

# THE FLATMATES

Quiz

Expressions with 'hand' 3



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For each of the six questions choose the correct answer.

1. He's only eight years old but he's already got a great head for business. In the summer he sells lemonade at the park and ... Everyone wants a cold drink then.
  - a. makes money hands over fist
  - b. makes money hand over fist
  - c. makes money fist over hand
  - d. loses money hand over fist
  
2. She's such a great singer. She had the audience ... when she started belting out all her old hits.
  - a. counting on the fingers of one hand
  - b. putting its best foot forward
  - c. eating out of her hand
  - d. not putting a foot wrong
  
3. My little sister is the baby of the family. My parents let her do whatever she wants. They think she ... even though I know what she's really like!
  - a. can put a foot wrong
  - b. can put her feet wrong
  - c. can't put a foot wrong
  - d. can't put the foot wrong
  
4. He was late every day last week and then he was late again yesterday. So the boss finally ... and told him if he's late again, she's going to fire him.
  - a. put her foot down
  - b. my foot
  - c. counted on the fingers of one hand
  - d. lost money hand over fist
  
5. You really expect me to believe the dog ate your homework Johnny. ... You just didn't do it, did you?
  - a. Ate it your foot!
  - b. Ate my foot!
  - c. Ate its foot!
  - d. Ate it my foot!
  
6. She's so rich she dresses in fur ... – coat, hat gloves, everything's made of fur!
  - a. hand and toes
  - b. head to toe
  - c. hand and foot
  - d. head to toes

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#### Answers

For each of the six questions choose the correct answer.

1. He's only eight years old but he's already got a great head for business. In the summer he sells lemonade at the park and ... Everyone wants a cold drink then.
  - a. makes money hands over fist – Wrong – This is almost correct but one of the nouns needs to be singular, not plural.
  - b. **makes money hand over fist – Correct – This means it's very easy for him to make a profit.**
  - c. makes money fist over hand – Wrong – Some of the words are in the wrong order.
  - d. looses money hand over fist – Wrong – This means his business doesn't make a profit. This is the opposite of what the correct answer is.
  
2. She's such a great singer. She had the audience ... when she started belting out all her old hits.
  - a. counting on the fingers of one hand – Wrong – This is the wrong expression here. You need one which means the audience were completely amazed by her singing.
  - b. putting its best foot forward – Wrong – This means the people in the audience try very hard. You need an expression which means the audience were completely amazed by her singing.
  - c. **eating out of her hand – Correct – This means the audience were completely amazed by her singing.**
  - d. not putting a foot wrong – Wrong – This means the audience couldn't make a mistake. You need an expression which means the audience were completely amazed by her singing.
  
3. My little sister is the baby of the family. My parents let her do whatever she wants. They think she ... even though I know what she's really like!
  - a. can put a foot wrong – Wrong – This expression is negative, not positive.
  - b. can put her feet wrong – Wrong – This is expression is singular, not plural.
  - c. **can't put a foot wrong – Correct – This means my parents thinks she never doesn't anything wrong.**
  - d. can't put the foot wrong – Wrong – You need a different article here.
  
4. He was late every day last week and then he was late again yesterday. So the boss finally ... and told him if he's late again, she's going to fire him.
  - a. **put her foot down – Correct – This means she showed her authority to try to stop him being late again.**
  - b. my foot – Wrong – This means you don't believe him. You need an expression which means the boss showed her authority to try to make him come to work on time.
  - c. counted on the fingers of one hand – Wrong – This means something didn't happened often. You need an expression that means she showed her authority to try to stop him being late again.
  - d. lost money hand over fist – Wrong – This means the boss didn't make a profit. You need an expression which means the boss showed her authority to try to make him come to work on time.

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5. You really expect me to believe the dog ate your homework Johnny. ... You just didn't do it, did you?
- a. Ate it your foot! – Wrong – You need a different possessive pronoun (his, her, your, my, etc.)
  - b. Ate my foot! – Wrong – You need one more word to create the correct expression here.
  - c. Ate its foot! – Wrong – You need one more word and a different possessive pronoun to create the correct expression here.
  - d. **Ate it my foot! – Correct – This means you don't believe Johnny.**
6. She's so rich she dresses in fur ... – coat, hat, gloves, everything's made of fur!
- a. hand and toes – Wrong – The first part of the answer is correct but the second part isn't.
  - b. **head to toe – Correct – This means she was wearing a lot of fur!**
  - c. hand and foot – Wrong – first part of the answer is correct but the second part isn't.
  - d. head to toes – Wrong – This expression is singular, not plural.

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