a** _____ **out of water**. = felt uncomfortable or awkward in unfamiliar surroundings

4 You think you've passed the exam, but **don't count your** _____ **before they hatch**. = don't be too confident that you will be successful

5 I think James was married before, but I'm not sure. He's a bit of **a dark** _____. = a person who doesn't tell others much about their life (but sometimes surprises them)

6 When they divorced, Nick's wife got **the** _____**'s share** of everything they owned. = the main part

7 The company says they're not going to make anyone redundant in the restructuring, but I **smell a** _____. = think that sth is wrong or that sb is trying to deceive you

8 If the meeting is in Manchester, I can go and visit my mother at the same time – it'll **kill two** _____ **with one stone**. = achieve two things by doing one action

9 My boss can seem quite scary, but in fact, **her** _____ **is worse than her bite**. = her words are worse than her actions

10 After playing so badly, he walked off **with his** _____ **between his legs**. = feeling ashamed, embarrassed, or unhappy after having been defeated or punished

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