


A Read the sentences with your partner. Can you work out what the underlined words mean?

- The Council's decision to close the sports centre is seen as a slap in the face by the local community.
- Not getting the shop was bad news for Olivia but she took it on the chin and tried to think of other ways she could start up her clothing business.
- That's great news that you've got a job at the newspaper - at least you've got your foot in the door.
- This is a very busy hospital. We need a doctor who can keep their head when things get stressful.
- There was a strange atmosphere at football coaching tonight - and the coach gave me the cold shoulder. I don't know why.
- I'll try and keep my ear to the ground about the local schools, and I'll let you know if I hear anything interesting.
- My grandma has the most colourful cottage garden. She really does have green fingers.
- Phil's got a bee in his bonnet about the family buying a holiday home in Italy. He thinks it'll be a great investment too.


B Choose the correct word to complete the gap in the following sentences.

- It feels strange coming back to this part of town. I haven't been in this _____ of the woods for years.
 a shoulder b neck c knee
- Maria is so busy at work at the moment. She's up to her _____ in paperwork.
 a eyes b nose c neck
- I noticed that Pete was all _____ when we started talking about our trip to South America in the summer.
 a eyes b ears c mouth
- I felt that Chris was putting _____ into Tina's mouth about the problems with the flat. It didn't feel like she meant what she was saying.
 a verbs b phrases c words
- Laura can wrap her boyfriend round her little _____. He does whatever she says!
 a toe b thumb c finger
- The new musical has taken London by _____. It's had fantastic reviews.
 a lightning b storm c sunshine