Common Idiomatic Expressions

Fill in the blanks.

1. ‘OK everybody, lunch break is over. Now get back to the ……………………’
   hearth
   mill
   grind

2. ‘Did you get that job?’ ‘No mate, I ……………………….. it.’
   cracked
   blew
   burst

3. Her dreams of becoming a famous actor ended up just being a ……………………….. in the sky.
   speck
   pie
   star

4. It was a ………………………. plan, so nobody was surprised when it failed.
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raw
half-baked
half-ripe

5. ................................ in there. Things should get better soon.

Hang
Slide
Stand

6. Writers of his caliber are hard to ................................ by.

get
come
meet

7. She was hot under the ................................ when she heard that they had lost that contract.

head
coat
sleeves
collar
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8. I’m ………………….. and tired of eating the same thing for dinner every day.
ill
sick
angry

9. Your radio is starting to get on my ………………. You had better it turn it down.
spine
nerves
spirits

10. It is a small job but I am going to accept it. At least, I’ll have my …………………….. in the door.
foot
leg
ankle

11. You don’t have to pay for my drinks. Let’s go ……………………..
French
Spanish
12. He tends to sell himself ....................... and that is his main fault.

short
low
less

Answers
1. ‘OK everybody, lunch break is over. Now get back to the grind.’

2. ‘Did you get that job?’ ‘No mate, I blew it.’

3. Her dreams of becoming a famous actor ended up just being a pie in the sky.

4. It was a half-baked plan, so nobody was surprised when it failed.

5. Hang in there. Things should get better soon.

6. Writers of his caliber are hard to come by.

7. She was hot under the collar when she heard that they had lost that contract.

8. I’m sick and tired of eating the same thing for dinner every day.

9. Your radio is starting to get on my nerves. You had better it turn it down.
10. It is a small job but I am going to accept it. At least, I’ll have my foot in the door.

11. You don’t have to pay for my drinks. Let’s go Dutch. 12. He tends to sell himself short and that is his main fault.