

What Are You Saying?

IDIOMS

An **idiom** is an expression that has a meaning apart from the meaning of its individual words. When we say, "It's raining cats and dogs," we don't literally mean that cats and dogs are falling from the sky. The phrase suggests that it is raining very hard.

Match each idiom with its meaning.

- _____ 1 cream of the crop
 _____ 2 blue in the face
 _____ 3 eager beaver
 _____ 4 hard nut to crack
 _____ 5 badger someone
 _____ 6 bull in a china shop
 _____ 7 cut off your nose to spite your face
 _____ 8 cat's got your tongue
 _____ 9 half-baked
 _____ 10 bark up the wrong tree
 _____ 11 keep your nose out of it
 _____ 12 black and white
 _____ 13 horse of a different color
 _____ 14 hit between the eyes

- A. get someone to do something by repeated questions or by bothering him or her
 B. a person with no tact who upsets others or upsets plans
 C. choose the wrong course of action
 D. can't speak because of shyness
 E. a person who is always eager to work or do something extra
 F. make a strong impression on; surprise greatly
 G. best of a group; the top choice
 H. not thought out or studied carefully
 I. thinking of everything or judging everything as either good or bad
 J. something difficult to do or someone hard to understand
 K. very angry or upset, excited, and very emotional
 L. something totally separate and different
 M. make things worse for yourself because you are angry
 N. keep out of or away from

Write three sentences using three of the idioms from above.

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