

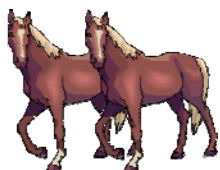
Word Play

Raining Cats and Dogs!

Sometimes we use words or phrases that are not meant to be taken literally. These are known as **idioms** and is a word or phrase that is not meant to be taken literally. For example, if you said "it's raining cats and dogs", it doesn't mean it is actually raining cats and dogs—it just means it is raining heavily.



There are many idioms that include animals. Can you match the correct animal with the idioms in the yellow box. Then pair the idiom with it's meaning in the grey box



horses



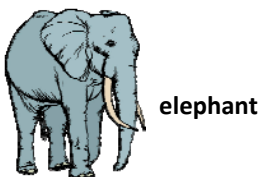
butterflies



lion



fly



elephant



rat



bee



cat



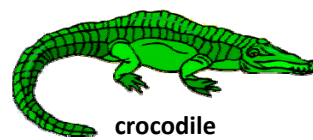
fish



ants



hawk



crocodile



crow

A. Have a _____ in your bonnet

B. Like a _____ out of water

C. Wouldn't hurt a _____

D. _____ tears

E. The _____ in the room

F. Have _____ in your stomach

G. As the _____ flies

H. Watch something like a _____

I. The _____ 's share

J. Hold your _____

K. Let the _____ out of the bag

L. _____ in your pants

M. To smell a _____

1. An obvious topic or fact that everyone is ignoring or avoiding talking about

2. To feel nervous or excited about something

3. To suspect that something is wrong or you are being deceived

4. Watching someone very carefully

5. Not being able to sit still because you're too excited or worried

6. To be obsessed with an idea or thought

7. The most direct path between two points or places

8. Tears that are fake or insincere

9. Not feeling comfortable or relaxed in a situation

10. The largest part of something

11. To be too gentle to hurt anyone

12. To reveal something by mistake or on purpose

13. To ask someone to slow down or wait or stop

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