

Idioms Exercise

Each sentence given below contains an idiomatic expression. From the given options, you have to identify that word which will complete the expression.

1. I am sure he will never set the
on fire.

- Mississippi
- Thames
- Danube

2. The police suspect that he had a
..... in the plot.

- hand
- nose
- teeth

3. Please do not take failure to

- brain
- mind
- heart

4. I am afraid you are burning the
..... at both ends.

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wick
log
candle

5. As a writer, Bernard Shaw was head and
..... above his contemporaries.

shoulders
neck
chest

6. The foolish man made ducks and
..... of his wealth.

geese
rats
drakes

7. Although I have known her for a long time, she
always gives me the cold

hand
head
shoulder

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8. He is quite fond of blowing his own

.....

- whistle
- trumpet
- flute

9. A spirit of unrest is in the

- wind
- sky
- air

10. I don't think that you should accept that job.
You already have too many in
the fire.

- logs
- irons
- knives

11. I have a to pick with you.

- bone
- screw
- nail

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12. All of his projects ended in

smoke

fire

fog

Answers

1. I am sure he will never set the Thames on fire.
2. The police suspect that he had a hand in the plot.
3. Please do not take failure to heart.
4. I am afraid you are burning the candle at both ends.
5. As a writer, Bernard Shaw was head and shoulders above his contemporaries.
6. The foolish man made ducks and drakes of his wealth.
7. Although I have known her for a long time, she always gives me the cold shoulder.
8. He is quite fond of blowing his own trumpet.
9. A spirit of unrest is in the air.
10. I don't think that you should accept that job. You already have too many irons in the fire.
11. I have a bone to pick with you.
12. All of his projects ended in smoke.