

• to give someone a hand	• To give someone help.
• to keep one's fingers crossed	• To hope strongly that sth will happen.
• to lose one's head	• To lose control and not act in a calm way.
• to make somebody's hair stand on end	• To make a person or animal feel frightened
• to pull someone's leg	• To try to persuade smn to believe sth that is not true, as a joke.
• to put one's foot down	• To use your authority to stop sth happening

Complete and translate the idioms.

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1. Of course I won't tell Ann. I was only (teasing you)
2. Jenny wanted to have her nose pierced but her mother (stopped her)
3. I will ... that my sprained ankle will get better before the Sunday match. (hope)
4. When she realised she was bleeding, she ... and started to scream. (panicked)
5. The film was so scary it ... ! (frightened me)
6. I'm trying to dye my hair, but I haven't done it before. Can you ...? (help me)

- 1 *lost her head*
- 2 *put her foot down*
- 3 *pulling your leg*
- 4 *made my hair stand on end*
- 5 *give me a hand*
- 6 *keep my fingers crossed*

- 1 Laura wanted to go away for the weekend, but her father put his down.
A hand B toe C foot
- 2 Jenny is sitting an exam this morning, so keep your crossed.
A arms B fingers C legs
- 3 When Lucy's mum saw that her daughter had had her tongue pierced, she lost her!
A head B tongue C mind
- 4 The first terrifying fifteen minutes of the film made my stand on end!
A hair B head C ears
- 5 I want to curl my hair. Can you please give me a?
A hand B arm C leg
- 6 Are you serious or are you just pulling my?
A foot B leg C toe