

Name: _____ Class: _____ No: _____

Idioms Match-up

Write the letter of the correct match next to each problem.

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| _____ 1. costs an arm and a leg | a. make me go crazy |
| _____ 2. eat a horse | b. there is no such thing as free gifts |
| _____ 3. let the cat out of the bag | c. tell what happened |
| _____ 4. couch potato | d. expensive |
| _____ 5. spill the beans | e. extra benefit that was unexpected |
| _____ 6. don't look a gift horse in the mouth | f. hungry |
| _____ 7. his bark is worse than his bite | g. tell someone a secret |
| _____ 8. drive me up the wall | h. he is not as fierce as he looks |
| _____ 9. on the fence | i. cannot make up my mind |
| _____ 10. icing on the cake | j. a person who does not move from the TV |



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Put the correct idioms into the box in each sentence

an arm and a leg

glass ceiling

let the cat out of the bag

skeleton in the closet

backhanders

kick the habit

pays peanuts

teach an old dog new tricks

cat got your tongue

launder money

raining cats and dogs

1) I'm afraid I _____ when I accidentally mentioned that we were having a surprise party for Tracy. (Reveal a secret unintentionally)

2) It really is a lovely house. It must have cost them _____. (A lot of money)

3) Tanya was a smoker for 10 years but she finally managed to _____ last year. (Stopped smoking)

4) It seems that his family had a _____. None of them would speak about what it was. (A terrible secret)

5) I'd like an explanation as to why all those cakes have been eaten. Come on! Speak up! Has a _____ or something? (Too embarrassed to talk)

6) The local mayor has been accused of accepting _____ in return for awarding lucrative contracts to large companies. (Bribes)

7) Good luck with showing dad how to use that smart phone. As far as I am concerned, you can't _____ . (It's impossible for him to learn that)

8) Make sure you take an umbrella when you go outside. It's _____ out there. (Terrible weather)

9) A lot of women have complained that there is a _____ in the IT sector. (Prejudice against women in succeeding)

10) It is a nice job in many ways but it _____. (The wages are very bad)

11) The police are investigating the company after former employees claimed it was being used to _____. (Making dirty money legal)