

Body Language

1. Work in pairs. Choose the correct definition for each idiom.

1 to pull someone's leg

a) to play a joke on someone b) to make someone fall over

2 to see eye to eye

a) to be the same height as someone else b) to agree with someone

3 to be up to your eyes in work

a) to find work too difficult b) to have too much work

4 to laugh your head off

a) to laugh a lot b) to be embarrassed

5 to know a place like the back of your hand

a) to be lost b) to know a place very well

6 to have green fingers

a) to be jealous b) to be good at gardening

7 to breathe down someone's neck

a) to give someone a fright b) to watch someone very closely

8 to have cold feet

a) to be anxious about something b) to be confident



2. Now try to find the correct completion for each joke.

- 1 Why do you walk with a limp?
- 2 Why didn't the Inuit turn up for his wedding?
- **3** Why don't you see eye to eye with your brother?
- 4 Why can't the optician come to our party?
- 5 Why do you take your gloves off when you get lost?
- **6** Why do Martians make good gardeners?
- 7 Why do you wear a scarf in the office?
- 8 What happens if you tell a joke to a ghost?

- **A** He got cold feet at the last moment and couldn't go through with it.
- **B** Because I know this city like the back of my hand.
- **C** Because she's up to her eyes in work.
- **D** Because they've got green fingers.
- **E** He'll laugh his head off.
- F He's 50 centimetres taller than me
- **G** Because the boss is always breathing down my neck.
- **H** Because my sister's always pulling my leg.