

# Idioms: Practice 1

## Circle the appropriate idioms.

- 1 Justin : There is a theory that the moon may be a burnt-out star.  
Kevin : That statement \_\_\_\_\_. The moon is a natural satellite that moves around the Earth.
- A dead and buried
  - B does not hold water
  - C disturbs the peace
  - D deals a serious blow
- 2 Sharon : John, how is your sister handling the lecturing job?  
John : Oh, she has adjusted very well like a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A duck to water
  - B dream come true
  - C daylight robber
  - D diamond cut diamond
- 3 David avoids Tina at all costs because she \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ with her annoying attitude.
- A drags ... through the mud
  - B drops ... a line
  - C drives ... up the wall
  - D does ... credit
- 4 Carol is a \_\_\_\_\_ for her mother. She looks exactly like her.
- A doom and gloom
  - B dead ringer
  - C dead wood
  - D dog-tired

- 5 People are \_\_\_\_\_ due to the life-threatening disease that is spreading throughout the nation.
- A dotting the i's and crossing the t's
  - B driving a hard bargain
  - C dropping like flies
  - D down at the heels
- 6 Donald \_\_\_\_\_ when he told his wife that she looked like a dowager in the grey dress. His wife was so mad at him that she cancelled their anniversary plans.
- A drove from pillar to post
  - B drew it mild
  - C dyed in the wool
  - D dropped a brick
- 7 Teacher : George, when did the Portuguese go to Malacca?  
George : Erm...
- Teacher : Why are you \_\_\_\_\_? Didn't you study the History notes I gave last week?
- A drawing a blank
  - B doing the spadework
  - C dilly-dallying
  - D disturbing the peace
- 8 Thomas knew that his wife's battle with cancer was \_\_\_\_\_ and she would not survive for long.
- A doctoring the accounts
  - B doing the donkey work
  - C downhill all the way
  - D dodging the issue

Answers:  
1 B  
2 A  
3 C  
4 B  
5 C  
6 D  
7 A  
8 C