

Word Power

A. Underline the **idioms** in the following sentences and write their meanings.

1. My younger sister's tantrums drive everyone up the wall.
2. I am so excited that we are going to Manali for five days, but the icing on the cake is that my best friend and her family are also going with us!
3. It's not a good idea to burn bridges with anyone after having your work done.
4. My uncle is so powerful that he can buy a private jet at the drop of a hat.
5. My mother tried to explain to me that I would understand our maid's plight only if I were in her shoes.

B. Underline the pair of words that follows the pattern according to the example given. The first one has been done for you.

1. tall : short
 - i. smooth : rough
 - ii. pale : dull
 - iii. weak : frail
2. dark : light
 - i. big : large
 - ii. comprehensive : lengthy
 - iii. cold : hot
3. brush : paint
 - i. black : white
 - ii. shoes : socks
 - iii. keyboard : type

4. Nissan : car
 - i. Computer : mouse
 - ii. Telephone : call
 - iii. Dell : computer
5. Astronaut : spaceship
 - i. Water : sea
 - ii. Naval officer : ship
 - iii. Land : sea
6. Doctor : patients
 - i. Gardener : garden
 - ii. Teacher : students
 - iii. School : building

Answers

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1. My younger sister's tantrums drive everyone up the wall.
make everyone crazy
2. I am so excited that we are going to Manali for five days, but the icing on the cake is that my best friend and her family are also going with us!
the better (or best) part about the situation
3. It's not a good idea to burn bridges with anyone after having your work is done.
spoil relations with
4. My uncle is so powerful that he can buy a private jet at the drop of a hat.
very quickly
5. My mother tried to explain to me that I would understand our maid's plight only if I were in her shoes.
live or be in the same situation as the other person

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