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- a) hand
- b) mouth
- c) heart
- d) head

2. He's lived in this city all his life. He knows it like the back of his _____ .

- a) hand
- b) eyes
- c) arm
- d) head

3. She spent twenty years studying the history of London. She knows it _____ out.

- a) through
- b) inside
- c) all
- d) over

4. I'm really not interested in politics. I know _____ to nothing about it.

- a) close
- b) near
- c) nearly
- d) next

5. 'Which is the longest river in the world?' 'I haven't the _____ idea.'

- a) slight
- b) any
- c) no
- d) faintest

6. 'Can you tell me where Portsmouth Road is?' 'Sorry, I haven't got a _____.'

- a) clue
- b) faintest
- c) idea
- d) knowledge

Image: person in car, asking for directions.

ANSWERS:

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- a) hand
- b) mouth
- c) **heart**
- d) head

- a) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!
- b) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!
- c) **Well done! If you know something by heart, you can recite it without seeing it written down.**
- d) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!

2. He's lived in this city all his life. He knows it like the back of his _____ .

- a) **hand**
- b) eyes
- c) arm
- d) head

- a) **Well done! If you know an area like the back of your hand, you know it very well indeed.**
- b) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!
- c) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!
- d) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!

3. She spent twenty years studying the history of London. She knows it _____ out.

- a) through
- b) **inside**
- c) all
- d) over

- a) There is a grammatical error here. Try again!
- b) **Well done! If you know a subject inside out, you know it thoroughly, in all its details.**
- c) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!
- d) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!

4. I'm really not interested in politics. I know _____ to nothing about it.

- a) close
- b) near
- c) nearly
- d) next

a) This sentence isn't wrong, but there is a much better collocation you can choose here. Try again!

b) This sentence isn't wrong, but there is a much better collocation you can choose here. Try again!

c) There's a grammatical error here. Think about the words 'to nothing' and try again.

d) **Correct! 'Next to nothing' means 'almost nothing'.**

5. 'Which is the longest river in the world?' 'I haven't the _____ idea.'

- a) slight
- b) any
- c) no
- d) faintest

a) This doesn't work here. Try again!

b) There's a grammatical mistake here. Try again!

c) There's a grammatical mistake here. Try again!

d) **Correct! If you haven't the faintest idea, this means you absolutely do not know.**

6. 'Can you tell me where Portsmouth Road is?' 'Sorry, I haven't got a _____.'

- a) clue
- b) faintest
- c) idea
- d) knowledge

a) **Correct! If you haven't got a clue about something, this means you absolutely do not know.**

b) 'I haven't got THE faintest' is a good phrase, but look carefully at the article here.

c) Look carefully at the article in this sentence, and try again.

d) This doesn't work here. Try again!