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SECTION 1

Describing people 1

Match the idioms on the left with the correct definitions on the right.

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| 1 absent-minded | a insincere, deceitful (e.g. agree when talking to someone but disagree behind their back) |
| 2 big-headed | b clever, intelligent |
| 3 brainy | c insensitive to criticism; not easily offended |
| 4 cheeky | d stupid, unintelligent |
| 5 hot-headed | e very forgetful; easily forgetting things |
| 6 nosy | f mean (with money) |
| 7 pig-headed | g rude, disrespectful (especially towards someone older, e.g. parents, teachers) |
| 8 thick | h stubborn; unwilling to listen to advice |
| 9 thick-skinned | i rich, wealthy |
| 10 tight-fisted | j get angry quickly; tending to do things without thinking |
| 11 two-faced | k conceited, boastful, self-important |
| 12 well off | l inquisitive, curious about others |

Write your answers here:

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Most double adjectives are joined by a hyphen. Notice how parts of the body are often used in idioms to describe people – *cheek, head, mind, nose, skin, face* and *fist*.