1. What does it mean to “Give it to me straight”? 
   a. Give me something free from angles.
   b. Give me a ruler.
   c. Tell me the truth.
   d. Tell me that you’re heterosexual.

2. If someone says “He really has ‘a chip on his shoulder’” that means:
   a. A small piece of wood is balanced on his shoulder.
   b. A potato chip is sitting on his shoulder.
   c. He’s still upset about something that happened in his past.
   d. He’s proud about something that happened to him in the past.

3. “Take my word for it” means:
   a. Get a word from someone and define it.
   b. Get a definition from someone.
   c. Believe what I say.
   d. I am an honorable person.

4. I “have a gut feeling” that he’s right can be taken to mean:
   a. I have an intuitive sense he’s correct.
   b. I have an upset stomach about his being correct.
   c. I have diarrhea because he’s correct.
   d. I have an upset stomach because he’s right-handed.

5. What does it mean when someone says, “Actions speak louder than words”?
   a. Actions make louder sounds than the volume of a voice.
   b. What you do is more significant than what you say.
   c. What you act on creates more noise than what you say.
   d. Actions can talk just like words.

6. If you are told to “Hold your head up,” this means:
   a. Stop resting your head on your desk.
   b. Take pride in yourself.
   c. Take your head in your hands.
   d. Hold you head upright.

7. You “pale in comparison” means:
   a. You are lighter skinned than another person.
   b. The blood drained from your face when you were compared to another person or thing.
   c. You appear to be deficient when compared to another person or thing.
   d. You have a light skin tone.

8. What does it mean when someone “chills out”?
   a. A person gets really cold.
   b. Someone turns down the air conditioning in a house or a vehicle.
c. A person chills or refrigerates something.
d. A person relaxes.

9. What does it mean when a person must “tighten her/his belt”?
   a. That person has lost weight and must use something to hold her/his pants up.
   b. That person must be more frugal because of difficult economic times.
   c. That person must refasten her/his belt or be ashamed because her/his pants are falling down.
   d. That person must do something to prevent almost certain embarrassment.

10. When you are told that someone won’t “take any lip” from you, it means:
    a. That no one wants to kiss you.
    b. That no one wants to see you sulk or pout.
    c. That no one wants to see you smile.
    d. That no one wants to hear you respond rudely.

11. What does “I racked my brain” mean?
    a. I destroyed my brain, possibly studying.
    b. I thought intensely while looking for the answer.
    c. I hung my thoughts up on a problem.
    d. I destroyed my brain with drinking and dissolute living.

12. If someone says “He threw a hissy fit” that means:
    a. He hissed like a snake.
    b. He hissed in an insulting manner.
    c. He behaved without emotion, coldly, like a reptile.
    d. He had an overwrought, emotional outburst.

13. When someone says “She ran around like a chicken with its head cut off,” this means that
    a. She acted in a frenzied or crazy manner.
    b. She acted like a bird that was bleeding to death as a result of being beheaded.
    c. She began flapping her arms like a chicken would flap its wings as a result of being beheaded.
    d. She acted distracted and began running around and clucking.

14. What does “I was up a creek without a paddle” mean?
    a. I was canoeing and lost my paddle or oar.
    b. I was in a boat on a small stream and lost my paddle or oar.
    c. I was in trouble or in a difficult predicament.
    d. I was in trouble or in a difficult predicament because I’d lost my paddle.

15. If someone says “Once bitten, twice shy” that person means:
    a. After an animal bites you the first time, you need extra time to feel safe again around animals.
    b. After being bitten by anything, you need extra time to feel safe again.
    c. After being hurt, it takes a long time for a person to feel comfortable taking chances.
d. After being hurt by someone, usually in a romantic relationship, a person must have two other romantic relationships before that person feels comfortable having a romantic relationship again.

16. What does the phrase “wears the pants in the family/house” mean?
   a. That a person has the most authority in a family/house.
   b. That a person wears pants when at home.
   c. That a person wearing pants has a family.
   d. That a person who wants authority must wear pants.

17. You must learn to “blow your own horn” means:
   a. That each person in a band is responsible for playing his or her own instrument.
   b. That people in the brass section of a band must not share instruments.
   c. That a person must learn to blow the horn that she or he has been given.
   d. That a person must learn how to display her or his own talents/abilities.

18. Now “the shoe is on the other foot” means:
   a. That circumstances have reversed, and because of this, participants have changed places.
   b. That a person has changed his or her shoes from one foot to the other.
   c. That circumstances have reversed, and one participant must now suffer the consequences of the other’s actions.
   d. That two people have exchanged shoes.

19. The phrase “have a lot on your plate” means:
   a. That you have gotten a lot of food at a buffet.
   b. That you have accumulated a lot of trash in your life.
   c. That you have gotten more than enough problems or issues to deal with.
   d. That you have gotten more food than you could ever possibly eat.

20. What does the phrase “[something or someone] really ate my lunch” mean?
   a. That something/someone has really been difficult to handle.
   b. That something/someone has really been a heavy weight to bear.
   c. That something/someone has stolen my food.
   d. That something/someone ate my lunch without asking.

Answers:
1. c  11. b
2. c  12. d
3. c  13. a
4. a  14. c
5. b  15. c
6. b  16. a
7. c  17. d
8. d  18. a
9. b  19. c
10. d  20. a