Idioms 3

Directions: Read each idiom and determine the meaning.

Idiom: A common expression understood figuratively, as the literal definition makes no sense.

1. I know that the fight that they had yesterday seemed serious, but that’s just the tip of the iceberg.
   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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2. Sam and Paul had been dating forever, so we knew that it wouldn’t be long until they tied the knot.
   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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3. I would have loved to call in sick everyday until the summer, but I had to face the music one day.
   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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4. Jacob wanted to join karate class, but with the cost of his sister's ballet class, he had to put his karate dreams on the back burner.
   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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5. Vince was sick of school, but on Thursday he could finally see the light at the end of the tunnel.
   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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6. Tim jumped on the bandwagon and got his ear pierced after all of the other guys pierced their ears.
   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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7. Chrissy yelled at Alec for taking the last wingding, but he wasn’t scared because he knew that she was all bark and no bite.
   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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8. Tommy’s mother didn’t even lecture him after he came home late again; it was like **beating a dead horse**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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9. Lucy must have **gotten up on the wrong side of the bed**, because she was muttering curses again.

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10. **Hold your horses**, Janet. We should ask him why he did it before we make our decision.

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11. Mike told the students he would share the answers, and they were **all ears**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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12. Luke hopelessly stared at the problem. He **couldn’t make heads or tails of it**.

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13. While the boss was away, the two workers decided to **shoot the breeze** over a cup of coffee.

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14. Dad wanted to let me off punishment, but mom said, “He **made his bed. Now he has to lie in it.**”

What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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15. You knew there was no answer to this problem. You sent me **on a wild goose chase**.

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