

Idioms and vocabulary, part II

Exercise 1: Choose the synonyms of the underlined words:

1. Important family documents and other papers as well as family heirlooms can be stored in a **chest**.
a. large box b. envelope c. file d. bag
2. **Antique** furniture can be especially valuable.
a. old b. heavy c. wooden d. beautiful
3. The child suddenly became **ill**.
a. angry b. noisy c. violent d. sick
4. In terms of their views on abortion and gun control, there is a **huge** difference between two candidates.
a. slight b. large c. important d. beneficial
5. No one is exactly sure of the duties that would be **entailed**.
a. proposed b. included c. reimbursed d. entrusted
6. Most of the extra money was **squandered** on various items.
a. spend b. wasted c. used for d. allocated
7. As soon as the floods **subside**, we can access the damage.
a. ameliorate b. occur c. relinquish d. abate
8. The mayor **disclosed** her plan for funding the schools.
a. proposed b. illustrated c. defend d. revealed
9. He didn't **utter** a single word.
a. understand b. repeat c. say d. hear
10. It was a serious **blunder** to make that speech.
a. move b. error c. topic d. decision

Exercise 2: Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

1. If we really want to blow the whistle on crime in this city, some restrictions will have to be _____.
a. take b. takes c. undertaken
2. Paul's essays were always very good so I was amazed when he wrote the last one as if he was _____.
a. literacy b. illiterates c. illiterate
3. He _____ made his fortune by selling trucks.
a. allegedly b. alleged c. alleging
4. Helen's _____ to cook sometimes irritates her husband.
a. ably b. able c. inability
5. Finding a cure for malaria will be a real _____ in medicine.
a. breakthrough b. breaking c. break
6. Tom wasn't _____ when he promised not to get drunk again.
a. persuade b. persuasion c. persuasive
7. There was a great _____ between the premier and the president.
a. mistrust b. trustee c. trusting

Idioms- Part II

1. We're going to _____ if the bank refuses to authorize a bigger loan.

- a) be in shallow water b) be in a big water
- c) be in a blue water d) be in deep water

2. Carol spends money _____ no wonder she's always broke.

- a) like water b) like ocean
- c) like river d) like wind

3. Deciding what to wear before you've ever been invited to the party is rather _____, isn't it?

- a) a charley horse b) a dark horse
- c) flog a dead person d) putting the cart before the horse

4. She _____, so I don't know how she manages to stay so thin.

- a) eats like a rabbit b) eats like a peacock
- c) eats like a horse d) eats like a cow

5. We were staying in a small apartment just _____ from the beach.

- a) wood's throw b) a nut's throw
- c) a stone's throw d) an apple throw

6. Workers say they just want to be paid a fair wage. They are not _____.

- a) asking for the moon b) reaching for the moon
- c) being over the moon d) being once in a blue moon

7. He's been putting all his energies into house-hunting recently, so his studies have had to _____.

- a) take somebody into an account b) take somebody to the cleaner's
- c) take a back seat d) take the cloth

8. At times, during the _____ of summer, the stream dries up completely.

- a) cat days b) hen days c) dog days d) fish days

9. Go on, tell him you like his jacket. It'll make him feel happy.

I was so pleased to hear from Peter. It really _____.

- a) save the day b) made my day c) win the day d) have a field day

10. I was trying to keep the party a secret, but Jim went and let the _____.

- a) dog out of the bag b) cat out of the bag c) mouse out of the bag
- d) a rabbit out of the bag

