

Idiomatic Expressions Exercise

Fill in the blanks with a word or phrase that will complete the idiom used in the sentence.

1. The supervisor was fired because he had sticky
.....

- arms
- hands
- fingers

2. He really gave me a
..... for my money when
we played poker yesterday. He almost beat me.

- swim
- sprint
- run

3. Why are you being so
.....? You don't even pay
for your drinks.

Please select 2 correct answers

- closefisted
- hard-fisted
- coldfisted

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4. Whenever I eat out with my friends, I prefer to go

French

Spanish

Dutch

5. He had to over a lot of money last month for violating traffic rules.

shell

fork

spoon

6. 'Do you think you could lend me some money?'
'No, I am in the this month'.

black

red

green

7. The corrupt cops receive for ignoring certain crimes.

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paybacks
throwbacks
kickbacks

8. We have been living hand to
..... since I lost my job.

head
face
mouth

9. I don't earn much from my job as a freelance
writer, but I can make ends
.....

end
close
meet

10. Why are you looking upset? Keep your
..... up.

eyes
face
chin

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- leg
- feet
- stand

12. I thought the interview would be difficult but it was a piece of

- candy
- cake
- bread

Answers

1. The supervisor was fired because he had sticky fingers.
2. He really gave me a run for my money when we played poker yesterday. He almost beat me.
3. Why are you being so closefisted / hard-fisted? You don't even pay for your drinks.
4. Whenever I eat out with my friends, I prefer to go Dutch.
5. He had to fork over a lot of money last month for violating traffic rules.
6. 'Do you think you could lend me some money?' 'No, I am in the red this month'.
7. The corrupt cops receive kickbacks for ignoring certain crimes.
8. We have been living hand to mouth since I lost my job.
9. I don't earn much from my job as a freelance writer, but I can make ends meet.
10. Why are you looking upset? Keep your chin up.

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11. 'How are you doing in Singapore?' 'I'm still finding my feet.'
12. I thought the interview would be difficult but it was a piece of cake.