What do these idioms mean? Choose the correct option.

1) Harry’s bark is worse than his bite.
   a Harry owns a very fierce dog.
   b Harry is not in very good health.
   c Harry talks more than he eats.
   d Harry is not as frightening as he seems.

2) His smart new laptop fell off the back of a lorry.
   a His new laptop is already broken.
   b His new laptop is stolen property.
   c He bought his new lorry very cheaply.
   d His was given a new laptop as a surprise present.

3) My brother is driving me round the bend at the moment.
   a My brother is not a good driver.
   b My brother is taking me on holiday.
   c My brother is being very annoying.
   d My brother is giving me a lot of help.

4) Hilary arrived at our house out of the blue this morning.
   a Hilary was dressed unusually smartly.
   b It was a lovely day when Hilary arrived.
   c We weren’t expecting Hilary to arrive.
   d Hilary was feeling depressed.

5) Cecilia poured her heart out to me.
   a Cecilia told me her secret feelings.
   b Cecilia was very angry with me.
   c Cecilia and I did some exercises.
   d Cecilia and I fell in love with each other.
Complete these idioms. Choose the correct option.

6) The singer said she was over the ______ at receiving such an important award.
   a rainbow
   b moon
   c stars
   d sun

7) My new colleague is a bit of a rough ______ but I think I'm going to like him once I get used to him.
   a stone
   b rock
   c diamond
   d pearl

8) I wouldn't behave like that if I were in your ______ .
   a shoes
   b trousers
   c socks
   d boots

9) Marco never stays in one place for long. He always gets ______ feet and sets off on his travels again.
   a chilly
   b itchy
   c dusty
   d shaky

10) I'm afraid I can't give you the answer off the top of my ______ but I'll find it out for you.
    a tongue
    b hand
    c mind
    d head
Answer key

1) d
2) b
3) c
4) c
5) a
6) b
7) c
8) a
9) b
10) a