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What does the verb in bold mean in 'I'm sorry to **bug** you with this again, I know you don't like it but I need an answer.'

- (A) To hit
- (B) To dislike
- (c) To interest
- $(\mathbf{D})$  To worry or annoy
- **2.** What does 'to chicken out' mean in the below sentence?
  'I was going to go bungee jumping, but I **chickened out**. The mountain was too high!'
- (A) To withdraw from fear
- (B) To change direction
- (c) To celebrate eagerly
- **D** To speak loudly
- **3.** What does 'horse around' mean? 'Stop **horsing around** and do your homework.'
- (A) To dislike
- (B) To be focused
- **c** To run fast
- (D) To behave in a silly and noisy way
- **4.** What does 'to milk' mean in the sentence? They **milked** the situation to attract all possible attention.'
- A To make it visible
- (B) To take advantage of something for as long as possible
- **c** To focus
- **D** To create a problem

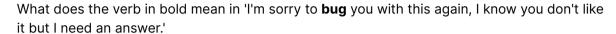
5.	To 'wolf down' food means what?
(A)	To savor slowly
$\bigcirc$	To ignore food
<b>(c)</b>	To eat quickly
<b>D</b>	To share with others
6.	If someone 'smells a rat', what do they suspect?
A	A rodent nearby
$\bigcirc$	Something delicious
<b>(c)</b>	A pleasant surprise
D	Deception or foul play
<b>7.</b>	What does 'having bigger fish to fry' mean?
A	Focusing on more important matters
B	Completing a task
<b>(c)</b>	Liking seafood
D	Being indecisive
<b>8.</b>	What does it mean to 'bark up the wrong tree'?
(A)	To pursue a mistaken course or action
(B)	To plant trees
(c)	To hug a tree
( <b>D</b> )	To shout loudly
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9.	What does 'eat like a bird' imply about someone's eating habits?  They pack at food.
(A)	They get only grains
(B)	They eat only grains They create mess
(C)	They eat very little
<b>(D</b> )	They eat very little
10.	If a situation 'smells <b>fishy</b> ,' what is implied?
(A)	Something suspicious is occurring
В	It is noticeably pungent
<b>(c)</b>	It is delicious
( <b>D</b> )	It involves seafood

Which idiomatic expression means to avoid someone suspicious or deceitful?
Birds of a feather
Lion's share
Herd mentality
Snake in the grass
Which expression refers to blindly following others?
Herd mentality
Bird's eye view
Snake oil
Lion-hearted
What does 'duck' mean? 'Again and again they <b>ducked</b> and dodged and refused a straight answer.'
To avoid dealing with situations
To repeat
To go fast
To sink
What is meant by the expression 'watching someone like a hawk'?
Challenging them
Complementing them
Ignoring them
Observing closely
What does 'earworm' mean?
A catchy tune stuck in my head.
An annoying sound in my ears
A bug in the ear
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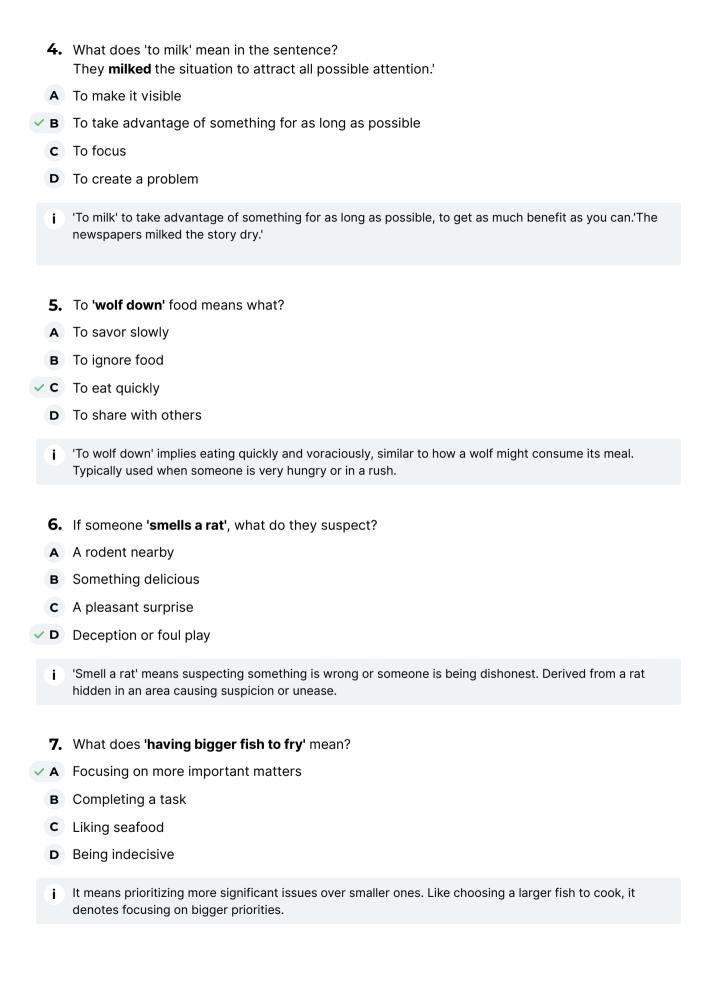


