

ELTE Animal Idioms quiz 15

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- ☐ (B) Release a pet from confinement
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3. What does 'raining cats and dogs' mean?

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- ☐ (C) Wait and be patient
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- ☐ (B) Mischievous behavior
- ☐ (C) A monkey's habitat
- ☐ (D) Serious work

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- ☐ (C) Busy as an ant
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i The idiom refers to an obvious issue that people avoid discussing. It's like ignoring a huge elephant in a room. For example, avoiding a major financial problem in a meeting.

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i The idiom means to accidentally reveal a secret. It originates from a time when pigs were sold in bags, and a cat might be substituted. For example, telling someone about a surprise party.

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i The idiom means it's raining very heavily. It suggests a chaotic downpour, like animals falling from the sky. For example, a sudden heavy rainstorm.

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- i** The idiom describes someone who appears harmless but is actually dangerous. It comes from a fable about a wolf disguising itself. For example, a deceitful person in a friendly role.

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- i** The idiom describes someone who feels out of place. Like a fish out of water, they are uncomfortable. For example, a new student in a different school environment.

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- i** The idiom means a futile pursuit. It suggests chasing something impossible to catch. For example, searching for a non-existent item.

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i The idiom means pursuing a wrong course of action. It comes from hunting dogs barking at the wrong tree. For example, blaming the wrong person for a mistake.

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i The idiom means to back out due to fear. It suggests acting like a scared chicken. For example, deciding not to go on a roller coaster at the last minute.

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i The idiom describes a deceitful person. It suggests hidden danger, like a snake in the grass. For example, a colleague who secretly undermines others.

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i "Monkey business" refers to mischievous or deceitful behavior. It suggests playful or dishonest activities. For instance, kids playing pranks are often said to be up to monkey business.

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i 'Busy as an ant' refers to working very hard, as ants are known for their industrious nature. Ants are constantly working to build and maintain their colonies.

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i The phrase suggests copying behavior without comprehension, similar to how monkeys mimic actions. It highlights imitation as a natural behavior.