



Animal idioms gap-fill

Instructions: This activity should be done **after viewing all 7 animal idioms videos**.

Choose the correct idiom to complete each sentence.

1. My little boy is so excited about the party this afternoon that he just can't sit still for more than a second. He's jumping around as if he's ...
 - a. got ants in his pants
 - b. like a fish out of water
 - c. in the dog house

2. I told him 3 times but he still forgot! He's ...
 - a. put the cat among the pigeons
 - b. like a fish out of water
 - c. a bird-brain

3. I have 3 teenage sons. They have huge appetites and they are constantly hungry, especially the oldest one – he ...
 - a. eats like a horse
 - b. makes a dogs dinner out of it
 - c. eats like a pig

4. I told her not to tell anyone my secret but she broke her promise and ...
 - a. made a pig's ear of it
 - b. flogged a dead horse
 - c. let the cat out of the bag

5. James is definitely getting married this year – he told me himself! I heard it ...
 - a. from a little bird
 - b. straight from the horse's mouth
 - c. straight from the bird's mouth

6. Gosh, I really must tidy this room. It's beginning to look a lot like...
 - a. a dog house
 - b. a bird's nest
 - c. a pig sty

7. I got home really late last night and I forgot to do the shopping. My parents were really angry with me and I'm still ... today.
- in the dog house
 - a bit fishy
 - in a pig sty
8. When I started my new job it was really difficult for me – I didn't know anyone, I didn't know where anything was, and I didn't know what to do. I really felt ...
- like a fish out of water
 - pigs might fly
 - a bit fishy

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- 1.a. got ants in his pants
- 2.c. a bird-brain
- 3.a. eats like a horse
- 4.c. let the cat out of the bag
- 5.b. straight from the horse's mouth
- 6.c. a pig sty
- 7.a. in the dog house
- 8.a. like a fish out of water