

Animal Idioms

- 1) Peter is always reading, he is a BOOKWORM.
- 2) John is a very informal priest. He rarely wears a DOG-COLLAR.
- 3) Jill was worried that her baby was overweight, but the doctor told her not to worry. He said it was only PUPPY FAT.
- 4) Paul was elected President as a man of peace and moderation, but when he began his reign of terror, people realized that he was a WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.
- 5) Some girls like WOLF-WHISTLES, but Amanda is embarrassed by them.
- 6) It's very hard work managing the Mayflower College – not much money, no time to enjoy yourself. In fact, IT'S A DOG'S LIFE.
- 7) The night before his wedding, Paul and his best mates got really drunk at his STAG PARTY.
- 8) In today's world, neutral supporters often want the weaker team to win. It is human nature to sometimes support the UNDERDOG.
- 9) I went to every shop in the city centre looking for a new router, but I had absolutely no success. It was a WILD-GOOSE CHASE.
- 10) My English dictionary is used so much that the pages have become DOG-EARED.
- 11) Can I have a glass of water please, I have a FROG IN MY THROAT.
- 12) It's been raining CATS AND DOGS here all day!

Exercise. Complete the following using the idioms on page 1.

1) Mary loves books. She is a _____.

2) John is a very informal priest. He rarely wears a _____.

3) Jill was worried that her child was fat, but the doctor said it was only _____.

4) Paul was elected President as a man of peace, but when he began his reign of terror, people saw that he was a _____.

5) Many girls don't like _____, but men do them anyway.

6) It's very hard being a janitor – not much money, no time to enjoy yourself. In fact, _____.

7) The night before his wedding John and his friends got really drunk at his _____.

8) In today's world, fans often support the weaker team, the _____.

9) I went to every shop downtown looking for a Chinese dictionary, but I couldn't find one. It was a _____.

10) My favourite book is used so much that all the pages are _____.

11) I need water please, I have a _____.

12) It was raining _____ all day yesterday!

Some Portuguese Animal Idioms:

- amigo da onça
- bicho de sete cabeças
- dar zebra
- engolir sapo
- gato pingado
- cada macaco no seu galho
- macaco velho
- mão de vaca
- não tenho nada a ver com o peixe
- nem que a vaca tussa
- pai coruja
- ter sangue de barata
- fazer vaquinha