

Applying Language Skills

Task F: Interpreting Common Sayings (Idioms), *continued*

Choose the correct meaning of each statement.

9. I lost my shirt on that deal.
- a. My clothing got ripped off.
 - b. It was a great deal.
 - c. I lost a lot of money.

10. The cat's out of the bag now.
- a. Hurry and catch the cat.
 - b. It's no longer a secret.
 - c. There's no cat food in the bag.

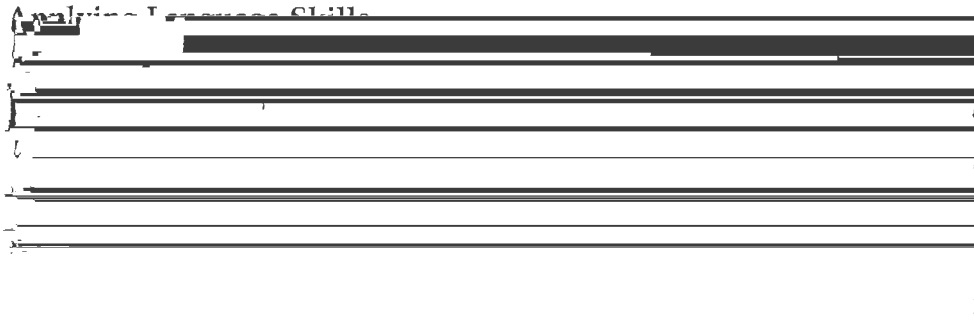
11. Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
- a. Divide the eggs into two groups.
 - b. Don't put all your assets into one project.

- c. Be careful with fragile objects.

12. He's got a dozen irons in the fire.

- b. He's moved around a lot.
- c. He's got a lot of projects underway.

13. I can't believe it. My back is to the wall.



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- 17. I ride the train once in a blue moon.
 - a. I ride the train infrequently.
 - b. I ride the train only at night.
 - c. I ride the train daily.

- 18. I'll be at your wedding come rain or shine.
 - a. I won't come to your wedding if it rains.
 - b. I'll come to your wedding if it doesn't rain.
 - c. I'll come to your wedding no matter what happens.

- 19. When the last bell rang, it was music to my ears.
 - a. I was sad that I heard the music.
 - b. I listened to music until the bell rang.

- 20. Our hosts rolled out the red carpet for us.
 - a. Our hosts cleaned their carpet before we came.
 - b. Our hosts did special things for us.
 - c. Our hosts were unfriendly to us.