

# Idioms Exercise

This exercise tests your understanding of common idiomatic expressions. Fill in the blanks.

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fuse. The other day he yelled at the teacher for  
asking him to leave the class.

- quick
- tight
- short

2. I had ..... in my stomach  
as I waited for the results to be announced.

- dragons
- spiders
- butterflies

3. Peter made the national team by the skin of his  
.....; you can tell that he hasn't  
fully recovered from his injuries.

- face
- nose
- teeth

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tiger  
fox  
wolf

5. Cut him some ..... After all, he is a mere child.

ice  
space  
slack

6. I didn't go to the party because I was down for the ..... after working all day in the garden.

moment  
count  
hell

7. I know getting fired is no fun but remember that every cloud has a .....

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lining.

white  
silver  
golden

8. Finding a good job these days is as hard as finding a ..... in a haystack.

needle  
knife  
pin

9. I felt like a ..... out of water at the party because I didn't know anyone there.

fish  
frog  
turtle

10. I have to get this off my ..... - I was the person who reported you to the police.

head

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throat  
chest

11. I have never gone scuba diving, but I am going to give it a .....

swirl  
whirl  
twirl

12. Her career went down in ..... after she started doing drugs.

arms  
smoke  
flames

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