

ENGLISH

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FIGURATIVE EXPRESSIONS

1. Are any of these expressions wrong?
2. Which expressions suggest cruelty?
3. Which expressions show animals in a negative light?
4. What do they mean?
5. Make up an expression showing an animal in a positive light that will mean the same thing.
6. Why should similes using animals show them in a positive light?
7. Which expressions show animals in a good light?
8. What do they mean?
9. Which expression do you think is the worst?
10. Why don't you like it in one sentence/one paragraph?
11. Write a one page essay on the expression you think is worst.
12. Which expression do you like best?
13. Why don't you like it in one sentence/one paragraph?
14. Write a one page essay on the expression you like best.
15. Make up a figurative expression which shows an animal in a positive light.
16. Explain what you mean by your expression in one sentence/one paragraph.
17. Explain why you chose that particular animal in one sentence/one paragraph.

1. **A BIRD IN THE HAND IS WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH**
2. **A BONE OF CONTENTION**
3. **A BOOKWORM**
4. **A COCK AND BULL STORY**
5. **A DOG IN A MANGER**
6. **A FEATHER IN YOUR CAP**
7. **A FISH OUT OF WATER**
8. **A RED-HERRING**
9. **A TRITON AMONG THE MINNOWS**
10. **A WHITE ELEPHANT**
11. **ALL IS FISH THAT COMES TO HIS NET**

12. **AN OLD BIRD IS NOT TO BE CAUGHT WITH CHAFF**
13. **AS THE CROW FLIES**
14. **AT THE END OF MY TETHER**
15. **BACK IN HARNESS**
16. **BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER**
17. **CROCODILE TEARS**
18. **CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT**
19. **EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY**
20. **FEATHER YOUR NEST**
21. **FISHY STORY**
22. **GIVE A DOG A BAD NAME AND HANG HIM**

23. HAVE A BEE IN YOUR BONNET
24. HAVE A BONE TO PICK WITH SOMEONE
25. HIS BARK IS WORSE THAN HIS BITE
26. HOBSON'S CHOICE
27. HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOUR
28. IF WISHES WERE HORSES, BEGGARS MIGHT RIDE
29. KEEP THE WOLF FROM THE DOOR
30. LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE
31. LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG
32. LIKE A DROWNED RAT
33. LOOK A GIFT-HORSE IN THE MOUTH
34. MAKE A BEE-LINE
35. MAKE A SILK PURSE OUT OF A SOW'S EAR
36. NOT TO KNOW A B FROM A BULL'S FOOT
37. ON ONE'S HIGH HORSE
38. ON THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA
39. ONE SWALLOW DOES NOT MAKE A SUMMER
40. OTHER FISH TO FRY
41. PULL THE WOOL OVER ONE'S EYES
42. PUT ALL YOUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET
43. PUT THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE

44. RAINING CATS AND DOGS
45. RIDE ROUGH-SHOD OVER SOMEONE
46. RUN WITH THE HARE AND HUNT WITH THE HOUNDS
47. SEE WHICH WAY THE CAT JUMPS
48. SHE IS THE CATS MOTHER
49. SHOW THE CLOVEN HOOF
50. SHOW THE WHITE FEATHER
51. STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH
52. TAKE THE BULL BY THE HORNS
53. THE LION'S SHARE
54. THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK
55. TO BE A BAD EGG
56. TO BE A CATS PAW
57. TO BE COCK-SURE
58. TO BE EAGLE-EYED
59. TO BEARD THE LION IN HIS DEN
60. TO BUY A PIG IN A POKE
61. TO CAST PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
62. TO DIE IN HARNESS
63. TO EGG ON
64. TO FIGHT LIKE CAT AND DOG
65. TO FLOG A DEAD HORSE
66. TO GIVE A SOP TO CERBERUS
67. TO GIVE REIN TO

68. TO KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE
69. TO PUT THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE
70. TO SMELL A RAT
71. TO STIR UP A HORNETS NEST
72. TO STRAIN AT A GNAT AND SWALLOW A CAMEL
73. TO TAKE THE BIT BETWEEN YOUR TEETH

74. TO TAKE THE CHESTNUT OUT THE FIRE WITH THE CAT'S PAW
75. TO TAKE THE REINS
76. TO TURN TAIL
77. TO TURN TURTLE
78. TO TWIST THE LIONS TAIL
79. WHAT IS SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE IS SAUCE FOR THE GANDER
80. WHO WILL BELL THE CAT?

