

Describing people 1

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

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*.