

What do you have your hands, eyes or mouth for?

You obviously have your hands for handing things! You have your eyes for eyeing people and you have your mouth for mouthing words!

Let me tell you a story.

Everybody loves getting presents and so do I! Recently, to my utter astonishment, my wife has handed (1) me a small box. I eyed (2) both her and the box suspiciously and all I could do was mouth (3) the words: "Oh my God!"

Only then did I recall her mouthing (4) some promises after I mouthed off (5) about not getting anything the previous year. Feeling attacked and always being ready to face off (6), she responded aggressively with: "Back off (7)! There's no need to yell at me!"

Because of all the excitement I backed (8) against the wall, exhilarated. Facing (9) the facts, it was obvious then what I needed to do. I backed down on (10) complaints about my wonderful wife and mouthed (11) words of admiration to her. I didn't expect anything, so any present would have been a surprise for me. I got tickets to a concert of my favourite band!

Having opened the gift, I headed (12) immediately for the present for her. I knew that a squeezer headed (13) her list of wishes and I had bought one in advance. The shopping was crazy! I had to shoulder (14) and elbow (15) my way through a crowd of people to get what I wanted.

When I was handing (16) the nicely wrapped box, I thought the squeezer was nothing compared to the tickets. I was wondering whether to leg it (17) or shoulder (18) the responsibility for my choices but, in fact, I had no other way but to face the music (19). "She might not want to divorce me..." – I thought. She fingered (20) the present carefully as if trying to find out what that was but suddenly she cheerfully exclaimed that she had nosed (21) the present out a month ago!

Fortunately, we weren't heading (22) for divorce. As she unwrapped the present, she rewarded me with a big kiss and invited me to foot (23) the bill in a restaurant! I hoped I would be able to stomach (24) it if you know what I mean...

Meaning of:

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| 1) gave | 13) was at the top |
| 2) looked | 14) push people with your shoulder |
| 3) move lips without making any sound | 15) push people with your elbow |
| 4) saying empty promises | 16) giving |
| 5) complained | 17) run away |
| 6) be ready to argue | 18) accept |
| 7) stop | 19) accept punishment for something I have done |
| 8) leaned | 20) touched |
| 9) accepting | 21) found |
| 10) withdrew | 22) going in the direction of |
| 11) moved lips without making any sound | 23) pay |
| 12) went in the direction of | 24) both 1) like the food 2) have enough money to pay |

Complete the missing words: foot, elbow, hand, finger, nose, face, mouth, eye, head, back, shoulder, stomach, leg.

- 1) She _____ the gift to me.
She _____ me the gift.
- 2) He couldn't help _____ the cakes hungrily.
They _____ us with alarm.
- 3) He _____ a few obscenities at us and then moved off.
They're just _____ empty slogans.
She _____ off about the quality of the service.
- 4) He _____ against the wall, terrified.
Her parents _____ her in her choice of career.
Doctors have _____ plans to raise the tax on cigarettes.
As the riot police approached the crowd _____ off.
- 5) Where are we _____?
Can you forecast where the economy is _____?
She has been appointed to _____ the research team.
Italy _____ the table after two games.
- 6) The company is _____ a financial crisis.
She's _____ with a difficult decision.
It's not always easy to _____ the truth.
She had to _____ the fact that her life had changed forever.
Let's _____ it, we're not going to win.
The others all ran off, leaving me to _____ the music.
The candidates are preparing to _____ off on TV tonight.
- 7) You will have to _____ the responsibility of your action.
There are women who _____ the double burden of childcare and full-time work.
- 8) Once again it will be the taxpayer who has to _____ the bill.
- 9) I can't _____ violent films.
I find him very hard to _____.
- 10) Reporters _____ out all the details of the affair.
- 11) Gary sat _____ his beard, saying nothing.
- 12) We saw the police coming and _____ it down the road.
- 13) She _____ me out of the way to get to the front of the line.
He _____ his way through the crowd.