

7. Vivian expected Craig to sob uncontrollably when she broke up with him; however, Craig **kept a stiff upper lip**.

- a. Craig cried even more than Vivian had expected.
- b. Craig cried about as much as Vivian had expected.
- c. Craig cried a little less than Vivian had expected.
- ✓ d. Craig did not cry.

8. Mrs. Robinson expects Cassie and my presentation to be good, but we have been working on it every night for the last week, so we are really going to **knock her socks off**.

- a. Cassie and the speaker are not prepared to give a good presentation.
- b. Cassie and the speaker intend on hitting Mrs. Robinson rather than presenting.
- ✓ c. Cassie and the speaker's presentation will far exceed Mrs. Robinson's expectations.
- d. Cassie and the speaker's presentation will meet Mrs. Robinson's expectations.

9. Over the summer Brian was really excited about being placed in the advanced math class, but after getting his syllabus on the first day and seeing the workload, he was ready to **jump ship**.

- a. Brian was even more excited about the math class than he was over the summer.
- b. Brian wanted to start working on his math assignments right away.
- ✓ c. Brian did not want to be in the advanced math class anymore.
- d. Brian wanted to cause some trouble in the advanced math class.

10. Brad was accusing us of stealing his phone until he found it, and now he's trying to **sweep it under the rug**.

- a. Brad thinks that his phone will be safer if he hides it under the rug.
- b. Brad wants to do something to make up for his mistake.
- c. Brad is trying to locate a signal for his phone so that he can use it.
- ✓ d. Brad wants to pretend that the incident never happened.

11. When Brian felt pretty good about getting a pair of roller-skates for his birthday, until he saw his twin brother Ryan open up his GameBox X-9000, and then Brian felt like he **got the short end of the stick**.

- ✓ a. Brian felt like Ryan received a better gift than he.
- b. Brian was quite pleased with his roller skates.
- c. Brian wanted a long stick that he could use to support himself on hikes.
- d. Brian feels bad for Ryan because Ryan wanted roller-skates.

12. After Ms. Smith caught Darnisha chewing gum for the third time, Ms. Smith scheduled a parent teacher conference with Darnisha's mother. When Darnisha's mother came into Ms. Smith's classroom, she was chewing gum. Ms. Smith thought to herself, "**the apple doesn't fall far from the tree**."

- a. Ms. Smith thinks that Darnisha dresses like her mother.
- ✓ b. Ms. Smith thinks that Darnisha acts a lot like her mother.
- c. Ms. Smith is surprised to see that Darnisha's mother came.
- d. Ms. Smith thinks that Darnisha's mother lives very close to the school.

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