PROVERBS

1. Are any of these proverbs wrong?
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1. **A BIRD IN THE HAND IS WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH**
2. **BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER**
3. **CATCH THE BEAR BEFORE YOU SELL HIS SKIN**
4. **CURSES ARE LIKE CHICKENS, THEY COME HOME TO ROOST**
5. **DO NOT PUT ALL YOUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET**
6. **DO NOT COUNT YOUR CHICKENS BEFORE THEY HATCH**
7. **DO NOT SPUR A WILLING HORSE**

8. **ENOUGH IS AS GOOD AS A FEAST, TO ONE WHO IS NOT A BEAST**
9. **EVERY ASS LOVES TO HEAR HIMSELF BRAY**
10. **EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY**
11. **FINE FEATHERS MAKE FINE BIRDS**
12. **FLIES ARE EASIER CAUGHT WITH HONEY THAN WITH VINEGAR**
13. **HE RUNS WITH THE HOUNDS AND HUNTS WITH THE HARE**
14. **IT IS A GOOD HORSE THAT NEVER STUMBLES AND A**

- GOOD WIFE THAT NEVER GRUMBLES
15. KILL NOT THE GOOSE THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN EGGS
 16. LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE
 17. MANY STRAWS MAY BIND AN ELEPHANT
 18. NEVER LOOK A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH
 19. ONE MAY LEAD A HORSE TO WATER, BUT TWENTY CANNOT MAKE HIM DRINK
 20. ONE SWALLOW DOES NOT MAKE A SUMMER
 21. PIGS GROW FAT WHERE LAMBS WOULD STARVE
 22. THE CAT IS FAIR THE FISH TO EAT, BUT HATH NO WILL TO WET HER FEET
 23. THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM
 24. THE GOAT MUST BROWSE WHERE SHE IS TIED
 25. THE MASTER'S EYE FATTENS THE HORSE

26. THERE ARE AS GOOD FISH IN THE SEA, AS EVER CAME OUT OF IT
27. THERE ARE MORE WAYS TO KILL A DOG THAN BY HANGING HIM
28. TO SCARE A BIRD IS NOT THE BEST WAY TO CATCH IT
29. TREAD ON A WORM AND IT WILL TURN
30. THROW A SPRAT TO CATCH A WHALE
31. WHAT IS SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE IS SAUCE FOR THE GANDER
32. WHEN THE CAT IS AWAY THE MICE WILL PLAY
33. YOU CANNOT MAKE A SILK PURSE OUT OF A SOW'S EAR
34. YOU CANNOT SHOE A RUNNING HORSE
35. YOU CANNOT TEACH OLD DOGS NEW TRICKS
36. ZEAL WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE IS A RUNAWAY HORSE

COMPARISONS/SIMILES

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| 1. AS AFRAID AS A GRASSHOPPER | 12. AS BLIND AS A BAT |
| 2. AS AGILE AS A CAT | 13. AS BOLD AS A LION |
| 3. AS AGILE AS A MONKEY | 14. AS BRAINLESS AS A CHIMPANZEE |
| 4. AS ALERT AS A CHAMOIS | 15. AS BRISK AS A FLEA |
| 5. AS ALERT AS A BIRD IN SPRINGTIME | 16. AS CAUTIOUS AS A FOX |
| 6. AS ANGRY AS A WASP | 17. AS CHEEKY AS A YOUNG BANTAM COCK |
| 7. AS AWKWARD AS A COW ON ICE | 18. AS CHEERFUL AS THE BIRDS |
| 8. AS BALD AS A COOT | 19. AS COLD AS A DOG'S NOSE |
| 9. AS BALD AS AN EGG | 20. AS COLD AS A FROG |
| 10. AS BIG AS AN ELEPHANT | 21. AS CLUMSY AS A BEAR |
| 11. AS BIG AS A WHALE | 22. AS COMPLACENT AS A CAT |

