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1. To catch a Tartar is to
   a) catch a dangerous person
   b) encounter a person who is too strong for the assailant
   c) catch a criminal with great difficulty
   d) live carefully and cautiously

2. If something happens out of the blue,
   a) it happens when you are not expecting it
   b) it happens when you don’t want it to happen
   c) it happens when you expect it to happen
   d) it never happens

3. To play fast and loose is
   a) to be narrow minded
   b) to play a good game
   c) to act in an unreliable manner
   d) to defeat a person
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4. To wear one’s heart on one’s sleeves is
   a) to show one’s innermost feelings
   b) to be most intimate
   c) to love passionately
   d) to do the right thing

5. To show the white feather is
   a) to try to be beautiful
   b) to perform a good deed
   c) to show courage before the enemy
   d) to act like a coward

6. To ruffle someone’s feathers is to
   a) annoy or upset them
   b) impress them with your performance
   c) praise them
   d) cheat them

7. If something is right up your street,
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a) it is ideal for your skills or interests
b) it is readily available in your street
c) it is suitable for you
d) it is within your reach

8. If something is run-of-the-mill, it is

a) quite ordinary
b) extra ordinary
c) beautiful
d) surprising

Answers

1. b) encounter a person who is too strong for the assailant
2. a) it happens when you are not expecting it
3. c) to act in an unreliable manner
4. a) to show one’s innermost feelings
5. d) to act like a coward
6. a) annoy or upset them
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7. a) it is ideal for your skills or interests

8. a) quite ordinary