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Answer Key: Wrangle Wild Words: A Pre-K Idiom Analysis Quiz

Preschoolers evaluate silly scenarios to distinguish between literal actions and figurative feelings during circle time or social-emotional learning blocks.

1. If a teacher says your class is 'in the same boat,' but there is no water in the classroom, what does she mean?

Answer: B) Everyone is facing the same problem or situation.

Being 'in the same boat' is an idiom used to describe people experiencing the same thing at the same time.

2. True or False: If your mom says you are the 'apple of her eye,' she means there is actually a piece of fruit stuck inside her eyeball.

Answer: B) False

This expression is a way of saying someone is very special and loved, not a literal description of fruit in an eye.

3. When a friend is very upset and you tell them to 'pull yourself together,' you are asking them to:

Answer: C) Calm down and try to feel steady again.

To 'pull yourself together' is a figurative way to encourage someone to collect their emotions and regain control.

4. If someone tells you 'don't cry over spilled milk,' what are they evaluating about the situation?

Answer: D) That the mistake is small and you shouldn't stay sad about it.

This idiom teaches children to analyze the importance of a mistake; once it's done, being upset won't fix it.

5. True or False: When a singer is told to 'break a leg' before a show, the person is wishing for the singer to get hurt.

Answer: B) False

In performance culture, 'break a leg' is a traditional way to wish someone good luck, the opposite of the literal meaning.

6. If your dad says he has 'bigger fish to fry,' he is making a choice to focus on:

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Answer: A) A more important task than the one he is doing now.

'Bigger fish to fry' means someone has more important or pressing matters to attend to.

7. Your friend says choosing a snack is 'a toss-up.' To understand her, you must realize she means:

Answer: C) Two choices are both equally good and she can't decide.

A 'toss-up' refers to a situation where there are two equal possibilities, like flipping a coin.

8. True or False: If a teacher says 'zip your lips,' she wants you to find a metal zipper and attach it to your face.

Answer: B) False

This is a common classroom idiom meaning to be quiet or stop talking immediately.

9. When a story is described as 'going in circles,' the listener should evaluate that the story is:

Answer: B) Repeating the same ideas without getting to the end.

'Going in circles' means there is no progress being made because the same points keep being repeated.

10. If you are 'walking on eggshells' around a grumpy friend, you are being very careful because:

Answer: C) You don't want to make them more upset or angry.

To 'walk on eggshells' is a figurative expression for being extremely cautious to avoid offending or upsetting someone.