

## Animal Idioms Quiz

### Instructions:

1. An **idiom** is a phrase or expression whose meaning can't be understood from the ordinary meanings of the words in it.
2. Tell the participants you will giving them various idioms related to animals
3. Provide the first part of the idiom
4. Have the participants provide the second part
5. Have the participants give the meaning
6. As always, ask questions to facilitate discussions

SAYING	MEANING
Gone to the ... dogs	Something deteriorates, becomes kaput
Let sleeping ... dogs lie	Leave the past alone or it will come back to bite you
To quit cold ... turkey	End a bad habit suddenly and completely
Hold your ... horses	Wait a minute! Don't be in such a hurry!
The lion's ... share	Biggest part of the pie, biggest portion
A wild goose ... chase	Wasting time going after something impossible
He's got ants in ... his pants	Can't keep still
He's counting ... sheep	Distraction technique to combat insomnia
She's crying crocodile ... tears	Insincere display of sorrow or support
A fly on the ... wall	Observing a situation without being noticed
How now ... brown cow?	A nonsensical phrase used as a jovial greeting
It's the bee's ... knees	The highest quality, excellent
When pigs ... fly	Sarcastic remark; unlikeliness of an event/deed
The birds and ... the bees	Sex education
He took a cat ... nap	A short sleep
Something is ... fishy	Odd, suspicious
Holy ... cow!	Wow, I'm surprised!
A little bird ... told me	I heard it on the grapevine
Until the cows ... come home	Waiting for a very long time

Take the bull by ... the horns	Facing a challenge or danger boldly
He's pigging ... out	Eating in excess
Curiosity killed ... the cat	Any further investigation leads into harm
He's beating a dead ... horse	Bringing up an issue that has been resolved
The elephant in ... the room	An issue everybody knows about but no one mentions
I don't give ... a hoot	I do not care
Put the cat among ... the pigeons	Say or do something to cause trouble
To open a can ... of worms	Exposing a difficult issue or problem
At a snail's ... pace	Moving very slowly
A bird's eye ... view	Landscape as seen from above
A wolf in sheep's ... clothing	Someone dangerous pretending to be harmless