Three-clue idiom mini-quiz

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How to play

Teams choose a clue worth 100, 200 or 300 points. Identify the idiom, explain it in ordinary English, then give a fresh example. Optionally answer in question form: What is ...?

100 points

Someone says exactly the right thing about a problem. Which idiom uses a nail and a head?

200 points

Someone decides to face a difficult problem directly. Which idiom mentions a bull?

300 points

Someone is seen as the different or unconventional member of a family. Which animal idiom might describe them?

Answer key

100: hit the nail on the head. 200: take the bull by the horns. 300: the black sheep of the family. The last expression can carry a negative judgement; discuss context before using it about someone.

Meaning check

Choose one idiom and explain a situation where it fits. Ask a partner whether the meaning is clear.

Teacher check

These new clues are our adaptation of the episode examples. Check ambiguity, level and suitability before playing. Accept another answer if it fits the clue.