

Architects – Animals

I do my best, but everything seems _____
Not feeling blessed, _____ the opposite
This shouldn't feel so _____
It never rains, but it _____
We're just a bunch of fucking animals
But we're afraid of the _____
Don't cry to me because the fiction that we're living in
Says I should pull the pin (*3)
I dug my heels, I thought that I could stop the _____
The ground gave way, now I've lost the _____
Fucked it again, that was all I've got
It never rains, but it _____
Life is just a dream within a
[Refrain]
_____ under dirt, a diamond in the _____
Infinity is waiting, 'cause nobody can burn a glass cathedral
[Refrain]

Vocabulary

- ❖ a bunch of
- ❖ to dig one's heels in
- ❖ to give way
- ❖ it never rains, but it pours
- ❖ to lose the plot
- ❖ not feeling blessed
- ❖ to pull the pin
- ❖ to stop the rot

Fill in the gaps

1. First my laptop crashed, then I missed my flight, and finally my wallet disappeared. Honestly, _____.
2. The manager tried to introduce a new schedule, but several employees _____ and refused to compromise.
3. We need to act now before the company's financial problems spread to every department. If we don't do something soon, we won't be able to _____.
4. After three hours of arguing, everyone was exhausted, nobody remembered what the original problem was, and I realised I'd completely _____.
5. The comedian described the audience as _____ exhausted adults who had no idea why they had come to the show.
6. He knew that sending that email could start a huge argument, but he was so angry that he decided to _____ anyway.
7. The old bridge seemed stable at first, but part of the structure suddenly _____ under the weight of the truck.
8. Everyone kept telling her how lucky she was to have such an exciting life, but she was _____; she felt completely miserable.

Choose the opposite meaning

Choose the option that is closest in meaning to the opposite of the expression in bold.

1. It never rains, but it pours

- A) Problems happen one after another.
- B) Everything goes wrong at the same time.
- C) Good things happen steadily, without one problem leading to another.
- D) A difficult situation suddenly becomes worse.

2. to dig one's heels in

- A) Refuse to change your position despite pressure.
- B) Become even more determined to get your way.
- C) Remain firmly opposed to a suggestion.
- D) Be willing to reconsider your position and compromise.

3. to stop the rot

- A) Allow a problem to spread further.
- B) Prevent a situation from deteriorating any further.
- C) Reverse a negative trend before it gets worse.
- D) Contain the damage before it becomes serious.

4. to lose the plot

- A) Understand exactly what is happening.
- B) Become confused about a situation.
- C) Lose track of the main point.
- D) Have no idea what someone is talking about.

5. a bunch of

- A) A large collection of people or things.
- B) A group of several people or things.
- C) A single person or object considered separately.
- D) A whole lot of something.

6. to pull the pin

- A) Trigger an action that is difficult or impossible to reverse.
- B) Set a destructive process in motion.
- C) Deliberately start something with potentially serious consequences.
- D) Prevent a dangerous situation from escalating before taking action.

7. to give way

- A) Remain firm under pressure.
- B) Collapse under pressure.

- C) Yield to force.
- D) Stop resisting and allow something to happen.

8. not feeling blessed

- A) Feel unhappy despite having reasons to be grateful.
- B) Feel fortunate and grateful for what you have.
- C) Feel as though life is treating you badly.
- D) Feel far from lucky or fortunate.

Speaking

1. Have you ever had a period in your personal life when several problems happened one after another? What happened, and how did you cope with everything?
2. Have you ever dug your heels in during an argument, only to realise later that you might have been wrong? What happened?
3. Have you ever noticed a problem in your personal life getting gradually worse and decided that you had to stop the rot before it became more serious?
4. Have you ever been so stressed, tired or overwhelmed that you completely lost the plot? What caused it, and how did you eventually regain control?
5. Who would you describe as a bunch of people who have played an important role in your life? What makes this group special to you?
6. Have you ever reached a point in a relationship, friendship, job or personal situation when you felt you had to pull the pin and make a decision that would change everything?
7. Have you ever been under so much pressure that you felt you were about to give way? What was putting pressure on you, and what helped you keep going?
8. What kinds of situations make you feel not particularly blessed, even if other people might think you have a good life?
9. When it never rains, but it pours in your life, do you usually stay calm or lose the plot?
10. Is it better to dig your heels in and fight through a difficult situation, or pull the pin and walk away?
11. Do you think everyone eventually gives way under enough pressure, or are some people capable of staying strong no matter what happens?