

This exercise tests your understanding of common idiomatic expressions in English. Fill in the blanks.

1. His jokes fell

- apart
- flat
- off

If something falls flat it fails to produce the intended result.

2. When his friend was in trouble, he took up the on his behalf.

- weapons
- cudgels
- armor

To take up the cudgels is to defend or support somebody.

3. By endorsing that forged document, he cut his own

- head
- neck
- throat

To cut your own throat is to behave in a way that will cause harm to you.

4. Once she entered the show business she seemed to carry all her.

- over
- before
- in front of

To carry all before one is to be completely successful.

5. It is always bad manners to over your opponent.

- thump
- crow
- hoot

To crow over is to exult loudly.

6. Her beauty took my away.

- heart
- mind
- breath

When something takes your breath away you are very much surprised by it.

7. Parental property is the of contention between the brothers.

- bone
- skeleton
- ghost

The bone of contention is the cause of dispute.

8. When I met him at the party, he cut me

- up
- out
- dead

To cut someone dead is to insult them by ignoring them deliberately.

9. There is no harm in using social media, but you must draw the somewhere.

- mark
- line
- circle

To draw the line is to fix the limits.

10. My wife and I do not always

hold hand to hand

hear ear to ear

see eye to eye

To see eye to eye is to agree with.

11. He lost the game but put a brave on it.

heart

face

smile

To put a brave face on something is to accept an unpleasant experience courageously.

12. He is a far from his idealistic brother.

distant

cry

away

To be a far cry is to be very different.

PLAY AGAIN !

Answers

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