



Idiom #10

Bark up the Wrong Tree



Barking up the wrong tree means picking the **wrong person** when it comes to **scolding** or **putting the blame** onto someone. This idiom comes from the figurative use of the verb **to bark** (which literally means the sound made by dogs) to refer to speaking harshly to someone, as in 'Don't **bark at** me for such a tiny mistake!'

Why are you scolding me? If you think your acorn is here, you're barking at the wrong tree: just turn around...