

Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with the words from the box:

take up the slack	choke back	squabble	drive a wedge	pull their weight
defuse	getting under your partner's thumb			telltale

1. In traditional patriarchal families it's usually the wife who has to _____ on her emotions in order to _____ conflict.
2. Some men still **balk at shoring up** their wives with household chores, while women have to work full time and _____ on the domestic end.
3. Siblings tend to _____ over jealousy and perceived favoritism when they fail to get unconditional love from parents.
4. **Unsolicited** attention from their in-laws can _____ between a couple.
5. **Coercive** control and isolating you from friends and family is a _____ sign that your partner is an abuser.
6. There's a common misconception that making compromises means _____.
7. Single mothers usually rely on their family members to _____ if they need help with the children.