

Vocabulary

Expressions with animals

1 Complete sentences a–f with these words. Explain the meanings of the expressions with animals.

water dinner work time grass bag

- a Although we didn't think we'd enjoy ourselves, we ended up having a whale of a
- b I can't believe I did my homework so badly – I made a real dog's of it!
- c Next week's party was meant to be a surprise but Sonya's just let the cat out of the
- d Tom had always lived in the country and felt like a fish out of in the city.
- e My last boss was a real snake in the – you couldn't trust a word he said.
- f When we decorated our house, my husband helped me choose the paint but left me to do the donkey

2 Complete sentences a–e appropriately to illustrate the meaning of the expression. Use a dictionary to look up any expressions that are new to you.

- a I wish you'd stop rabbiting on about football – you know I
- b I've got butterflies in my stomach because this time tomorrow, I
- c Brian usually eats like a horse but
- d Poor David's going to be in the doghouse. He's just
- e If Jane's having a hen party, it must mean

3 Answer these questions.

- a When was the last time you were in the doghouse? What had you done wrong?
- b Can you remember the last time you felt like a fish out of water? How did you cope?
- c Do brides-to-be in your country usually have a hen party? What do they do?
- d Have you ever let the cat out of the bag about something important? What happened?

