

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

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mind

heart

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

wick

log

candle

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

shoulders

neck

chest

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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

8. He is quite fond of blowing his own
.....

whistle

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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

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11. I have a to pick with you.

bone

screw

nail

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.

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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.