

IDIOMS 1

For each of the six questions choose the **one** correct answer

1. If you feel "Like a fish _____ water" you feel in the wrong place.
 - a. in
 - b. under
 - c. out of
 - d. over

2. His name definitely rings _____, although I can't put a face to it.
 - a. a memory
 - b. a thought
 - c. a bell
 - d. a clock

3. Choose a more formal alternative for the words in bold.
Take your umbrella with you - **it's raining cats and dogs** !
 - a. It's very hot
 - b. It's raining a little
 - c. It will rain soon
 - d. It's raining heavily

4. I'm very suspicious of this deal. I can smell _____.
 - a. a rabbit
 - b. a rose
 - c. a rat
 - d. a fish

5. To "_____ around the bush" is an idiom which means to avoid speaking about something directly.
 - a. run
 - b. beat
 - c. talk
 - d. look

6. If you make fun of someone, you "pull his or her _____."
 - a. arm
 - b. finger
 - c. leg
 - d. toe

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1.

- a. Wrong.
- b. Wrong.
- c. Correct. The answer is 'Like a fish OUT OF water'
- d. Wrong

2.

- a. Wrong.
- b. Wrong.
- c. Correct. The answer is 'a bell'. If something 'rings a bell', it is familiar to you.
- d. Wrong.

3.

- a. Wrong. But you could say, 'It's very wet out there'.
- b. Wrong.
- c. Wrong, although many people in Britain take an umbrella with them whatever the weather.
- d. Correct. 'It's raining cats and dogs' means that it is raining heavily.

4.

- a. Wrong, but to pull a rabbit out of a hat would be a good trick.
- b. Wrong, but at least it smells nice
- c. Correct. To smell a rat is to be suspicious.
- d. Wrong, although you could say that the deal is a bit 'FISHY'. In other words you are suspicious of it.

5.

- a. Wrong.
- b. Correct.
- c. Wrong.
- d. Wrong.

6.

- a. Wrong.
- b. Wrong.
- c. Correct.
- d. Wrong.