

Complete the sentences with the correct noun form of the word in brackets.

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- a) The two events happened at the same time, which was a strange \_\_\_\_\_  
(coincide).
- b) Passing the final exam was a big \_\_\_\_\_ for her after months of studying.  
(achieve)
- c) Honesty and \_\_\_\_\_ are important qualities in a good friend. (kind)
- d) We need to make an urgent \_\_\_\_\_ on how to solve this problem. (decide)
- e) The country signed an \_\_\_\_\_ to stop the war. (agree)
- f) My uncle is a very experienced \_\_\_\_\_ in the field of education. (psychology)
- g) Her failure was a direct result of her lack of \_\_\_\_\_. (prepare)
- h) They have a strong business \_\_\_\_\_ that has lasted for years. (partner)
- i) The government announced a new \_\_\_\_\_ to improve public transport. (move)
- j) We must take immediate \_\_\_\_\_ to save the environment. (act)

Complete the sentences with the correct noun form of the word in brackets.

- A. give someone the cold shoulder
- B. pull someone's leg
- C. to be all ears
- D. lend someone a hand
- E. pick someone's brains
- F. do something behind someone's back

- 1. I found out that my classmates were planning a surprise party for me, but they did it \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ with moving these boxes? They're too heavy for me alone.
- 3. Don't worry! I'm just joking, I'm only trying to \_\_\_\_\_!
- 4. I was upset because my colleagues \_\_\_\_\_ and ignored me all day.
- 5. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ about your experience with learning English online.
- 6. When my friend wanted to tell me her secret, I was \_\_\_\_\_ to listen.

## **Choose the correct option**

### **Stuck your neck out for someone**

- a) Make someone feel annoyed or nervous
- b) Take a risk because you believe in someone
- c) Have complete control over someone

### **Be at each other's throats**

- a) Argue in an angry way with another person
- b) Tell someone about something that has been worrying you
- c) Refuse very firmly to do or to accept something

### **Have someone under your thumb**

- a) Have complete control over someone
- b) Take a risk because you believe in someone
- c) Make someone feel annoyed or nervous

### **Put your foot down**

- a) Refuse very firmly to do or to accept something
- b) Tell someone about something that has been worrying you
- c) Argue in an angry way with another person

### **Get something off your chest**

- a) Tell someone about something that has been worrying you
- b) Make someone feel annoyed or nervous
- c) Have complete control over someone

### **Get on someone's nerves**

- a) Make someone feel annoyed or nervous
- b) Take a risk because you believe in someone
- c) Argue in an angry way with another person

### **Complete the similes**

- a) as \_\_\_\_\_ as ice – very cold
- b) as brave as a \_\_\_\_\_ – very brave or courageous
- c) as busy as a \_\_\_\_\_ – very busy or active
- d) as clear as crystal/ \_\_\_\_\_ – very clear / very unclear
- e) as free as a \_\_\_\_\_ – completely free or unrestricted
- f) as easy as \_\_\_\_\_ – very easy
- g) as good as \_\_\_\_\_ – very good or well-behaved
- h) as safe as \_\_\_\_\_ – very safe or secure
- i) as solid as a \_\_\_\_\_ – very strong or dependable
- j) as \_\_\_\_\_ as a cucumber – very calm and relaxed
- k) as \_\_\_\_\_ as a daisy – very fresh, lively, or healthy
- l) as \_\_\_\_\_ as a mouse – very quiet