

# Grade 7 English Worksheet

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## **Assessment Task: Idioms**

### **Idioms**

Rewrite the underlined idiom in your own words, showing its correct meaning.

Example: Yesterday, it rained cats and dogs.

Answer: Yesterday, it rained heavily.

1. The teacher instructed the impudent child to hold her tongue.
2. Hercules was lion-hearted.
3. The policeman found the evidence and smelt a rat.
4. She accidentally let the cat out of the bag.
5. He was an impatient man and put the cart before the horse.
6. The beggar led a dog's life.
7. The defeated athlete threw in the towel.
8. The leader decided to take the bull by the horns.
9. The disobedient student acted the goat to receive attention.
10. The competitor found his opponent's Achilles' heel.
11. At the start of the year, the boy decided to turn over a new leaf.
12. The witness resolved to lay her cards on the table.
13. The student now had to paddle his own canoe.
14. The judge had to sit on the fence and hear both sides of the story.
15. She told a joke to break the ice.
16. The inheritance of the dead man's fortune became a bone of contention.
17. He needed to see the report in black and white.
18. The leaders did not see eye to eye.
19. The thief was now in hot water.
20. The reporter heard it straight from the horse's mouth.

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## Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	1	The teacher instructed the impudent child <u>to be quiet</u> .
2	1	Hercules was <u>courageous/brave</u> .
3	1	The policeman found the evidence and <u>was suspicious</u> .
4	1	She accidentally <u>revealed the secret</u> .
5	1	He was an impatient man and <u>did things the wrong way around</u> .
6	1	The beggar <u>led a miserable/unhappy life</u> .
7	1	The defeated athlete <u>gave up/quit</u> .
8	1	The leader decided <u>to meet difficulties head on</u> .
9	1	The disobedient student <u>behaved foolishly to receive attention</u> .
10	1	The competitor found his <u>opponent's weak spot</u> .
11	1	At the start of the year, the boy decided <u>to change for the better</u> .
12	1	The witness resolved <u>to be honest and open</u> .
13	1	The student now had <u>to be responsible for his own actions</u> .
14	1	The judge had <u>to avoid taking sides</u> and hear both sides of the story.
15	1	She told a joke <u>to be the first to begin</u> .
16	1	The inheritance of the dead man's fortune became <u>a cause of dispute</u> .
17	1	He needed to see the report <u>in writing</u> .
18	1	The leaders <u>did not agree</u> .
19	1	The thief was now <u>in trouble/difficulty</u> .
20	1	The reporter heard it <u>from a reliable source</u> .
<b>20 marks</b>		

## Appendix of Assessment Tools

½ marks are deducted for spelling and punctuation errors.