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Answer Key: Nail First Grade Idioms Challenge

Differentiate between literal actions and figurative meanings by applying common expressions to relatable classroom and playground scenarios through analytical matching.

1. If your teacher says it is 'time to head home,' what should you do?

Answer: B) Start walking or riding toward your house

To 'head' somewhere means to move in that direction. In this context, it means it is time to leave school and go home.

2. When a friend says they are 'all ears,' it means their whole body has turned into giant ears.

Answer: B) False

Being 'all ears' is a figurative expression meaning someone is listening very carefully, not that their physical shape changed.

3. Your dad says walking the dog is a _____. This means the job is very easy and simple to do.

Answer: A) walk in the park

A 'walk in the park' is an idiom used to describe a task that does not require much effort or stress.

4. If you are 'in the same boat' as your classmate, what does that mean?

Answer: C) You both have the same problem or situation

Being 'in the same boat' means you are sharing the same experience or facing the same challenge as someone else.

5. If your mom says 'hold your horses,' she wants you to wait and be patient.

Answer: A) True

'Hold your horses' is a common expression used to tell someone to slow down or wait a moment.

6. Leo was so nervous to sing that he got _____ in his stomach.

Answer: B) butterflies

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Having 'butterflies in your stomach' is a way to describe the fluttery, nervous feeling you get when you are worried or excited.

7. What is happening if someone says it is 'raining cats and dogs' outside?

Answer: C) It is raining very, very hard

This idiom uses the image of many animals to describe a heavy rainstorm with lots of water.

8. When the coach tells the team to '_____', he wants them to start playing the game.

Answer: B) get the show on the road

To 'get the show on the road' means to begin an activity or start a planned event.

9. If you 'zip your lips,' you are using a real zipper to close your mouth.

Answer: B) False

'Zip your lips' is a figurative way to tell someone to be quiet or keep a secret; there is no actual zipper involved.

10. If a teacher says your drawing is 'one in a million,' what does she mean?

Answer: C) The drawing is very special and unique

'One in a million' refers to something that is very rare or extra special because it is not like anything else.