

Identifying Meanings

Each pair of expressions has a similar meaning. Match the letter of the correct meaning from the box to each pair.

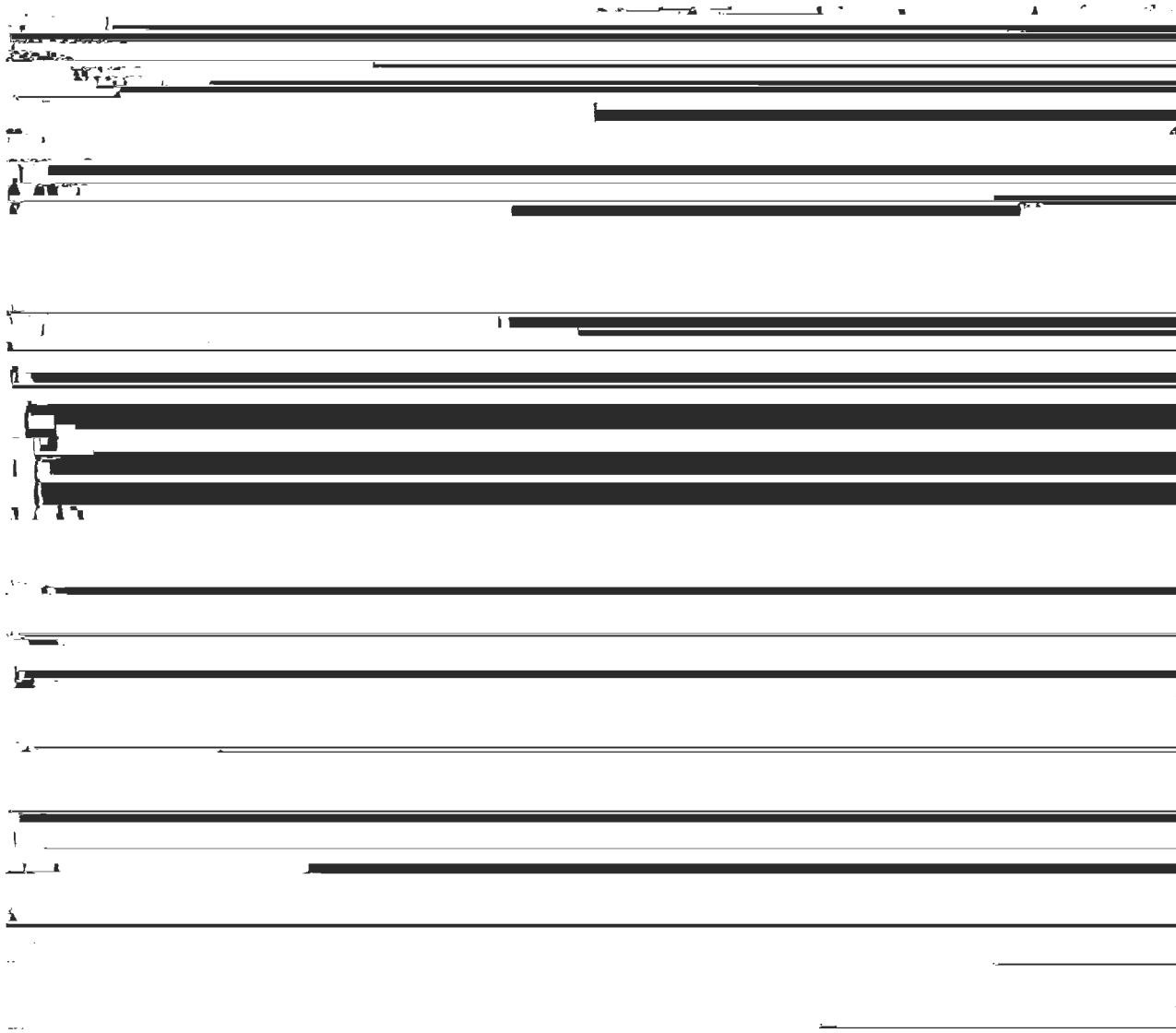
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| a. someone who's in charge | e. behavior that is offending or upsetting |
| b. acting without reason | f. cause trouble |
| c. having a troubling problem | g. someone you shouldn't trust |
| d. lose your temper | h. save something |

1. stir up a hornet's nest
open a can of worms
2. hit the ceiling
blow up
3. rubbed me the wrong way
left a bad taste in my mouth
4. top banana
high man on the totem pole
5. salt it away
keep it for a rainy day
6. lose your head
put off the deep end

8. between a rock and a hard place
in a pickle

a back stabber

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box to each pair.

- 7. up in arms
- a. being ^{beside yourself} very upset about something
- b. draw attention away from someone else to yourself
- c. a situation where there is no hope
- d. disappoint or discourage someone
- e. envious; jealous
- f. if you say you believe in something, then you should act that way
- g. easy, enjoyable situation
- h. cowardly

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e. spend a lot of money on something

f. to start something

g. understand how someone else feels

h. don't be ungrateful

2. Put the shoe on the other foot.