

## Idiom Opposite Quest Answer Key

- 1-A (On cloud nine ↔ Down in the dumps)
- 2-F (Break the ice ↔ Turn a cold shoulder)
- 3-D (In hot water ↔ In the pink)
- 4-J (Full of beans ↔ Lazy as a log)
- 5-C (The early bird catches the worm ↔ Drag your feet)
- 6-E (Bend over backward ↔ At odds)
- 7-H (Hit rock bottom ↔ Burn the midnight oil - rises from failure through hard work)
- 8-D (Under the weather ↔ In the pink)
- 9-B (Keep your cool ↔ Lose your temper)
- 10-E (See eye to eye ↔ At odds)

*(Note: Some idioms may have multiple valid contrasts depending on interpretation.)*

### Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For younger or ELL learners, preview idioms with visual cues or short example sentences to explain meanings.
  - For advanced students, invite discussion on how idioms reflect cultural or emotional opposites.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Play "Idiom Charades": students act out one idiom and classmates guess both the idiom and its opposite.
  - Have students group idioms by emotion (positive vs. negative) before matching.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Encourage students to write a short "duo-dialogue" using one pair of opposite idioms naturally in conversation.
  - Challenge them to find or invent new idioms with opposite meanings in modern slang or popular culture.