Idiomatic Expressions Quiz

Fill in the blanks.

1. To take someone under your wing is to 

- hide them
- take care of them
- suffocate them

2. To eat the humble pie is to 

- eat very little
- eat greedily
- make a humble apology

3. To get out of the bed on the wrong side is to 


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injure yourself

defeat yourself

be in a particularly irritable mood

4. To make the feathers fly is to

cause turmoil

establish peace

make a lot of noise

5. What does itsy-bitsy mean?

magnificent

tiny

soft
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6. To dilly-dally is to ......................

- have a good time
- waste time
- make good use of time

7. I still miss the ......................... of university life.

- willy-nilly
- wishy-washy
- hurly-burly

8. To live in straitened circumstances is to live in ......................

- opulence
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9. What does the expression wishy-washy mean?

- weak
- strong
- efficient

10. You have to cooperate .........................

- willy-nilly
- dilly-dally
- itsy-bitsy
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11. To be at loggerheads is to ................................

- approve
- agree
- disagree strongly

12. Bete noire means an object of ................................

- affection
- admiration
- aversion

Answers

1. To take someone under your wing is to take care of them.
2. To eat the humble pie is to make a humble apology
3. To get out of the bed on the wrong side is to be in a particularly irritable mood.
4. To make the feathers fly is to cause turmoil.
5. Tiny
6. To dilly-dally is to waste time.
7. I still miss the hurly-burly of university life.
8. To live in straitened circumstances is to live in poverty.
9. Feeble
10. You have to cooperate willy-nilly.
11. To be at loggerheads is to disagree strongly.