

Idioms exercise

Every sentence given below contains an idiom/phrase. From the given options you have to select the sentence or phrase which best expresses the meaning of this idiom/phrase.

1. He told me that my remarks were beside the mark.

- a) My remarks were true.
- b) My remarks were untrue.
- c) My remarks were relevant.
- d) My remarks were irrelevant.

2. The two brothers fell afoul of each other over a silly matter.

- a) They got into trouble with each other
- b) They resolved their differences
- c) They congratulated each other
- d) They supported each other

3. Now that she has found a good job, she can keep the wolf from the door.

- a) She no longer has to live in poverty.
- b) She is able to lead a luxurious life.
- c) Her social standing has improved considerably.
- d) She has become very proud of her accomplishments

4. The whole time she was with me, she kept me on tenterhooks.

- a) She constantly troubled me.
- b) She was very obedient.
- c) She was very adamant.
- d) She was very nice to me.

5. Hitler led his party men by the nose.

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- a) He led them authoritatively.
- b) He led them kindly.
- c) He treated them leniently.
- d) None of these

Answers

1. c) My remarks were relevant
2. a) They got into trouble with each other
3. a) She no longer has to live in poverty
4. a) She constantly troubled me
5. a) He led them authoritatively