

Answer key

1 No **flies** on someone – quick to understand

*There are **no flies on Lucy**. She understood what she immediately needed to do.*

2 Keep the **wolf** from the door – have enough money to be able to eat and live

*Paul's part time bar job has helped him **keep the wolf from the door**.*

3 Do the **donkey** work – do hard boring work

*We are going to need to build up a solid base by **doing the donkey work** before this business can make money.*

4 Every **cloud** has a silver lining – something good coming from a bad situation

*Although I didn't want to live in Portsmouth, every **cloud has a silver lining** as I met my future wife there.*

5 **Feet** hardly touch the ground – really busy

*Our **feet haven't touched the ground** since we got to work today. I didn't even have time for lunch.*

6 **Put** your foot down - become stricter

*The students didn't do their homework so Francine had to **put her foot down**.*

7 Stick your **neck** out – bravely say something which may be wrong in the future

*I am going to **stick my neck out** and say that Real Madrid will not win the Champions League this season.*