



Number Idioms

This quiz will help you familiarize yourself with some popular "math expressions"

Choose an idiom to replace the expression in the brackets:

1. The company president was (dead and buried) before anyone knew that he was gone.
(a) *at sixes and sevens* (b) *on cloud nine* (c) *six feet under* (d) *all rolled up in one*
2. After finding many problems with the engine design we decided to (go back and start over).
(a) *know a trick or two* (b) *take five* (c) *stand on our own two feet* (d) *go back to square one*
3. I will return (very quickly).
(a) *in forty winks* (b) *all in one piece* (c) *one by one* (d) *in two shakes of a lamb's tail*
4. I was (very happy) when I won a vacation trip during the winter.
(a) *on cloud nine* (b) *a nine-day wonder* (c) *dressed to the nines* (d) *one for the books*
5. The girl is very selfish and is only concerned with (herself).
(a) *the three R's* (b) *the lesser of the two* (c) *number one* (d) *her opposite number*
6. Our teacher makes sure that we have a good knowledge of (reading, writing, and arithmetic).
(a) *six of one and half a dozen of the other* (b) *the three R's* (c) *number one* (d) *two of a kind*
7. Solving a difficult problem by yourself is not easy and usually (it is better to work with another person to solve the problem).
(a) *there are no two ways about it* (b) *two can play that game* (c) *two wrongs don't make a right* (d) *two heads are better than one*
8. I tried hard to (add my comments) during the discussion between my father and my uncle.
(a) *put in my two cents worth* (b) *cut both ways* (c) *give three cheers* (d) *put two and two together*
9. My friend has been (extremely successful) with all of his business ventures.
(a) *batting a thousand* (b) *six of one and half a dozen of the other* (c) *ten to one* (d) *like two peas in a pod*
10. The actress was (wearing her best dress) at the charity concert.
(a) *all rolled up in one* (b) *a stitch in time* (c) *at sixes and sevens* (d) *dressed to the nines*
11. The schedule of my boss is always changing but (almost always) he is in his office on Monday morning.
(a) *at one time* (b) *nine times out of ten* (c) *one by one* (d) *at the eleventh hour*
12. We talked to the employees (individually) when we learned of the serious financial problems in the company.
(a) *on all fours* (b) *all in one* (c) *one by one* (d) *one and the same*
13. Our supervisor is (a good member of the team) and he likes to spend time with the staff.
(a) *one of the boys* (b) *a quick one* (c) *a hundred to one shot* (d) *on cloud nine*
14. The new sales manager is (attracting a lot of attention) and should rise quickly in our company.
(a) *our opposite number* (b) *a one-night stand* (c) *at one with everyone* (d) *a nine-day wonder*
15. I stopped work for an hour in order to (have a short sleep).
(a) *look like a million dollars* (b) *get forty winks* (c) *cut both ways* (d) *have a stitch in time*