3 Complete the sentences with these words and phrases from the text.

as dull as ditchwater • bid their last farewells • brickbats • crowning achievement • dark horse • fell out with • fool the eye • pulls in big audiences • talks us through • there are no great fireworks • tying-up of loose ends • we'll just have to wait and see

a A rather literary way of writing that they say goodbye is .....

b When all of the story details are finally resolved, we talk of a .....

c A way of saying that something is not fantastically exciting or dramatic is

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d Another way of saying 'he explains it ' is to say 'he ..... it'.

e If there's a possibility that someone will win even if nobody expected them to, we can call them a .....

f If two people who once were friends disagreed about something, we can say that they ..... with each other.

g If we want to explain that a TV show is watched by a lot of people, we can say that it

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h We often call sharp criticisms ....., especially when they are made about actors, singers, etc.

i When we are tricked by things we see, we can say that they .....

j When we don't know what's going to happen and we want people to know this fact, we can say that .....

k When we want to describe somebody's greatest success in their profession, we can talk about their .....

l A rather literary way of saying that something is very boring is to say that it is

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