Close-Up C1 – Unit 1 Vocabulary

Scaling the Heights

1. Match the words with their meaning.

Wise up	An intelligent person who is full of energy
A no-brainer	To simplify or reduce the intellectual content of something so as to make it accessible to a larger audience
Dumb down	To use your intelligence to get ahead
Box clever	Something that requires little mental effort
Streetwise	To become aware of or informed about something
A bright spark	To have the necessary knowledge to deal with modern urban life

2. Fill in the gaps with a suitable word from exercise 1.

a) My brother is travelling round Europe, but I'm not worried about him because he's very _____ and knows how to take care of himself.

b) Maria is _____; she always comes up with innovative ideas before anyone else.

c) Why do some newspapers _____ the words they use? Do they think their readers are not clever enough to understand challenging vocabulary?

d) Johnny, I've asked you three times to be quiet, now _____ and get on with your assignment.

e) Tim asked me if we should be doing anything to help the environment. I told him that was a _____ and that his question didn't even require an answer.

f) Not only is she extremely beautiful she is also a _____.

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