

Answer Key

Activity 1: Match the Pairs

A-4, B-1, C-2, D-3, E-6, F-5, G-8, H-7, I-9, J-10

Activity 2: Reverse Quiz

1. b) Cost an arm and a leg
2. a) Let the cat out of the bag
3. c) Cut corners
4. a) The last straw
5. b) Throw someone under the bus

Activity 3: Fill in the Blank

1. Break a leg
2. costs an arm and a leg
3. hit the nail on the head
4. let the cat out of the bag
5. the ball is in her court
6. bit off more than she could chew
7. barking up the wrong tree
8. cut corners
9. a piece of cake
10. jumped on the bandwagon

Activity 4: Scenario Application

1. Bite off more than you can chew
2. Beat around the bush (*or: hit the nail on the head, depending on framing — accept either with justification*)
3. Barking up the wrong tree
4. Add fuel to the fire
5. Under the weather
6. Throw someone under the bus
7. Cut to the chase
8. Kill two birds with one stone
9. Rule of thumb
10. Speak of the devil

Activity 5: Origin Matching

A-2, B-3, C-1, D-4, E-5

Activity 6: Create Your Own Idiom

(Open-ended — assess for creativity, clarity of meaning, and correct example usage.)