

The English we speak today

Fill in the gaps with a suitable phrase from the grid. There are 4 extra phrases.

A-game	slap-bang	clever clogs	shrinkflation
cough up	botch job	nothingburger	snap up
vanilla	sheeple	takes the biscuit	boomscrolling
sharenting	spoiler alert	new normal	bog standard

1. Well, to tell the truth, I still think the plot of this story is kinda _____.
I nearly fell asleep during the play.
2. I told you you should have hired a professional! Now we are stuck with this _____ and everything's falling apart!
3. You forgot my birthday, that's fine. But now you are telling me that we can't go anywhere this month because you lost all our money gambling. Now.... that _____!
4. Thank you for your ideas, Steve, but I really don't need your help just now. You're always such a _____, but I want to do this alone!
5. Do you fancy coming to the theatre with me? I've managed to _____ a couple of tickets for tomorrow's show.
6. Have you noticed? The _____ is that brides wear colourful dresses instead of white!
7. I'll never understand why people post so many photos of their kids online. This kind of _____ can't be sane!
8. Just put the new table _____ in the middle of the room, it'll look great there.
9. I was so nervous before the procedure that I had to take sedatives! But it turned out to be a _____ after all.
10. I hope the panel liked my performance, I really used my _____ throughout.
11. I don't want anything fancy, a _____ shower cubicle will do.
12. That's it, they've done it again! This pot of yoghurt is now 20% lighter than before. If that's not _____, I don't know what is!