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IDIOMS 2

Match these idioms (common North American sayings) with their meanings.

Example:

1. Once in a blue moon It's raining hard
2. It's raining cats and dogs Rarely

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| 1. A perfect storm | Everything, all the way |
| 2. Hit the nail on the head | Ignore someone |
| 3. Once in a blue moon | Give away a secret |
| 4. Give someone the cold shoulder | It may look bad, but it's good when you look into it |
| 5. Spill the beans | If you miss this opportunity, others will come along |
| 6. Take it with a grain of salt | Get something exactly right |
| 7. The elephant in the room | The worst possible situation |
| 8. Don't judge a book by its cover | Hardly ever, rarely |
| 9. There are plenty of fish in the sea | Don't take it too seriously |
| 10. Go the whole nine yards | The big issue, the problem people are avoiding |

ANSWERS:

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