2 VOCABULARY Instinct and reason

a Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

subconsciously	on impulse	rational	spontaneous
gut instincts	think it over	~~weigh up~~	think twice

A How do you decide to buy something?
B Well, it depends on what it is.
A How do you mean?
B If it's a house, for instance, I'd [1] weigh up the advantages and disadvantages first and then [2]_____ for a while.
A So you tend to think logically?
B Yes, I suppose I'm a [3]_____ thinker. How about you?
A Well, I'd probably go with my [4]_____ in that situation.
B So you'd buy a house [5]_____, without thinking?
A Not necessarily, but I'd know that [6]_____ it was the right thing to do. Don't you ever take a [7]_____ decision?
B Yes, of course. I wouldn't [8]_____ about buying a new pair of shoes! I love to keep up with fashion!

b Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 She is always very *personable* / *reasonable* / *capable* and fair in her judgment.
2 A lot of students are *self-conscious* / *self-employed* / *selfish* when they make mistakes.
3 Japanese employees are renowned for being *conscious* / *conscientious* / *content*.
4 A lot of people are very *sensitive* / *senseless* / *sensible* and don't like criticism.
5 Some people are totally *emotional* / *rational* / *subjective* and don't allow feelings to interfere.
6 Actors appear to be *self-controlled* / *self-confident* / *selfless* but in fact they are often shy.
7 I am very generous whereas my brother is very *unconscious* / *self-conscious* / *money-conscious*.
8 The *senseless* / *sensitive* / *sensible* approach is to take our time and think it through.

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