Directions: Underline the idiom. Then write its meaning.

1. With prices rising and wages falling, families had to tighten their belts.
   Probable Meaning: 

2. Since Mrs. Gomez is still feeling under the weather, we will have a substitute.
   Probable Meaning: 

3. Last month, I said some things I regret, but that’s all water under the bridge.
   Probable Meaning: 

4. Everyone knows Richie likes Nilda; he’s been wearing his heart on his sleeve since last November.
   Probable Meaning: 

5. “Since you’re going to be out all day,” my mother said, “you need to eat a breakfast that will stick to your ribs.”
   Probable Meaning: 

6. The smartest boy in our class figured out the algebra equation right off the bat, while the rest of us struggled all day to understand it.
   Probable Meaning: 

7. My older brother got a job and his own place to live, so he could stand on his own two feet.
   Probable Meaning: 

8. When I was accused of stealing, I felt so wronged that I flew off the handle.
   Probable Meaning: 

9. Anyone would feel down in the dumps after getting a D on that test.
   Probable Meaning: 

10. Would you give us a hand by selling Girl Scout cookies?
   Probable Meaning: 

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