

HORSE IDIOMS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) When was the last time you were so hungry that you ate like a horse?
- 2) Have you been so hungry you thought you could eat a horse?
- 3) Do you ever do things in the wrong order and put the cart before the horse?
- 4) Have you ever looked a gift horse in the mouth – you complained because your present was not perfect?
- 5) Has anyone told you to hold your horses, and be patient and wait?
- 6) Have you ever flogged (beat) a dead horse – the battle was lost but you still kept on trying (perhaps asking your father to borrow his new car)?
- 7) Have you ever met someone and then after a few weeks or months, they surprised you with something – they were a dark horse?
- 8) How often do you bet on the wrong horse – pick the person who loses?
- 9) Is it OK to change horses (leaders) in mid stream (half way through)?
- 10) When was the last time you got off your high horse and apologized?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) What do you like doing so much that wild horses could not drag you away?
- 2) You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink. Have you ever been shown a great opportunity you didn't take?
- 3) Do you always work like a horse (very hard)?
- 4) Do you like to hear gossip about someone, or do you prefer the truth – straight from the horse's mouth?
- 5) Do you ever feel you're flogging a dead horse – you tell someone to do something but they just don't get it? Does your teacher feel like this?
- 6) Do you deal with problems before they arise, or do you lock the barn door the horse has bolted (gone)?
- 7) Did you horse around a lot when you were a child?
- 8) Do you know anyone who gets on their high horse and thinks they are better than everyone else?
- 9) Have you ever been to a one-horse town, with nothing there?
- 10) Are there any interesting horse idioms in your language?

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