ENGLISH VOCABULARY TESTS

Common English Idioms by Topic Quiz: Time, Money, Colours

15 questions · Choose the correct answer. Online test and answer key with explanations:
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1. The ambulance arrived ___: two more minutes and it would have been too late.
A) in the nick of time **B)** on the nick of time
C) in the neck of time **D)** at the nick of time

2. The shop is open ___, so you can buy milk at 3 am.
A) round the watch **B)** round the hour
C) round the clock **D)** round the day

3. A bike is expensive now, but you'll save money on bus tickets ___.
A) in the long way **B)** in the long run
C) at the long run **D)** on the long run

4. Since Dad lost his job, we've all had to ___ our belts. Some months we can only just make ___ meet.
A) loosen ... ends **B)** tighten ... days
C) fasten ... ends **D)** tighten ... ends

5. A cup of coffee in this café won't ___.
A) break the bank **B)** break the money
C) burst the bank **D)** break the wallet

6. I hadn't heard from Tom for ten years. Then, ___, he sent me a postcard.
A) out of the red **B)** out of the blue
C) out of the green **D)** out of the black

7. When someone pushed in front of me in the queue, I ___.
A) saw blue **B)** went green
C) saw red **D)** saw white

8. The security guard caught the thief ___ with a laptop under his coat.
A) red-faced **B)** red-hot
C) red-blooded **D)** red-handed

9. My friends were ___ with envy when I got tickets for the final.
A) red **B)** green **C)** blue **D)** white

10. "Do you like my painting?" "Oh yes, it's lovely," I said. It was only a ___.
A) white lie **B)** black lie
C) grey lie **D)** blue lie

11. Nobody talks about the huge bill. It's the ___ in the room.
A) mouse **B)** lion
C) elephant **D)** horse

12. Dad was planning a trip to Paris for Mum's birthday, but my sister ___ the cat out of the bag.
A) put **B)** took **C)** sent **D)** let

13. Before my driving test, I had ___ in my stomach.
A) birds **B)** butterflies
C) bees **D)** flies

14. Tell me why you got ___ feet before the wedding. I'm all ___.
A) cold ... eyes **B)** warm ... ears
C) cold ... ears **D)** cold ... hands

15. The manager has her hands ___ with the new shop, so she turns a blind ___ to small problems.
A) full ... eye **B)** busy ... eye
C) full ... ear **D)** tied ... face

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