

## 1 Match expressions 1-6 with definitions a-f

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| 1. keep on your best attitude | a. To maintain a positive and optimistic outlook in all situations.  |
| 2. cut school (work)          | b. A phrase used to describe a situation where someone is forced to make a decision quickly, often under extreme pressure or threat. |
| 3. have the guts to           | c. To skip classes without permission or justification.  |
| 4. gun to my head             | d. To add energy or excitement to something that has become dull or boring.  |
| 5. pump up                    | e. To possess the courage and determination needed to do something difficult or risky.   |
| 6. pump some life into        | f. To increase the intensity or volume of something, such as music or exercise.  |

## 2 Read the text and fill in the gaps with the expressions from exercise 1.

## The Ultimate Career Move

Once upon a time, there was a man named Tim who worked in a boring office job. He would often daydream about cutting **work** and doing something exciting instead. One day, he decided to take a chance and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ his day.

As he was walking down the street, he noticed a group of people gathered around a street performer. The performer was doing tricks with a basketball, and the crowd was cheering him on. Tim was so captivated by the performance that he forgot he was supposed to be at work.

Suddenly, a robber appeared out of nowhere with a gun to his head (a classic "gun to my head" moment). Tim panicked and tried to run away, but the robber chased after him. As he was running, Tim realized that he had to \_\_\_\_\_ stand up to the robber and defend himself.

With adrenaline pumping through his veins, Tim decided to fight back. He turned around and threw a punch at the robber, but missed and accidentally knocked the basketball out of the performer's hands.

The crowd gasped in shock, but Tim didn't give up. He grabbed the basketball and started to pump it up and down with all his might (a great "pump" moment). The robber was so confused that he stopped chasing Tim and started to watch in amazement.

Before he knew it, Tim was performing all sorts of tricks with the basketball. The crowd cheered him on, and even the robber started to dance along. Tim realized that he had found his calling as a street performer.

In the end, the police arrived and apprehended the robber. They were so impressed by Tim's basketball skills that they let him go with a warning for cutting work. From then on, Tim kept \_\_\_\_\_ and continued to \_\_\_\_\_ the volume with his street performances. He had learned that sometimes you just have to \_\_\_\_\_ to follow your dreams and take risks.

## Note!

While "cut work" is not a common expression in English, the phrase "cutting work" could be used to mean the act of not going to work without permission or calling in sick. However, it is important to note that cutting work without permission could result in disciplinary action or even termination, so it is not a recommended behavior.

