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Test Your Vocabulary Skills

Common Idioms 5

Idioms are spoken or written sentences where the meaning is not obvious from the individual words used.

Match the idioms with the meaning keywords below:

1. My hands are tied, I'm afraid.
2. Don't jump the gun.
3. You'll have to swallow your pride.
4. Have you been burning the candle at both ends?
5. There's something fishy going on.
6. He's a dark horse.
7. I killed two birds with one stone.
8. That's a real can of worms.
9. I'm sorry – I've let the cat out of the bag.
10. You look like a million dollars.

Meaning Keywords:

- a) Secretive.
- b) Compliment.
- c) Working all hours.
- d) Efficient.
- e) No choice.
- f) Not secret anymore.
- g) Wait.
- h) Complex problem.
- i) Apologise.
- j) Puzzling.

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Answers:

1. e)
2. g)
3. i)
4. c)
5. j)
6. a)
7. d)
8. h)
9. f)
10. b)