

Determining the Meaning of an Idiom

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom.

1. In the heat of the moment

- at a time when you are experiencing unusually strong emotions
- at the hottest part of the day
- at boiling point

2. Afraid of one's own shadow

- the person is afraid of the dark
- the person is very nervous or easily frightened
- the person has a phobia of shadows

3. Know something like the back of your hand

- to be very familiar with something and know it in detail
- to have identical hands
- to have a photographic memory

4. Dead as a doornail

- the doornail is broken
- quite dead
- the door needs to be fixed

5. Poker face

- a face that looks like it was hit by a car
- a face that shows no emotion
- a face that is heart shaped

6. He's a cool guy

- he's very cold
- he's relaxed and calm
- he's freezing

7. Toot your own horn

- brag about yourself
- honk your car horn
- play an instrument

8. The tip of the iceberg

- the beginning of the bigger problem
- the smallest part of an ice cube
- the breaking point of the frozen ice

9. Put it on the back burner

- cook it on the stove
- put something off until later
- let it simmer for a while

10. Face the music

- deal with the consequences of your actions
- go to a concert
- play in a band

11. Backseat driver

- a passenger in a car who gives unwanted advice to driver
- a race car driver that drives from the backseat
- the second pilot in a plane

12. Blow a fuse

- being very clumsy
- suddenly lose your temper and become very angry
- cause an explosion

13. Blue around the gills

- someone looks unwell or sick
- someone's cheeks have turned blue
- someone is sad

14. Can't make head or tail of it

- can't guess if a coin is heads or tails correctly
- can't understand something at all
- having trouble creating the front and back of an art project