

12 THE IDIOMS QUIZ

What do these idioms mean? Circle the correct answer: **a**, **b** or **c**.

1 rock the boat

- a) lose your balance
- b) make trouble
- c) do something unexpected

2 go with the flow

- a) accept something and not fight it
- b) use other's actions to your advantage
- c) take a swim

3 put your foot in your mouth

- a) put yourself in a tough position in order to support someone
- b) say something by accident that embarrasses or upsets someone
- c) eat too much food in one meal

4 be on pins and needles

- a) be very angry at someone
- b) pretend to be someone you are not
- c) nervously wait to find out what is going to happen

5 let the cat out of the bag

- a) accidentally reveal a secret
- b) tell someone bad news
- c) do something in the easiest way

6 barking up the wrong tree

- a) having an argument with someone
- b) trying to achieve something but doing it in the wrong way
- c) paying too much attention to something

7 do something once in a blue moon

- a) do it once a month
- b) do it very often
- c) do it very rarely

8 beat around the bush

- a) do whatever it takes to help someone
- b) begin to talk about important things
- c) avoid talking about a difficult or embarrassing subject

9 do something by the skin of your teeth

- a) do something because you are very stubborn
- b) barely manage to do something
- c) do something because it's important for your health

10 face the music

- a) accept the consequences of your mistakes and actions
- b) do something what somebody else wants you to do
- c) ignore the unnecessary details and get to the point