

Worksheet 1C: Working with figurative expressions

1 Predict what each of the figurative sayings in the box means.

- a a bee in your bonnet
- b hold your horses
- c the cat got your tongue
- d a little bird told me
- e let the cat out of the bag

- a _____
- b _____
- c _____
- d _____
- e _____

2 Choose the correct figurative expressions from the box in question 1 to complete the passage. You need to start one expression with a capital letter.

"Has _____? I haven't heard you say anything about, it but _____ that you have something exciting coming up. I don't want to _____ if you don't want to tell anyone, but I would tell everyone!" whispered Amelia.

"_____, nothing has been decided yet. I don't know why you've got such _____ that something exciting is happening. You'll just have to wait and see like everyone else," smiled Johnson.