

Name _____ **Idioms, Adages and Proverbs**

Animal Idioms



An idiom is a phrase that means something different than the sum of the words that comprise it. Read each idiom and find its meaning. Write its letter on the line.

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| _____ 1. ahead of the pack | A has a lot to do |
| _____ 2. blind as a bat | B dishonest |
| _____ 3. busy as a beaver | C to support someone that doesn't succeed |
| _____ 4. clean as a hound's tooth | D the unpopular or disliked member of the family |
| _____ 5. crooked as a dog's hind leg | E to be more successful than others who are doing the same thing as you |
| _____ 6. gruff as a bear | F very clumsy |
| _____ 7. back the wrong horse | H talks a lot |
| _____ 8. bark up the wrong tree | I unsociable |
| _____ 9. black sheep of the family | J cheerful and eager |
| _____ 10. a bull in a china shop | K choose the wrong course of action |
| _____ 11. bright-eyed and bushy-tailed | L having very poor eyesight. |
| _____ 12. talk the hind legs off a donkey | M very clean |

BONUS: Pick any of the idioms and explain why you think the meaning is what it is.
