4 Jackie and I have never really liked each other. For some reason we _____ because of a misunderstanding, and we never really became friends.
5 When Helen had to close her restaurant she lost quite a lot of money, but it didn't take her long to _____.
6 Thorpe was unmoved by the verdict. When the jury pronounced him guilty, he _____.
7 All right! _____. If it makes you angry I won't do it!
8 When the formalities are over we shall all be able to _____ and have a really good time.

112 hand (EI 222-5)

Complete the sentences by choosing the correct idiom.

1 Bob would repair your car for you. He used to work as a car mechanic and he likes to _____ by doing small repair jobs.
strengthen his hand *keep his hand in* *show his hand*
2 'Can you tell me Joe's new telephone number?' 'No, not _____. But I've got it written down somewhere.'
at hand *to hand* *off hand* *hands off*
3 'Who told you that Jane and Patrick are moving to Exeter?' 'I found out _____. Jane told me herself.'
at hand *at first hand* *off hand* *in hand*
4 I asked Mary if she had time to help with the exhibition, but she says she _____ already.
is putting her hand to the plough *has her hands full*
is forcing her hand
5 I need some help with these boxes. Could you possibly _____?
give me a big hand *give me a free hand* *give me a hand*
6 The new product was a failure and the firm lost orders _____.
cap in hand *hand over fist* *out of hand*

113 head (EI 225-6)

Explain the meaning of the idioms in *italics*.

I was so upset when the accident happened. I don't know how I managed to *keep my head*.
stay calm

1 Janet has *got it into her head* that she's not as physically fit as she ought to be, so she's joined a health club.

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2 I'm afraid I don't know much about computers, so what you're saying is *above my head.*
3 Sally has always *had a good head for figures.* She'd like to become an accountant.
4 Can you *make head or tail of* Uncle Ken's letter? I can't. Is he coming next week or isn't he?
5 If you haven't got much time, don't visit Mr Green today. He'll *talk your head off*!
6 Dave, stop *talking through the back of your head*! What you're saying is untrue and quite impossible.

114 heart, heel, leg (EI 226-8)

Which idiom describes the picture? Complete the sentences by choosing the correct idiom.



1 Tom's doing his homework but ____.
his heart's in his mouth
his heart isn't in it
he hasn't the heart



2 He's trying to learn the formulas ____.
at heart
to his heart's content
by heart



3 He's beginning to ____.
take heart
lose heart
break his heart



4 Someone criticized her and she's ____.
taken it to heart
broken her heart
set her heart on it

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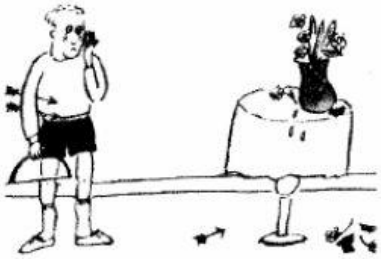
5 When the police arrived, the thieves ____ .
were down at heel
kicked their heels
took to their heels



6 His car ____ .
doesn't have a leg to stand on
is on its last legs
needs a leg up

115 neck (EI 228-9)

What's missing? Complete the sentences using an idiom from the list in the correct form.
be neck and neck
be up to the neck in something
break one's neck
breathe down someone's neck
get it in the neck



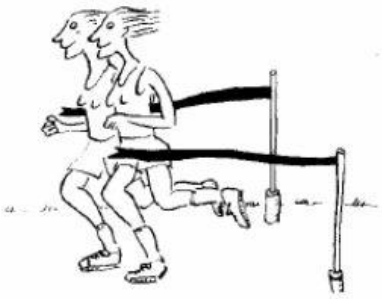
1 He'll ____ when his mother sees what he's done.



2 He fell down the steps and almost ____ .



3 She ____ in work.



4 The runners ____ right up to the finishing line.



5 I wish she'd stop ____ !

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