

Bird Idioms

This exercise tests your understanding of bird idioms.

Fill in the blanks.

1. I accepted the first job offer I received. The salary was not very good, but a bird in the hand is worth

two in the bush

ten in the cage

two in the nest

2. If something is strictly for the birds, it is a

worthy activity

worthless activity

dangerous activity

3. To talk is to talk bluntly

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without mincing words.

sparrow

parrot

turkey

4. To go cold turkey is to

launch a new activity

kick a bad habit

pursue a hobby

5. When you spit feathers, you are in a

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state of excitement

state of distress or anger

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state of pain

6. To lark about is to

joke about

fool around

work hard

7. When you are up with the lark, you

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work hard

rise very early

waste time

8. An odd bird is an person.

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angry

excited

eccentric

9. What does the expression one swallow doesn't make a summer mean?

Failure is the stepping stone to success

You could be a winner today but it does not mean that you will win all the time

It takes a lot of effort to win.

10. To clip someone's wings is to

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curtail their freedom/power

imprison them

punish them

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11. If something makes your hackles rise, it makes you

excited

upset

angry

12. If you are like a duck to water, you are able to

swim effortlessly

adapt to any circumstances

learn things easily

Answers

I accepted the first job offer I received. The salary was not very good, but a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

If something is strictly for the birds, it is a worthless activity.

To talk turkey is to talk bluntly without mincing words.

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To go cold turkey is to kick a bad habit.

When you spit feathers, you are in a state of distress or anger.

To lark about is to joke about something.

When you are up with the lark, you wake up very early.

An odd bird is an eccentric person.

You could be a winner today but it does not mean that you will win all the time

To clip someone's wings is to curtail their power.

If something makes your hackles rise, it makes you really angry.

If you are like a duck to water, you are able to adapt to any circumstances.