23. AS CONSCIENTIOUS AS A DOG
24. AS COSY AS THE NEST OF A BIRD
25. AS COWARDLY AS A WILD DUCK
26. AS CRAFTY AS A FOX
27. AS CUNNING AS A FOX
28. AS CUNNING AS A MONKEY
29. AS CURIOUS AS A FISH
30. AS DEAF AS A BEETLE
31. AS DEVOTED AS A FAITHFUL DOG
32. AS DIRTY AS A HOG
33. AS DIZZY AS A GOOSE
34. AS DOCILE AS A LAMB
35. AS DRUNK AS A FISH
36. AS DUMB AS AN OYSTER
37. AS DUMB AS A MOUSE
38. AS ELASTIC AS A CATERPILLAR
39. AS FAINT AS THE HUM OF DISTANT BEES
40. AS FAITHFUL AS THE DOG
41. AS FAST AS AN EAGLE
42. AS FAT AS A PORPOISE
43. AS FAT AS A SHEEP'S TAIL
44. AS FAT AS A DISTILLERY PIG
45. AS FIERCE AS A FAMISHED WOLF

46. AS FLEET AS A GREYHOUND
47. AS FOOLISH AS A CALF
48. AS FOUL AS A STY
49. AS FREE AS A FLY
50. AS FRIENDLY AS A PUPPY
51. AS FRISKY AS A COLT
52. AS GAME AS A FIGHTING COCK
53. AS GARRULOUS AS A MAGPIE
54. AS GAUDY AS A BUTTERFLY
55. AS GAY AS A BULLFINCH
56. AS GAY AS A LARK
57. AS GENTLE AS A FAWN
58. AS GENTLE AS A TURTLE DOVE
59. AS GLAD AS A FLY
60. AS GLOSSY AS A MOLE
61. AS GLUM AS AN OYSTER
62. AS GRACEFUL AS A FAWN AS GREEDY AS A HOG
63. AS GREEDY AS A CORMORANT
64. AS HAIRLESS AS AN EGG
65. AS HAIRY AS A MASTODON
66. AS HAIRY AS A SPIDER
67. AS HOARSE AS A RAVEN
68. AS HORNY AS A CAMEL'S KNEE
69. AS HUMBLE AS A WORM
70. AS HUNGRY AS A WOLF

71. AS HUNGRY AS A BEAR
72. AS HUNGRY AS A CHURCH-
MOUSE
73. AS INDUSTRIOUS AS AN
ANT
74. AS INNOCENT AS A LAMB
75. AS JEALOUS AS A CAT
76. AS LAZY AS A TOAD
77. AS LAZY AS A LOBSTER
78. AS LEAN AS SANCHO'S ASS
79. AS LITHE AS A PANTHER
80. AS LITHE AS A TIGER
81. AS LITTLE AS A SQUIRREL
82. AS LIVELY AS A CRICKET
83. AS LOATHSOME AS A TOAD
84. AS LOYAL AS A DOVE
85. AS MEEK AS A DOVE
86. AS MEEK AS A MOUSE
87. AS NIMBLE AS A LIZARD
88. AS NOISY AS A MENAGERIE
89. AS NERVOUS AS A MOUSE
90. AS MAD AS A MARCH HARE
91. AS MERRY AS A LARK
92. AS MILD AS A DOVE
93. AS MUDDY AS SHEEPDOGS
94. AS MUM AS AN OYSTER
95. AS NEARSIGHTED AS A
MOLE
96. AS OBNOXIOUS AS AN
ALLIGATOR

