

Vocabulary - Idioms from Shakespeare's works

Many idioms that we use in modern English, originate from the work of William Shakespeare. Complete the table below by adding the correct definition.

Idiom in context	Definition
1. Sarah was in a pickle when she realized that she had missed the last bus home.	
2. I went on a wild goose chase around the supermarket trying to find my favourite cheese. No luck!	
3. Sue always has me in stitches . She's just so funny!	
4. I hate the sound of someone sharpening a knife. It sets my teeth on edge .	
5. When my brother comes to visit me, he eats me out of house and home but I still love him!	
6. Although my hometown is as dead as a doornail , I still enjoy going back in the holidays.	
7. My keys have vanished into thin air! Where are they?	
8. I always know if Jack is feeling sad because he wears his heart on his sleeve .	
9. Robert's got a heart of gold because he always does his elderly neighbour's shopping.	
10. I like to do my homework all in one fell swoop and relax afterwards.	

Definitions

A. To search for something unsuccessfully.	F. To disappear.
B. To consume so much food that there is very little left.	G. To be a very kind person.
C. To make someone feel annoyed or uncomfortable.	H. Dead, no life, quiet.
D. To make someone laugh uncontrollably.	I. To be in a difficult situation.
E. To do everything at the same time, or in one go.	J. To show your emotions