

■ Fill in the gaps in sentences 1-8 using the words and phrases below:

be handed everything on a plate

have enough on one's plate

fork out

spoon-feed

go under the knife

dish out

cut the atmosphere

with a knife

- Q1.** The cook a plate of stew to every soldier, which they all ate contentedly as they were very hungry.
- Q2.** Elsa already last year, with running the restaurant and looking after two small children on her own. But when she found out she was pregnant again, things got even more difficult.
- Q3.** Jimmy had always, so when he left university and had to get a job in the real world, he found it a great upheaval.
- Q4.** Maggie needed a new computer but couldn't the necessary money because she was still paying off the repairs to her car.
- Q5.** That agony aunt always used to her advice on the radio, but now she is semi-retired you can still find her online.
- Q6.** When Jimmy went to university, he struggled with the work load and eventually dropped out, as he had been used to his teachers him everything back when he was at school.
- Q7.** After suffering with his condition for a long time, Stanley finally last year and he is very pleased with the results now.
- Q8.** When I arrived late at the party, you could have Everyone had clearly just had a big argument.

ANSWERS

- A1.** The cook **dished out** a plate of stew to every soldier, which they all ate contentedly as they were very hungry.
- A2.** Elsa already **had enough on her plate** last year, with running the restaurant and looking after two small children on her own. But when she found out she was pregnant again, things got even more difficult.
- A3.** Jimmy had always **been handed everything on a plate**, so when he left university and had to get a job in the real world, he found it a great upheaval.
- A4.** Maggie needed a new computer but couldn't **fork out** the necessary money because she was still paying off the repairs to her car.
- A5.** That agony aunt always used to **dish out** her advice on the radio, but now she is semi-retired you can still find her online.
- A6.** When Jimmy went to university, he struggled with the work load and eventually dropped out, as he had been used to his teachers **spoon-feedin** him everything back when he was at school.
- A7.** After suffering with his condition for a long time, Stanley finally **went under the knife** last year and he is very pleased with the results now.
- A8.** When I arrived late at the party, you could have **cut the atmosphere with a knife**. Everyone had clearly just had a big argument.