



TASK 4: Animals and English Vocabulary

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TASK: Although the people taking part in the following dialogue are using names of animals, they are not talking about any zoo or farm. What are they talking about then? Having read the dialogue, explain the meaning of the words and expressions in bold. Write your explanations in the table given under the text. No ambiguities in your definitions are accepted.

DIALOGUE

A: Hello mate. What have you been up to? Are you all right?

B: Aye! Aye, I'm OK.

A: I've left something for you in my **pigeon-hole**.

B: What have you put in there?

A: You'll see. I must go 'cos it's getting dark and I wouldn't like **cat's-eyes** to direct me back home.

B: OK, then. See you tomorrow at the board meeting.

A: Yeah. I **have butterflies in my stomach** when thinking about those all too nasty remarks of our boss we'll probably have to put up with.

B: Yeah. I know. She's so **pig-headed**, isn't she?

A: Yes, she is. Like..... like our previous boss. He was always **grinning like a Cheshire cat**, especially when he presented his **hare-brained** schemes at the board meetings.

B: Yeah. I remember, and our present 'master' is not better. She **cries wolf** and later she's surprised when people don't trust her intuition. To cap it all, nobody can object to her proposals 'cos in her case every counterargument functions as **a red rag to a bull**. D'you know that her son often plays with my daughter. They've recently played **piggy-in-the-middle** in my garden with other kids from the neighbourhood. Unlike his mother, it's a very nice kid.

A: No way! Our boss lives in your neighbourhood.

B: Unfortunately she does. To be honest, she has been there for **donkey's years**

A: D'you know her husband?

B: No, but I know her sister. She seems to be a nice woman. She **has a bee in her bonnet about** hang-gliding.

A: How d'you know that?

B: 'Cos my brother fell in love with her.

A: What? You must be kidding. That cow's sister is your brother's sweetheart.

B: Indeed. She appears very, very..... amiable, as my old grandma would say it. However, I don't like one thing about her.

A: What???

B: She is too **eagle-eyed** 'cos.....

A: Oh! My husband's waiting for me outside, I must go.

B: Me too. It's completely dark outside. I couldn't do without cat's-eyes now. See you tomorrow

A: See you.



THE ANSWERS' SHEET	
EXPRESSIONS	MEANING
EXAMPLE: to play cat and mouse	If someone plays cats and mouse with you, for example in a fight or contest, that person tries to confuse or deceive you in some way for his/her own benefit.
pigeon-hole	
Cat's-eyes	
to have butterflies in one's stomach	
pig-headed	
to be grinning like a Cheshire cat	
hare-brained	
to cry wolf	
a red rag to a bull	
piggy-in-the -middle	
donkey's years	
to have a bee in one's bonnet about...	
to be eagle-eyed	