



Shakespeare's Idioms Quiz

Answer Key

Answer the following questions about the idioms invented by Shakespeare. There is always one correct answer.

1. The math test was so easy; it was a piece of cake. The math test was ...
 - a. confusing
 - b. sweet
 - c. very easy
 - d. boring

2. When their noisy neighbours finally moved out, they said, "Good riddance!" They were ...
 - a. sad
 - b. angry
 - c. unmoved
 - d. relieved

3. Those instructions are all Greek to me. The instructions were ...
 - a. incomprehensible
 - b. written in Greek
 - c. exciting
 - d. easy to understand

4. I forgot my wallet at home and now I'm in a pickle because I can't pay for lunch. He is ...
 - a. eating a pickle
 - b. feeling confused
 - c. prepared to pay
 - d. in a difficult situation

5. I was so excited about the trip that I haven't slept a wink all night. She ...
 - a. slept deeply
 - b. barely slept
 - c. had a restful sleep
 - d. has not slept at all

6. My son is visiting and he's eating me out of house and home! The son ...
- a. eats a lot
 - b. has taken over the house
 - c. has barely eaten
 - d. leaves a mess in the kitchen
7. Despite all the challenges, she always seems to lead a charmed life. She ...
- a. lives in solitude
 - b. has a charming personality
 - c. has magical powers
 - d. has an easy and lucky life
8. We had to cancel the picnic because it was raining cats and dogs. It was ...
- a. raining heavily
 - b. hailing
 - c. snowing heavily
 - d. storming
9. The frost had come during the night and all the flowers were dead as a doornail. The flowers were ...
- a. in full bloom
 - b. already recovering
 - c. easy to save
 - d. completely lifeless
10. He was so nervous during the interview that he became tongue-tied. He ...
- a. spoke too quickly
 - b. was unable to speak
 - c. told a lie
 - d. couldn't stop speaking
11. The company fired him without rhyme or reason. They fired him ...
- a. without music
 - b. without an explanation
 - c. without warning him
 - d. as a joke
12. She forgave him for all his mistakes because love's blind. Love ...
- a. Is kind
 - b. is unpredictable
 - c. is eternal
 - d. doesn't see faults

13. After the argument, he decided to lie low for a few days to avoid further conflict. He decided to ...
- a. relax
 - b. be honest
 - c. hide and avoid attention
 - d. lower his expectations
14. In my salad days, I was carefree and full of energy. When was she carefree and full of energy?
- a. When she was earning more money.
 - b. During her youth.
 - c. When she didn't have any responsibilities.
 - d. When she ate healthier.