

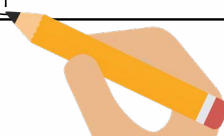
WRITING WORKSHEETS

Must-Know Japanese Idioms

猫をかぶる

neko o kaburu

猫を



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1. 猫をかぶる

neko o kaburu

Literal Translation: cover a cat over myself

Meaning: pretend to be a nice person

2. 腹が立つ

hara ga tatsu

Literal Translation: a belly gets up

Meaning: get angry

3. 油を売る

abura o uru

Literal Translation: sell an oil

Meaning: loaf around

4. 目がない

me ga nai

Literal Translation: doesn't have eye balls

Meaning: be extremely fond of

5. 耳が痛い

mimi ga itai

Literal Translation: painful ears

Meaning: it feels painful to hear of my failure

6. 雀の涙

suzume no namida

Literal Translation: tear of sparrows

Meaning: tiny amount

7. 顔から火が出る

kao kara hi ga deru

Literal Translation: fire up on a face

Meaning: embarrassed

8. 三日坊主

mikka bōzu

Literal Translation: the monk for three days

Meaning: person who quits things easily

9. 元を取る

moto o toru

Literal Translation: take back an origin

Meaning: recover a cost

10. 首を長くする

kubi o nagaku suru

Literal Translation: make a neck longer

Meaning: eagerly look forward to

11. 猫の額

neko no hitai

Literal Translation: cat's forehead

Meaning: narrow space

12. 的を射る

mato o eru

Literal Translation: shoot a target

Meaning: grasp the key point

13. 船を漕ぐ

fune o kogu

Literal Translation: row a boat

Meaning: nod off

14. 掌を返す

tenohira o kaesu

Literal Translation: flip over a hand

Meaning: change one's attitude

15. さじを投げる

saji o nageru

Literal Translation: throw away a spoon

Meaning: give up

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