

**Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with the words from the box:**

take up the slack choke back squabble drive a wedge pull their weight  
defuse getting under your partner's thumb telltale

1. In traditional patriarchal families it's usually the wife who has to \_\_\_\_\_ on her emotions in order to \_\_\_\_\_ conflict.
2. Some men still **balk at shoring up** their wives with household chores, while women have to work full time and \_\_\_\_\_ on the domestic end.
3. Siblings tend to \_\_\_\_\_ over jealousy and perceived favoritism when they fail to get unconditional love from parents.
4. **Unsolicited** attention from their in-laws can \_\_\_\_\_ a couple.
5. **Coercive** control and isolating you from friends and family is a \_\_\_\_\_ sign that your partner is an abuser.
6. There's a common misconception that making compromises means \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Single mothers usually rely on their family members to \_\_\_\_\_ if they need help with the children.