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- A To hit
- **B** To dislike
- **c** To interest
- ✓ D To worry or annoy
  - i 'To bug' means to worry or annoy, as a bug might annoy you. For example, 'He's been bugging me all morning.'
  - What does 'to chicken out' mean in the below sentence?'I was going to go bungee jumping, but I chickened out. The mountain was too high!'
- ✓ A To withdraw from fear
  - **B** To change direction
  - **C** To celebrate eagerly
  - **D** To speak loudly
  - i 'To chicken out' means to withdraw from a commitment due to fear, to decide not to do something because you are too frightened.
  - **3.** What does 'horse around' mean? 'Stop **horsing around** and do your homework.'
  - A To dislike
  - **B** To be focused
  - **c** To run fast
- ✓ **D** To behave in a silly and noisy way
  - i 'To horse around' means to act silly.



8.	What does it mean to 'bark up the wrong tree'?
<b>✓</b> A	To pursue a mistaken course or action
В	To plant trees
C	To hug a tree
D	To shout loudly
i	This idiom means making a mistake or misunderstanding something, like a dog barking at the wrong tree regarding a scent or trail.
9.	What does 'eat like a bird' imply about someone's eating habits?
A	They peck at food
В	They eat only grains
С	They create mess
✓ D	They eat very little
i	To 'eat like a bird' means eating very small amounts, often incorrectly assuming birds eat less, though they eat frequently.
10.	If a situation 'smells <b>fishy</b> ,' what is implied?
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12.	Which expression refers to blindly following others?
<b>✓</b> A	Herd mentality
В	Bird's eye view
C	Snake oil
D	Lion-hearted
i	'Herd mentality' describes individuals in a group unconsciously following others without thinking.
13.	What does 'duck' mean? 'Again and again they <b>ducked</b> and dodged and refused a straight answer.'
<b>✓</b> A	To avoid dealing with situations
В	To repeat
C	To go fast
D	To sink
i	'To duck' means to repeatedly avoid answering questions or dealing with a situation.
14.	What is meant by the expression 'watching someone like a hawk'?
Α	Challenging them
В	Complementing them
C	Ignoring them
✓ D	Observing closely
i	To 'watch someone like a hawk' means to observe someone very closely, just as a hawk meticulously watches its prey.
15.	What does 'earworm' mean?
<b>✓ A</b>	A catchy tune stuck in my head.
В	An annoying sound in my ears
C	A bug in the ear
D	A tickle in the ear
i	'Earworm' is a catchy tune stuck in your head, that song you cannot get rid of singing even when you hate it.