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- a) dabbling
- b) plying
- c) putting up
- d) grappling

2. She's recently experienced a number of personal problems but seems to be taking it all in her _____ and shows the same enthusiasm for life as ever.

- a) pride
- b) stride
- c) -
- d) hand

3. I have no idea how they will react to the news, so we'll just have to play it _____.

- a) off by heart
- b) from memory
- c) by ear
- d) safe

4. They were finally forced to _____ up to the truth. Their marriage was a failure.

- a) live
- b) give
- c) make it
- d) face

5. Many governments are now taking _____ to reduce smoking in public places.

- a) steps
- b) offence
- c) sides
- d) over

6. Here are some tips on the best way to _____ problem employees.

- a) hinder
- b) humiliate
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- d) hamper

ANSWERS:

1. New Orleans is a city still _____ with the task of rebuilding itself.

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- b) plying
- c) putting up
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a) This is incorrect. To dabble in something means to do something but not in a very serious way. Try again!

b) This is incorrect. To ply someone with something means to give someone a lot of something. Try again!

c) This is incorrect. To put up with something means to tolerate something. Try again!

d) Well done! This is the correct answer.

2. She's recently experienced several personal disasters but seems to be taking it all in her _____ and shows the same enthusiasm for life as ever.

- a) pride
- b) stride
- c) -
- d) hand

a) This is not the correct expression. Pride is the good feeling you have when you achieve something. Try again!

b) Well done! This is the correct answer.

c) This is incorrect. To take something in means to understand something. Try again!

d) This is not the correct expression. If something is in hand this means it is being dealt with. Try again!

3. I have no idea how they will react to the news so we'll just have to play it _____.

- a) off by heart
- b) from memory
- c) by ear
- d) safe

a) This is incorrect. Off by heart means from memory. Try again!

b) This is not correct. If you play a piece of music from memory, you play it without reading the music. Try again!

c) Well done! This is the correct answer.

d) This is incorrect. To play safe means to be cautious and not take risks in what you are doing in order to avoid problems. Try again!

4. They were finally forced to _____ up to the truth. Their marriage was a failure.

- a) live
- b) give
- c) make it
- d) face

- a) This is incorrect. To live up to means to be as good as expected. Try again!
- b) This is incorrect. To give up something means to stop doing something. Try again!
- c) This is incorrect. To make up something means to invent something. Try again!
- d) This is the correct answer. Well done.

5. Many governments are now taking _____ to reduce smoking in public places.

- a) steps
- b) offence
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- a) Well done! This is the correct answer.
- b) This is incorrect. To take offence means to be offended. Try again!
- c) This is incorrect. To take sides means to give your support to someone in an argument. Try again!
- d) This is incorrect. To take over something means to gain control of something. Try again!

6. Here are some tips on the best way to _____ problem employees.

- a) hinder
- b) humiliate
- c) handle
- d) hamper

- a) This is incorrect. To hinder someone from doing something means to prevent someone from making progress in what they are doing. Try again!
- b) This is incorrect. To humiliate someone means to make someone feel ashamed and embarrassed. Try again!
- c) Well done! This is the correct answer.
- d) This is incorrect. To hamper something means to prevent something from progressing well. Try again!