Idioms

An idiom is an expression that does not mean what it literally says. E.g., It's raining cats and dogs. This means It's raining heavily.

Match the idioms with their meanings.

1. Back to square one	a mild punishment
2. Raining cats and dogs	to be treated as you treat others
3. Bite your tongue	to move slowly
4. Drag your feet	making a bad situation worst
5. A slap on the wrist	back to the beginning
6. Add fuel to the fire	to study long and hard
7. Burn the midnight oil	to avoid talking
8. A taste of your own medicine	a heavy downpour
9. An axe to grind	verbally scold someone
10. Chew someone out	an unbelievable tale
11. Cock and bull story	to have a dispute with someone

Write the meaning of the idioms as used in the sentences.

1. Sarah and John set a date *to tie the knot*. _____

2. My baby sister is *the apple of my eye*. _____

3. After the team lost the game, they were *down in the dumps*.

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4. Larry caused *bad blood* between the two friends by saying bad things about them.

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5. My grandmother is good at *pouring oil on troubled waters*.

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6. David was *building castles in the air* while his teacher was teaching.

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7. Sammy could not keep quiet about the surprise party, so he *let the cat out of the bag*.

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8. When James moved to a new school, he *turned over a new leaf*.

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9. Sheldon *got himself in hot water* for playing with matches in his bedroom.

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10. My mother said that I would go to the party *over her dead body*.

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