

Language quiz

1 Idioms

Can you remember what these idioms mean?

- 1 If you really think you're right, you should *stick to your guns*.
- 2 When you talk to your boss, I think you ought to *speak your mind*.
- 3 It started to rain harder, but we *gritted our teeth* and carried on.
- 4 My husband and I *don't see eye to eye* about our children's education.
- 5 I don't think there's any doubt about who *wears the trousers* in their marriage!



2 Phrasal verbs

Replace the word or phrase in italics with a phrasal verb which means the same. Use the **bold** verb.

- 1 I've missed a few classes so I'll need to *get back to the same level as the other students*. **catch** _____
- 2 We'll have to *postpone* the meeting until next week. **put** _____
- 3 Your daughter *doesn't look or behave like* you at all! **take** _____
- 4 After her mother died, she *was cared for until she was older* by her grandmother. **bring** _____
- 5 My son wants to be a pilot when he *becomes an adult*. **grow** _____



4 Collocation

Circle the right word in each pair.

- 1 I *quite* / *completely* disagree with you.
- 2 He really *hurt* / *damaged* my feelings when he criticized the way I dressed.
- 3 I'm very *near* / *close* to my cousin Claudia – we tell each other everything.
- 4 I've got some *distant* / *far* relatives in Australia, but I've never met them.
- 5 The main disadvantage of working here is that there's no job *safety* / *security*.

