

Have you heard the one about...?

Complete the following jokes with a suitable idiom chosen from the box. Make any changes that may be necessary.

*a vicious circle
bring the house down
down in the mouth
fall head over heels in love
get a word in edgeways
give someone a good hiding
give someone a ring
have a leg to stand on
in someone's shoes*

*laugh one's head off
pull oneself together
pull a few strings
put an animal to sleep
sleep like a log
stand in someone's way
strike while the iron is hot
tell someone off*

1. I once knew two acrobats who _____
2. "I just don't know what to do. What would you do if you were _____?"
"Polish them."
3. When my friend's dog was faced with four trees he didn't _____
4. "What goes "ha, ha, hee, hee, blonk?"
"Someone _____"
5. The next act is a famous puppeteer who broke into show business by _____
6. We close the show tonight, ladies and gentlemen, with Samson the strongest man in the world - who is sure to _____
7. "Doctor! Doctor! I keep thinking I'm a pair of curtains."
"Well, _____"
8. *Customer:* Waiter! This boiled egg is bad!
Waiter: (looking at the egg) So it is. Shall I pick it up and _____ and tell it not to be bad again?

9. *Small boy:* Please miss, would you be angry and _____ for something I didn't do?

Teacher: No, of course not

Small boy: Oh good! Then I can tell you I haven't done my homework.

10. *Mother:* Why have you dragged your bed out into the woodshed?

Samantha: Because I want to _____

11. One woman I know hasn't spoken to her husband for ten years;
she can't _____

12. *Man:* Where's your dog?

Friend: I had to _____

Man: Was it mad?

Friend: Well, it wasn't exactly pleased.

13. Yesterday, five hundred men walked out of a steel mill while it was still
in operation. A Union spokesman said they had to _____

14. "Doctor! Doctor! I feel like a bell."

"Well, take these and if they don't work, _____"

15. "Why is a dentist always unhappy?"

"Because he looks _____"

16. *Tom:* When I grow up I'm going to drive a tank.

Dad: Well, I certainly won't _____

17. "What's round and bad-tempered?"

"_____"