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# CREST English Olympiad (CEO) Worksheet *for*

**Class 8**



**Topic**  
**Idioms**



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## Worksheet on Idioms

Direction for (Ques. 1 to 20): Fill in the blank with the correct idiom:

1. She has a direct way of speaking; she'll \_\_\_\_\_ and never sugarcoat her opinions, which some people find refreshing, while others find it blunt.
  - a. call a spade a spade
  - b. cry over spilt milk
  - c. dwell on the past
  - d. draw a blank
  
2. Upon seeing the opulence of his friend, Raymond turned \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. golden boy
  - b. green with envy
  - c. in the black
  - d. itchy feet
  
3. That new horror web series that I was talking about that day is scary enough to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. bring method to my madness
  - b. kick the bucket
  - c. Show a clean pair of heels
  - d. make anybody's flesh crawl
  
4. Asking for a new bicycle from mom when you just got a new one two months ago is like \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. tooth and nail
  - b. at arm's length
  - c. crying for moon
  - d. Come off with flying colours
  
5. The so-called screening rounds were all \_\_\_\_\_ because they had already fixed whom they would hire.
  - a. living beyond your means
  - b. making a go of it
  - c. an eyewash
  - d. long time no see
  
6. Starting a new job can be challenging, but with her years of experience, Terry quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and became an invaluable member of the team.
  - a. learned the ropes
  - b. silenced the critics
  - c. tooth and nail

- d. Show a clean pair of heels
7. Kiara wanted to complete her history assignment on time so she did not hesitate to \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. bite more than she could chew
  - b. know her rank and file
  - c. burn the mid-night oil
  - d. work at sixes and sevens
8. The last-minute weeping campaign for voters proved to be \_\_\_\_\_ as they had already made their minds whom to vote.
- a. damp squib
  - b. an eyewash
  - c. make headway
  - d. mile a minute
9. The day appeared so long for Robert that he felt it was a \_\_\_\_\_ for he wished it to end soon.
- a. mile a minute
  - b. month of Sundays
  - c. old school
  - d. on the brain thing
10. Robin was determined to terminate the contract with the buyer so he \_\_\_\_\_ without any further delay.
- a. place in the Sun
  - b. pulling out all the stops
  - c. pulled the plug
  - d. Punch above his weight
11. Despite facing many challenges, Scarlet decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and pursue her dream of becoming a doctor.
- a. paint the town red
  - b. hit the nail on the head
  - c. bite the bullet
  - d. turn over a new leaf
12. After months of planning, the company finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and launch their new product.
- a. play devil's advocate
  - b. turn over a new leaf
  - c. pull out all the stops
  - d. cry over spilt milk

13. Despite his lack of experience, John decided to apply for the manager's position, hoping to \_\_\_\_\_.
- beat around the bush
  - pull the wool over someone's eyes
  - punch above his weight
  - hit the ground running
14. The team worked tirelessly to meet the deadline and finally \_\_\_\_\_ just in time.
- turned over a new leaf
  - threw in the towel
  - pulled the plug
  - hit the nail on the head
15. After years of hard work, Miley finally achieved her goal and found her \_\_\_\_\_.
- place in the Sun
  - piece of cake
  - pot of gold
  - bed of roses
16. Despite the difficulties, the team decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and continue with the project.
- play it by ear
  - beat around the bush
  - pull the wool over someone's eyes
  - bite the bullet
17. Mary had to \_\_\_\_\_ when she realised the project was not feasible within the given budget.
- pull out all the stops
  - hit the nail on the head
  - pull the plug
  - paint the town red
18. Despite his young age, Jack managed to \_\_\_\_\_ and win the chess tournament.
- hit the ground running
  - turn over a new leaf
  - punch above his weight
  - beat around the bush
19. After making several mistakes, John decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and start fresh.
- hit the nail on the head
  - throw in the towel
  - play devil's advocate
  - bite the bullet

20. Despite facing criticism, the artist continued to work hard and eventually found his

\_\_\_\_\_

- a. bed of roses
- b. pot of gold
- c. place in the Sun
- d. bed of thorns

### Answer Key

- |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |
|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1.  | a | 2.  | b | 3.  | d | 4.  | c | 5.  | c | 6.  | a | 7.  | c |
| 8.  | a | 9.  | b | 10. | c | 11. | c | 12. | c | 13. | c | 14. | c |
| 15. | a | 16. | d | 17. | c | 18. | c | 19. | b | 20. | c |     |   |



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