

ANIMAL IDIOMS – 1

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The animal kingdom is a rich source of many familiar phrases in the English language. To wit, “one who stays up very late” is referred to as a night owl, while “one who arises at dawn” is deemed an early bird. Analyze the sixteen clues presented in the listing that follows to identify the *animal idioms* which they suggest.

1. unreservedly
2. sham legal proceeding
3. keenly enthusiastic hard worker
4. pretend to be dead
5. casual shoe
6. concept immune to criticism
7. misleading clue
8. insincere expression of sorrow
9. final public performance
10. greatest part
11. unauthorized work stoppage
12. irritate someone
13. sharp chop to the back of the neck
14. one paralyzed by fright
15. carelessly clumsy person
16. deteriorate in a shocking manner

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1. WHOLE HOG
2. KANGAROO COURT
3. EAGER BEAVER
4. PLAY POSSUM
5. HUSH PUPPY
6. SACRED COW
7. RED HERRING
8. CROCODILE TEARS
9. SWAN SONG
10. LION'S SHARE
11. WILDCAT STRIKE
12. GET ONE'S GOAT
13. RABBIT PUNCH
14. DEER IN THE HEADLIGHTS
15. BULL IN A CHINA SHOP
16. GO TO THE DOGS