

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 sleepings 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).

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