

# Animal Idioms

Read the sentences and try to guess the meaning of the idioms.

Wow! It's raining cats and dogs today! I wish I'd brought my umbrella to school!

- a. I forgot my umbrella today.
- b. It's raining heavily.
- c. Cats and dogs are falling from the sky.

When I told my mom I would be home around 2 am, she had a cow!

- a. My mom bought a baby cow.
- b. My mom is really strange.
- c. My mom was really upset.

Jean: How did you know it was my birthday today?

Susan: Oh, a little birdie told me!

- a. Jean told Susan it was her birthday.
- b. An unnamed person told Susan about Jean's birthday.
- c. Susan told Jean it was her birthday.

Frank: Why didn't your brother ride the roller coaster with us?

Sam: Oh, he's such a scaredy cat! He won't get on any fast ride.

- a. Sam's brother is afraid to ride the roller coaster.
- b. Sam's brother is a cat.
- c. Sam's brother didn't go to the roller coaster.

When the telephone salesman told me I could buy some concert tickets for only \$10.00 if I gave him my credit card number, it seemed a little fishy to me, so I hung up the phone.

- a. I thought the telephone salesman smelled like a fish and I didn't like that.
- b. I thought the phone salesman was a dangerous fish and he scared me.
- c. I thought the phone salesman was dishonest and I felt suspicious of him.

I never learned how to use a computer, so I lost my job to a new employee. It's a dog-eat-dog world.

- a. Only the strong or the best survive.
- b. Dogs are eating dogs at the office.
- c. Dogs like to eat dogs for lunch.

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