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.

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  K having been scolded or told off
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.