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A Galactic Gourmet's Quest: 10th Grade Idiom Exploration

Sophomores move beyond literal interpretations to identify figurative nuances and historical origins within common linguistic patterns.

1. If a political candidate is described as 'throwing their hat into the ring,' what are they doing?

- A. Formally announcing their entry into a contest or race
- B. Admitting defeat after a long struggle
- C. Changing their mind about a previous decision
- D. Accusing an opponent of unfair play

2. When a person decides to _____, they are choosing to accept the unpleasant consequences of a situation they cannot avoid.

- A. bark up the wrong tree
- B. face the music
- C. steal someone's thunder
- D. read between the lines

3. The expression 'the elephant in the room' refers to a small, insignificant problem that everyone is overreacting to.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Which of the following best describes the meaning of the idiom 'crocodile tears'?

- A. Sincere grief and mourning
- B. A physical injury to the eye
- C. A false or hypocritical display of sorrow
- D. Crying out of extreme frustration

5. To 'burn bridges' means to _____.

- A. Work very late into the night
- B. Eliminate a way of returning to a previous state
- C. Create a new path to success
- D. Help a friend in a difficult time

6. If someone is 'playing devil's advocate,' they are genuinely expressing their own deeply held beliefs.

- A. True
- B. False

7. Which idiom would you use to describe someone who is very rare or unique?

- A. A diamond in the rough

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- B. A bird in the hand
- C. A once in a blue moon event
- D. A rare bird

8. If you are 'jumping on the bandwagon,' you are _____.

- A. starting your own musical group
- B. following a popular trend to be on the winning side
- C. physically exercising to improve health
- D. criticizing someone for their choices

9. What is the figurative meaning of the phrase 'the Midas touch'?

- A. Being very skilled at gardening
- B. The ability to make a lot of money easily
- C. Having cold hands all the time
- D. Accidentally breaking expensive things

10. The idiom 'barking up the wrong tree' means that someone is looking for a solution in the wrong place or accusing the wrong person.

- A. True
- B. False