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Group 4 Idioms Quiz

Part One: Write the letter of the correct definition next to each idiom

1. _____ You can say that again a a picture can tell a story better than many words
2. _____ Your guess is as good as mine b Many bad things happen at the same time to cause a situation to be very difficult
3. _____ A penny for your thoughts c To start a project that's too difficult to finish
4. _____ A perfect storm d I have no idea. / I don't know.
5. _____ A picture is worth a thousand words e Almost unable to do something / Just barely able to do it
6. _____ Actions speak louder than words f Comparing two very different things that cannot be compared
7. _____ Bite off more than you can chew g That's true, I agree
8. _____ Break the ice h Believe what people do and not what they say
9. _____ By the skin of your teeth i Tell me what you're thinking
10. _____ Comparing apples to oranges j Make people feel more comfortable when they first meet

Part Two: Complete the Sentence with the Correct Idiom

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11. Rick, you've been really quiet all evening. I'd love to know what you're thinking. _____?
12. The politician promised a lot, but _____, and we are still waiting for change."
13. "Why is mom so upset?" "I don't know. What about you?" "I have no idea. _____."
14. "I tried to learn three languages at the same time, but soon realized it was almost impossible. I had definitely _____."
15. You can't expect your cat to behave the same way as your dog. That's _____. They're two very different animals.
16. I almost missed my flight. I made it _____. They were just about to close the gates when I arrived!
17. John and Maria got divorced because of all the problems in their relationship. It was a _____ of constant arguments, infidelity, and disagreements about money.

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18. **Trying to describe how cute my new baby nephew is just too hard to do. Let me show you some pics on my phone.** _____.

19. **When I meet someone new, I like to tell a joke or funny story to** _____.

20. **Martha said, "It's so hot today," and I said,**
"_____. I feel like I'm melting!"