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EXERCISES

8.1 Une el inicio del modismo del lado izquierdo con su final del lado derecho.

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| 1 left holding the | <input type="checkbox"/> | a wall |
| 2 brick | <input type="checkbox"/> | b block |
| 3 stumbling | <input type="checkbox"/> | c music |
| 4 dire | <input type="checkbox"/> | d baby |
| 5 draw a | <input type="checkbox"/> | e barrel |
| 6 have you over a | <input type="checkbox"/> | f straits |
| 7 face the | <input type="checkbox"/> | g blank |

8.2 Pon las palabras en el orden correcto para hacer oraciones.

- ❖ done/ said/ Easier/ than
- ❖ too/ to/ Try/ spread/ thin/ not/ yourself
- ❖ I/ I/ foot/ it/ wish/ my/ put/ hadn't/ in
- ❖ a/ life/ older/ of/ Getting/ fact/ is
- ❖ straits/ The/ is/ company/ dire/ in
- ❖ life/ primary/ facts/ of/ the/ Children/ taught/ in/ school/ are

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8.3 ¿En qué modismos te hacen pensar estas imágenes?



8.4 Completa cada uno de estos modismos con una palabra.

- A. You'd better stop talking or you'll dig yourself into a deeper
- B. I hoped I'd find the address I needed in the library, but I drew a
- C. If you take on any more work, you'll be spreading yourself far too
- D. Stranded on the island with no money and no luggage, we were well aware that we were in dire
- E. The police explored a number of leads, but each time they came up against a brick
- F. Not having enough savings to set up a business was a major stumbling
- G. I wish I could leave my job, but they've got me over a

Over to you

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