

● Complete the animal idiom in the dialogues.

- 1 A What's your new boss like as a person?
B I'm not too sure as she doesn't talk about herself much.
She's a bit of a _____ horse.
- 2 A You're going to be sick if you have any more chocolates. You're
making a real _____ of _____.
B OK, but hide them somewhere I can't see them.
- 3 A What finally made you split up with your partner?
B Well, things were already pretty bad, but the last _____ was
when he admitted that he'd had an affair!
- 4 A I've told Andy a million times he has to keep his room tidy.
B If he's anything like my son, he'll nod and do nothing about it.
It's like _____ off a _____' back.
- 5 A Can you go and get some milk from the petrol station?
B No problem. I need to get some petrol anyway so I can
kill _____ birds with _____.
- 6 A The interview went really well. I'm absolutely sure I'm going to
get the job!
B Well, I wouldn't count your _____ until you hear from
them.
- 7 A Does your wife know about the surprise birthday party you're
organizing for her?
B I think she might _____ a rat as she saw me unloading 50
bottles of champagne from the car!
- 8 A Do you think we should bring up the question of possible
redundancies with the boss?
B No, I would just let _____ dogs _____. He hasn't
mentioned it for several months now.
- 9 A Did you tell Jack what you thought about his behaviour at the
party?
B I did, and he was so ashamed that he went off with his
between his _____.
- 10 A I wish I hadn't moved back to the UK.
B Why?
A Things have changed a lot since I last lived here and I sometimes
feel like a fish _____ of _____.
- 11 A What happened with your grandfather's will?
B Well my uncle was always his favourite child, so he got the
lion's _____.
- 12 A Why are you so fed up at work?
B Because I always do all the _____ work but my boss gets all
the credit!

SOLUTIONS OF VOCABULARY 6B

ANIMAL IDIOMS

1 a dark horse

2 a real pig of yourself

3 the last straw

4 like water off a duck's back

5 kill two birds with one Stone

6 count your chickens

7 smell a rat

8 let sleeping dogs lie

9 tail between his legs

10 like a fish out of water

11 the lion's share

12 do all the donkey work