

**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.