

IDIOMS & PHRASES**Exercise**

1. The failure of crops in successive years put the farmer in **a tight corner**.

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| (1) in a closed room | (2) in a small field |
| (3) in a difficult situation | (4) in a meadow |

2. The effort to trace the culprit was **a wild goose chase**.

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| (1) a fruitful hunting | (2) futile search |
| (3) ideal seeking | (4) genuine effort |

3. The story does not hold water.

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| (1) does not deserve appreciation |
| (2) does not fulfill the requirements |
| (3) Cannot be believed |
| (4) cannot be valued |

4. Raj couldn't pay the bill, so he asked the owner to put it **on the cuff**.

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| (1) on credit | (2) against his credit |
| (3) in his bank account | (4) in his friend's account |

5. His statement is **out and out** a lie.

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| (1) totally | (2) simply |
| (3) merely | (4) slightly |

6. The luxury car that they bought turned out to be a **white elephant**.

- (1) a rare article
- (2) useful mode of transport
- (3) costly or troublesome possession
- (4) a proud possession

7. If you are **fair and square** in your work you will definitely prosper.

- (1) active
- (2) honest
- (3) business like
- (4) authoritative

8. There is **no love lost between** any two neighboring countries in the world.

- (1) stop loving
- (2) not on good terms
- (3) forming a group
- (4) have a good understanding

9. The heavy downpour **played havoc** in the coastal area.

- (1) caused destruction
- (2) caused disease
- (3) caused floods
- (4) caused hardship

10. To have a **green thumb** means:

- (1) one's nails are painted green
- (2) one is artistic
- (3) to have a natural interest in gardening
- (4) one has a green tattoo on the thumb