

Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with the words from the box:

take up the slack choke back drive a wedge pull their weight
defuse under their partner's thumb telltale whip up squabble

1. Those who compromise too much in their family end up right _____.
2. Differences in salary, savings and spending habits can _____ between the average couple, and, in some cases, can lead to the complete breakdown of a relationship.
3. When an argument flares up in a family, it's women who are supposed to _____ (on) their feelings and _____ tension with tact and grace.
4. When it comes to household chores, both partners have to _____ regardless of how much they contribute to the family budget.
5. **Coercive** control and isolating you from friends and family is a _____ sign that your partner is an abuser.
6. Children tend to _____ over jealousy and perceived favoritism when they fail to get **unconditional** love from parents.
7. Living with an extended family is preferable because they can _____ with children and economic difficulties.
8. But **unsolicited** advice from in-laws might _____ resentment and anger and put paid to a happy marriage.

