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Feeling the Vibe? 11th Grade Figurative Language Quiz

Evaluate your grasp of 10 modern and classic idioms to navigate nuances in professional and collegiate communications.

1. In a professional setting, if a manager tells a team to 'keep their eye on the ball,' what are they requesting?

- A. They should watch a sports game for inspiration.
- B. They need to maintain focus on the primary objective.
- C. They should look for physical errors in a product.
- D. They need to change their perspective on a project.

2. When an author describes a character as 'jumping the shark,' they are suggesting the character or story has _____.

- A. reached a peak of international fame
- B. overcome a significant obstacle
- C. resorted to far-fetched gimmicks due to a decline in quality
- D. become more realistic and grounded

3. True or False: If a college admissions officer claims a student is 'a diamond in the rough,' they believe the student is currently perfect and needs no further education.

- A. True
- B. False

4. If a political commentator says a candidate is 'barking up the wrong tree,' what is the candidate doing?

- A. Speaking to the wrong demographic of voters
- B. Following a mistaken line of thought or course of action
- C. Campaigning in rural or wooded environments
- D. Ignoring the environmental impact of their policies

5. Using the idiom 'eleventh hour' in a sentence generally refers to something happening _____.

- A. very early in the morning
- B. at the latest possible moment
- C. exactly at mid-day
- D. during a scheduled break

6. True or False: To 'steal someone's thunder' means to take credit for someone else's ideas or to lessen their impact by doing something first.

- A. True
- B. False

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7. Your friend says they are 'playing second fiddle' in the school play. What does this mean?

- A. They are the lead musician in the orchestra.
- B. They have a subordinate or less important role.
- C. They are literally playing a violin on stage.
- D. They are understudying for two different actors.

8. If a debate coach tells you to 'play devil's advocate,' they want you to _____.

- A. agree with everything the opponent says
- B. use unethical tactics to win the argument
- C. argue against an idea to test its validity
- D. quit the debate team immediately

9. True or False: When someone is described as 'not holding a candle' to a predecessor, it means they are significantly better than the person before them.

- A. True
- B. False

10. What is the figurative meaning of 'the elephant in the room' during a family meeting?

- A. An obvious problem that everyone is avoiding discussing
- B. A very large person attending the meeting
- C. An extravagant gift presented to the family
- D. A shared memory that brings everyone joy