

Change Idioms to Plain English

Answer

1. He was **all ears** when his boss talked.

listening carefully

2. He is **a chip off the old block**.

like his father

3. He is **thick in the head**.

stupid

4. The bank robbers were **armed to the teeth**.

heavily armed

5. His comments **threw a wet blanket on** the discussion.

discouraged

6. They were **beat** after three days of hard work.

exhausted

7. Jack **was hard up** to pay his rent.

had no money

8. The storm left them **all in the same boat**.

all in the same situation

9. The house fire meant we had to start from **scratch**.

the beginning