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Explanations

1. If it's "in the wind", it's _____.
✓ **A) imminent**
If something is **in the wind**, it is about to happen soon. **Imminent** means coming very soon: **Changes are in the wind at the office.**

2. If you are "in the dog house", you are _____.
✓ **B) in trouble**
If you are **in the doghouse**, someone is angry with you because of something you did, so you are **in trouble**: **He forgot her birthday, so he's in the doghouse.**

3. "In the pink" means to be _____.
✓ **B) healthy**
In the pink means in very good health: **Grandma is 90 but still in the pink.**

4. To "iron out" means to _____.
✓ **A) sort out small problems**
To **iron out** problems or details means to solve them and remove the small difficulties: **We need to iron out a few details before we sign.** Not **make problems**, which is the opposite.

5. "In toto" means _____.
✓ **C) everything**
In toto is Latin for 'in total'. It means completely, as a whole: **The plan was rejected in toto.**

6. The "ins and outs" are _____.
✓ **A) the small details**
The **ins and outs** of something are all its small details: **She knows the ins and outs of the business.** Not **the main idea only**, because the idiom is about every detail.

7. If something is "in your hair", it's _____.
✓ **C) annoying**
If someone or something is **in your hair**, it keeps bothering you, so it is **annoying**: **The kids were in my hair all day.**

8. "In hand" means _____.
✓ **B) under control**
If a situation is **in hand**, you are dealing with it and it is **under control**: **Don't worry, the problem is in hand.**

9. "In the nick of time" means _____.
✓ **C) just in time**
In the nick of time means at the last possible moment, **just in time**: **We reached the station in the nick of time.** Not **too late**, because you do arrive in time.

10. To "jazz up" means to _____.
✓ **B) make something more exciting**
To **jazz up** something means to make it more interesting, exciting or attractive: **She jazzed up the room with bright cushions.**

11. To "join forces" means to _____.
✓ **C) unite**
To **join forces** means to work together for a shared goal, to **unite**: **Two companies joined forces to build the bridge.** Not **fight**: people join forces to work together, not against each other.

12. "Joking apart" means you _____.
✓ **A) are serious**
People say **joking apart** when they stop joking and want to say something **serious**: **Joking apart, I really need your help.**

13. If you "jump at" something, you _____.
✓ **C) accept it quickly**
To **jump at** something, like an offer or a chance, means to accept it quickly and eagerly: **She jumped at the chance to work abroad.**

14. If it is "just what the doctor ordered", it's _____.
✓ **B) what you need**
Just what the doctor ordered means exactly what you need or want: **A hot cup of tea was just what the doctor ordered.**

15. "Just about" means _____.
✓ **B) nearly**
Just about means **nearly** or almost: **I've just about finished my homework.**

16. To "jump through hoops" means to _____.
✓ **B) obey any order**
To **jump through hoops** means to do lots of difficult things because someone tells you to, in order to please them or get something: **We had to jump through hoops to get a visa.**

17. To "jump down someone's throat" means to _____.
✓ **C) scold them**
To **jump down someone's throat** means to speak to them angrily and suddenly, to **scold** them: **I only asked a question, and he jumped down my throat.**

18. To "jump on the bandwagon" means to _____.
✓ **C) join in**
To **jump on the bandwagon** means to **join in** something that has become popular or fashionable: **Many companies jumped on the bandwagon and started selling e-bikes.**

19. To "jump the gun" means to _____.
✓ C) act too soon
To **jump the gun** means to do something too soon, before the right time: **They jumped the gun and announced the winner before all the votes were counted.** Not **shoot at something**: the idiom has nothing to do with real guns.

20. To "kick around" means to _____.
✓ A) treat badly
To **kick someone around** means to treat them badly or unfairly: **He's tired of being kicked around by his boss.** (**Kick around** an idea can also mean to discuss it informally.)

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