

Take your idioms with water

Warm - up activity

Have you ever been in hot water?



Matching exercise:

1. be in hot water
 2. come hell or high water
 3. make your mouth water
 4. keep your head above water
 5. throw cold water on (something)
 6. make waves
 7. test the waters
 8. dead in the water
 9. water under the bridge
- a. an unpleasant situation that happened a long time ago and is no longer a source of concern
 - b. try something to see what it's like
 - c. make you want to eat something)
 - d. be in trouble
 - f. keep up with your work
 - g. for sure; whatever happens
 - h. having no chance for success
 - i. criticize something that someone else is enthusiastic about
 - j. make trouble or cause a disturbance

Fill in the gaps:

Complete the expressions below without looking at the answers above.

1. _____ the waters
2. _____ cold water on (something)
3. be in _____ water
4. water under the _____
5. _____ in the water
6. make your _____ water

Discussion

1. Do you ever have trouble keeping your head above water?
2. Have you ever had someone throw cold water on your plans?
3. What makes your mouth water?
4. Are you someone who likes to make waves?
5. What's something you would like to accomplish, come hell or high water?
6. Can you think of a time when you tested the waters before doing something?
7. Can you think of any expressions in your own language involving water?

Translate the expression(s) into English.

8. Have you ever felt like a fish out of water?

