

Idioms Exercise

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

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quick

tight

short

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

dragons

spiders

butterflies

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face

nose

teeth

4. If you always cry, no one will be there to help you when you actually need it.

tiger

fox

wolf

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

ice

space

slack

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moment

count

hell

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white

silver

golden

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needle

knife

pin

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fish

frog

turtle

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head

throat

chest

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swirl

whirl

twirl

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

arms

smoke

flames

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