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Idioms, Adages and Proverbs

What does each saying mean? Circle it.

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c. Don't be upset about a small thing you can't change.

Hit the hay.

a. It is raining very hard.
b. Go to bed.
c. Wait, slow down.

I am all ears.

a. I am listening closely.
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c. It is raining very hard.

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b. It was very easy.
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Lend me a hand.

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Draw a line from each idiom to what it means.

cold feet	●	● sick
in hot water	●	● wait
hold your horses	●	● in trouble
break the ice	●	● go to bed
hit the hay	●	● start a friendly talk
under the weather	●	● stop working for now
call it a day	●	● too nervous to do it

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Idioms	Adages and proverbs

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Practice makes perfect.	in hot water
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Write what each saying means in your own words.

Hold your horses.

Let the cat out of the bag.

That costs an arm and a leg.

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Write what each saying means in your own words.

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One way: Wait, slow down.

Let the cat out of the bag.

One way: Tell a secret.

That costs an arm and a leg.

One way: That costs a lot of money.

Under the weather.

One way: Feeling sick.

Don't cry over spilled milk.

One way: Don't be upset about a small thing you can't change.

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