

## Horse Idioms

Fill in the blanks. This idioms worksheet tests your understanding of horse idioms.

1. When someone asks you to get off your high horse, they ask you to .....

work honestly

stop being arrogant

hurry up

2. When people horse around, they engage in .....

violent fights

rough play in good fun

betting

3. To look a gift horse in the mouth is to be .....

ungrateful for what you have received

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happy about what you have received

4. When you are hoofing it, you

.....

are being idle

are wasting time

are running very fast

5. To hear something straight from the horse's mouth is to hear it from .....

cowboys

the most authoritative source

government agencies

6. To make hay while the sun shines is to

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dry rice stubble in the sunlight

make the best use of available opportunities

work hard

7. The expression I could eat a horse means that you are .....

very hungry

very angry

very upset

8. To beat a dead horse is to

.....

try to make a dead horse stand up

pursue a worthless activity

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do something dangerous

9. To put the cart before the horse is to do things in the .....

right order

wrong order

10. If something is a horse of a ....., it is something totally different from what you were talking about.

different breed

different size

different color

11. To hold your horses is to .....

be patient

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stay motivated

try hard

12. A one-horse town is .....

an old town

an abandoned town

a small, insignificant town

## Answers

When someone asks you to get off your high horse, they ask you to stop being arrogant.

When people horse around, they engage in rough play in good fun.

To look a gift horse in the mouth is to be ungrateful for what you have received.

When you are hoofing it, you are running really fast.

To hear something straight from the horse's mouth is to hear it from the most authoritative source.

To make hay while the sun shines is to make the best use of the available opportunities

The expression I could eat a horse means that you are really hungry.

To beat a dead horse is to pursue a worthless activity.

To put the cart before the horse is to do things in the wrong order.

If something is a horse of a different color it is something totally different from what you were talking about.

To hold your horses is to be patient.

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A one-horse town is a small, insignificant town.