97. AS OBSTINATE AS A MULE
98. AS OBSTINATE AS A PIG
99. AS PERSISTENT AS A
MOSQUITO
100. AS PLAYFUL AS A RABBIT
101. AS PLAYFUL AS KITTENS
102. AS POOR AS A CHURCH-
MOUSE
103. AS POPULOUS AS AN
ANTHILL
104. AS POWERFUL AS A LION
105. AS PROUD AS A PEACOCK
106. AS QUARRELSOME AS THE
WEASEL
107. AS QUIET AS A LAMB
108. AS QUIET AS A MOUSE
109. AS RAVENOUS AS A WINTER
WOLF
110. AS RUDE AS A BEAR
111. AS RUGGED AS A
RHINOCEROS
112. AS SAFE AS A SARDINE
113. AS SAFE AS A TORTOISE
UNDER ITS SHELL
114. AS SCARCE AS HEN'S TEETH
115. AS SCARCE AS FEATHERS ON
A FISH
116. AS SELFISH AS A FOX
117. AS SERIOUS AS AN OWL
118. AS SHY AS A SQUIRREL
119. AS SHY AS A FAWN

120. AS SICK AS A DOG
121. AS SILLY AS A CALF
122. AS SLEEK AS A MOUSE
123. AS SLEEPLESS AS OWLS
124. AS SLIPPERY AS A SERPENT
125. AS SLOW AS A SNAIL
126. AS SLY AS A FOX
127. AS SOFT AS FUR
128. AS SPINELESS AS A
JELLYFISH
129. AS SPITEFUL AS A MONKEY
130. AS STEALTHY AS A CAT
131. AS STINKING AS A POLECAT
132. AS STUBBORN AS A MULE
133. AS STUPID AS A SLOTH
134. AS SUBTLE AS A SERPENT
135. AS SULKY AS A BEAR
136. AS SUPPLE AS A SNAKE
137. AS SUSPICIOUS AS A CAT
138. AS TALKATIVE AS A MAGPIE
139. AS TAME AS A SHEEP
140. AS TENDER AS A LAMB

141. AS THICK AS ANTS
142. AS TIMID AS A FAWN
143. AS TIMID AS A MOUSE
144. AS TRICKY AS AN APE
145. AS TRIVIAL AS A PARROT'S
PRATE
146. AS TROUBLESOME AS A
MONKEY
147. AS UGLY AS A BEAR
148. AS UNCOMPLAINING AS A
LAMB
149. AS USEFUL AS A COW
150. AS VENOMOUS AS A SNAKE
151. AS VORACIOUS AS A CAMEL
152. AS VULGAR AS A MONKEY
153. AS WARLIKE AS THE WOLF
154. AS WARY AS A FOX
155. AS WASTEFUL AS A HEN
156. AS WET AS A FISH
157. AS WET AS A DROWNED RAT
158. AS WILFUL AS A MULE
159. AS WILY AS A FOX
160. AS WITLESS AS A JACKDAW

DISTINCTIVE ADJECTIVES PERTAINING TO:

1. Trace a line drawing or do a free hand sketch of your favourite animal listed here.
2. Why is it your favourite animal?
3. Find a picture of your favourite animal listed here and write a story about it.

GOAT	-	CAPRINE
EAGLE	-	AQUILINE
HORSE	-	EQUINE
LION	-	LEONINE
WOLF	-	LUPINE
PEACOCK	-	PAVONINE
PIGEON	-	PERISTERONIC
FISH	-	PISCINE
PARROTS	-	PSITTACEOUS
FOX	-	VULPINE
PIGS	-	PORCINE
CATS	-	FELINE
GOOSE	-	LEPORINE
ASS	-	ASININE
BEE	-	APIARIAN
COW	-	BOVINE
DOG	-	CANINE
SHEEP	-	OVINE
CROWS	-	CORVINE
WILD BEASTS	-	FERINE