



## Test Your Vocabulary Skills

### English Idioms

### Raw Materials

A. Match an English idiom on the left with a literal translation on the right:

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| 1. 'Only when the last tree has been cut down, the last fish been caught, and the last stream poisoned, will we realise we cannot eat money.'<br><i>Cree Native American prophecy</i> | a) Do not waste resources because they may not be easily replaced. |
| 2. To cost / charge the earth.  | b) To feel like your contribution makes little or no difference.   |
| 3. To make the most of something.   | c) To start enjoying the outdoors again.                           |
| 4. To promise the earth.  | d) Why? (with emphasis)  |
| 5. Waste not, want not.   | e) To enjoy something now because it will not last for long.       |
| 6. To use something up.   | f) Don't drop litter!  |
| 7. Why on <i>earth</i> ...?   | g) We must take care of the environment.                           |
| 8. To get back to nature.   | h) To use a resource until nothing remains.                        |
| 9. Don't be a litter bug!   | i) To agree to a lot, but probably not deliver.                    |
| 10. To be a drop in the ocean.  | j) To be very expensive.   |

B. Write a sentence with each idiom. Say it aloud, then change the idiom for the literal phrase (above). Which sounds more natural?

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