Idioms Worksheet 6

Directions: Read each idiom and determine the meaning.

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

1. Unlike most of the kids in this school, Jade did all of her homework and turned it in on time. Her teachers thought that she was a **diamond in the rough**.

   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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2. After seeing his progress report grades, Jack knew that he had to **hit the books** or he’d be off the football team.

   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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3. Mom sighed, “No, Janie, your hamster is not a zombie. Your brother is just **pulling your leg**.”

   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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4. The record executive decided to break up the band because he knew that musicians were a **dime a dozen** and that a front man like Kyle was the real find.

   What is the meaning of this idiom? _____________________________________________________
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5. After Alvin slipped the note into Candace’s locker asking her to the dance, he sighed because the **ball was in her court** now.

   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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6. All I did was ask her if she studied and she yelled at me. I guess that she **woke up on the wrong side of the bed**.

   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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7. Robert had never seen a carpenter use a mobile phone application to perform a calculation, but when he saw the new guy do it, he knew that it would be a real **game changer**.

   What is the meaning of this idiom? ______________________________________________________
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8. The GameBox 6000 is **hands down** the best home gaming experience available to today’s consumer.

What is the meaning of this idiom? ___________________________________________________

9. Kelly wasn’t sure that she knew the answer to the question, but when Mr. Richards began nodding excitedly as she was talking, she knew that she was **right on the money**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? ___________________________________________________

10. Gilbert did not like his new homeroom class because there were a few too many **bad apples** in the bunch.

What is the meaning of this idiom? ___________________________________________________

11. When Bob activated the multi-ball mode on the pinball machine that he was playing, he lost focus because the action was **bananas**.

What is the meaning of this idiom? ___________________________________________________

12. When Lyle was on the phone with the window repair man, he just wanted a **ballpark estimate** on the work, but the guy refused to quote any price until he was at the job and could see the damage.

What is the meaning of this idiom? ___________________________________________________

13. Val’s science partner Lance was always combing his hair and admiring his own clothing while she was working busily on the project. She tried to have a constructive relationship with him but he was just so **full of himself** that Val now refused to work with him.

What is the meaning of this idiom? ___________________________________________________

14. Should we get the extra point and bring this game into overtime, or should we attempt the two point conversion and go for the whole ball of wax?

What is the meaning of this idiom? ___________________________________________________

15. Mr. Schwartz was surprised to see so many students in his summer school class. “Normally, when it gets this hot, they start **dropping like flies**,” he remarked to the aide.

What is the meaning of this idiom? ___________________________________________________