

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

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

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