3 WORDPOWER Idioms: Body parts

a 1 2 3 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

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