

3 WORDPOWER Idioms: Body parts

a  123 Complete the idioms with the words in the box. Listen and check.

shoulders hands tooth nose tongue head neck

- 1 Mark obviously has a _____ for business investment; he has never lost us any money yet.
- 2 I walked across to the photographers, shouting and yelling. I completely lost my _____.
- 3 Colleagues regard Mika as a safe pair of _____ who can be relied upon to step in when required.
- 4 It may happen, but I certainly wouldn't stick my _____ out and promise anything.
- 5 After five years training for this event, he's head and _____ above the competition.
- 6 I had to bite my _____ when my manager took credit for my work.
- 7 I will fight _____ and nail to prevent any scheme which threatens local livelihoods.



b Match idioms 1–7 in 3a with definitions a–g.

- a take a risk
- b try very hard to overcome opposition and get something you want
- c be good at finding a specific thing
- d stop yourself from saying something
- e lose control of your behaviour
- f someone other people trust to do a good job
- g be a lot better than other competitors