IDIOMS IN INFORMAL SPOKEN LANGUAGE

IDIOMS TYPICALLY USED IN CONVERSATIONS: REACTING TO NEWS AND EVENTS

Maria: Hi, Tara. You know Kerry's split up with Matt? Well, **the plot thickens**[1] – she's going out with James!
Tara: **I thought as much**[2]! I saw them together this morning.
Maria: **What is the world coming to**[3]? Matt's lovely! **Don't get me wrong**[4], James is gorgeous, but he's not a very nice person, and he's really boring. He needs to **get a life**[5]!
Tara: I know, **it will all end in tears**[6]! What does she see in him?
Maria: **You've got me there**[7]. Didn't you use to like him?
Tara: **Do me a favour**[8]! **I wouldn't trust him as far as I could throw him**[9]. He cheated on his last girlfriend, you know.
Maria: **Fair enough**[10]. I was only asking!
Tara: Oh well. **Time will tell**[11] whether they stay together or not.

MATCHING:

IDIOMS	MEANINGS
1. The plot thickens.	a. I thought so.
2. I thought as much!	b. Something has happened to make a strange situation even stranger.
3. What is the world coming to?	c. Said before you criticise someone, to make the criticism less severe.
4. Don't get me wrong.	d. Said when you are shocked by events.
5. Get a life.	e. It will end badly.
6. It will all end in tears!	f. Stop doing boring things and start doing exciting things.
7. You've got me there.	g. Said when you don't believe what someone has said or you disagree very much with it.
8. Do me a favour.	h. Said when you don't know the answer to a question.
9. I wouldn't trust him as far as I could throw him.	i. I accept your point of view.
10. Fair enough.	j. I do not trust him at all.
11. Time will tell...	k. The truth will become clear after a period of time.

LIVEWORKSHEETS