

For each sentence, select the best paraphrase and then write a brief explanation of how the figurative language works.

1) I found that I had jumped out of the frying pan into the fire.

- a) I had made my situation better.
- b) I had not really changed my situation.
- c) I had made my situation worse.

EXPLANATION: _____

2) He believed that the grass was greener on the other side of the fence.

- a) the things he could get easily were the best.
- b) everything was about the same.
- c) that things that he could not get were the best.

EXPLANATION: _____

3) After thinking about the matter, she decided to turn over a new leaf.

- a) keep doing everything the very same way as before.
- b) ask for advice on the best way to do things.
- c) begin a completely new way of doing things.

EXPLANATION: _____

4) The chemistry of the group is very good.

- a) the background of the group
- b) the relationships inside the group
- c) the values of group members

EXPLANATION: _____

5) Statistics are Greek to me.

- a) are very simple for me.
- b) are very fascinating for me.
- c) are very difficult for me.

EXPLANATION: _____

6) It was difficult to tie up the loose ends of the plan.

- a) to figure out what the plan would finally cost.
- b) to work out all the details of the plan.
- c) to get people to support the plan.

EXPLANATION: _____

7) I wanted to leave the door open for discussion.

- a) to allow discussion to continue.
- b) to allow discussion to begin.
- c) to allow discussion to end.

EXPLANATION: _____

8) The committee caused a log-jam in the process.

- a) made the process go quickly and smoothly.
- b) made the process slow down.
- c) made the process stop.

EXPLANATION: _____

9) In his work, he always aims to break new ground.

- a) to go back to traditional methods and ideas.
- b) to continue with familiar methods and ideas.
- c) to try methods and ideas that have not been used before.

EXPLANATION: _____

10) She is the one who sowed the seeds of this problem.

- a) made it possible for the problem to happen.
- b) did a lot to avoid the problem.
- c) made the problem worse after it had begun.

EXPLANATION: _____
