

BODY – PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Match the expressions on the left with their definitions on the right.

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| 1 | to have a sweet tooth | a | people will tend to be like their ancestors, good or bad |
| 2 | head over heels in love | b | struggle energetically and with great determination |
| 3 | to fight tooth and nail | c | very much in love with someone |
| 4 | to be all thumbs | d | to confess something, to tell a necessary truth |
| 5 | to have an itchy palm | e | to be listening eagerly and carefully |
| 6 | to make a clean breast of something | f | a funny feeling, as if you were going to cry |
| 7 | to get / have a lump in one's throat | g | feel young in spite of the actual age |
| 8 | to be young at heart | h | to tend to ask for tips (placing money in the palm) |
| 9 | to be all ears | i | to have a preference for sweet foods |
| 10 | blood will tell | j | very awkward and clumsy |

Fill in the gaps with suitable expressions.

He was a tall, willowy youth, with long, lank **11** h_____ and a vacant expression.

His **12** m_____ was dry with fear, sweat beaded on his **13** f_____, and his **14** k_____ knocked together.

The human **15** s_____ is badly designed for walking on two **16** l_____, and middle age often brings back problems.

He was an enormous man, with a big beer-**17** b_____, **18** th_____ like tree-trunks and **19** h_____ like hams.

She grew from a skinny, toothy adolescent into a gorgeous young woman with a perfect **20** f_____.

Choose the right meaning of these metaphors.

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| <p>21 He has set up a body called the Security Council.</p> <p>a a community b an organization c a business d a structure</p> <p>22 He will head a provisional government.</p> <p>a execute b form c put together d lead</p> <p>23 Although your heart is breaking, you must face the truth that the romance has ended.</p> <p>a accept b tell c follow d bring</p> <p>24 This work has kept his name in the public eye.</p> <p>a on the radio b on TV c in the press d he was receiving a lot of public attention</p> <p>25 He has always had a good ear for accents and dialects.</p> <p>a good hearing b good understanding c ability to interpret and reproduce d knowledge</p> | <p>26 My heart goes out to you.</p> <p>a I sympathize very deeply with b I am leaving c I decided to help d I feel odd</p> <p>27 Let me know if you need a hand!</p> <p>a someone to help you b a friend c an artificial limb d a new experience</p> <p>28 He is your closest blood relative.</p> <p>a a person you marry b your stepbrother c father-in-law d next of kin</p> <p>29 What can she do if her husband has no backbone?</p> <p>a no second job b no extra income c is weak and useless d no backyard</p> <p>30 I felt in my bones that something was badly wrong.</p> <p>a sure without a logical reason b absolutely sure c at a loss d a shiver running down my spine</p> |
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