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LESSON 12 ANSWERS. TRAVEL IDIOMS 1

Idiom	Meaning
1. to jump on the bandwagon	J. to decide to do something when it is already successful or fashionable
2. in the same boat	G. in the same unpleasant or difficult situation
3. to miss the boat	L. to fail to take advantage of an opportunity because you don't act quickly enough
4. to (not) rock the boat	A. to do nothing that might cause trouble or upset a stable situation
5. to paddle one's own canoe	C. to do what you want to do without help or interference from anyone
6. to put the cart before the horse	M. to do things in the wrong order
7. to drive a hard bargain	N. to make sure you gain advantage in a business deal
8. to drive someone up the wall	K. to do something that greatly annoys or irritates others
9. backseat driver	B. a passenger in a car who gives unwanted advice to the driver
10. highways and byways	D. large and small roads
11. my way or the highway	E. accept what I propose or leave the project
12. to hit the road	H. to begin a journey
13. to be on the home stretch	I. to be approaching the end of something such as a task, a race or a journey
14. to have itchy feet	F. someone who finds it difficult to stay in one place and likes to travel and discover new places

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- A. After the recent riots, it was decided **not to rock the boat** by introducing strict measures.
- B. He decided **to paddle his own canoe** and set up his own business.
- C. Building a school before knowing the age of the population is **putting the cart before the horse**.
- D. Be prepared for tough negotiations with Dan. He **drives a hard bargain**.
- E. Andrew's **got itchy feet** again. He says he's going to teach in China for a few years.
- F. It's getting late and we've got a long way to go. Let's **hit the road**.
- G. Don't give up - we're **on the home stretch** now.
- H. He travelled the **highways and byways** looking for traces of his ancestors.
- I. You don't have much choice when someone says **it's my way or the highway**.
- J. I can't concentrate with all the noise - it's **driving me up the wall**.
- K. I can't stand **backseat drivers** like my mother-in-law!
- L. When the factory closed down, the workers all found themselves **in the same boat**.
- M. I managed to get my order through before the end of the special offer - but I nearly **missed the boat!**
- N. When organic food became popular, certain stores were quick **to jump on the bandwagon** and promote it.