

Metaphors

Name: _____

Select the correct meaning of each metaphor.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

- a) Don't concentrate your resources
- b) You should be careful with eggs
- c) Take care when shopping

Fred is a bad apple.

- a) Don't buy fruit from Fred
- b) Fred is a bad person in a group
- c) Fred is shaped like an apple

Stop flogging a dead horse.

- a) Cruelty to animals is wrong
- b) Getting rid of aggression
- c) Continuing to argue something

Peter's head was spinning with ideas.

- a) Peter had a headache
- b) Peter's neck was sore
- c) Peter had a lot of ideas at once

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

- a) Glass breaks easily
- b) You could hurt someone throwing stones
- c) You should not criticize others for faults you may have

I'm drowning in paperwork.

- a) You shouldn't go swimming after you've eaten
- b) Water can be dangerous
- c) I've got a lot of letters, form and reports to write

You had better pull your socks up.

- a) Your socks are falling down
- b) Looking tidy is important
- c) You have to improve your work

Don't shoot the messenger.

- a) Guns are dangerous
- b) Arguing at someone who was simply delivering a message
- c) You shouldn't shoot people

