Idioms Exercise

Fill in the blanks.

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   elephant's
   horse's
   camel's

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   dog
   bird
   cat

3. The moment she started ....................... me up, I knew that she wanted to gain a favor.
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pampering

barking

buttering

4. The two brothers are always pulling each other's .........................

ear

leg

hand

5. Don't trust him. He is a ....................... in sheep's clothing.

wolf

fox
6. He won the race ...................... down.

7. By taking action against him for your failure you are just .................. up the wrong tree.

8. Don't try to make fun of him. He
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.......................... off the handle pretty easily.

runs
flies
drives

9. That laptop cost me ....................

an arm and a leg
an eye and an ear
a finger and a toe

10. I hate having to tell him what I really think of him but I have to ......................... the bullet now.

fire
11. The indulgent mother turns a ...................... to her son's faults.

blind eye
black eye
partial eye

12. The enemy was armed to the ......................; yet our soldiers managed to beat them.

teeth
neck
nose
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Answers

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