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| **A.** After cleaning the house, shopping for dinner, and preparing dinner, Carla was sick of **bending over backwards** to gain her mother-in-law’s love. | **Answer:** C. Carla did a lot to gain her mother-in-law’s love.  
**Definition:** to try very hard to do something |
| **B.** Patty, my baby sister, ruins all the fun. She cries at the drop of a hat. | **Answer:** B. Patty cries easily and often.  
**Definition:** immediately; instantly |
| **C.** Deciding on who is the better artist, Michael Jackson or Elvis, is like comparing apples and oranges. | **Answer:** B. The two artists are so different from one another that they cannot be compared.  
**Definition:** when two items or groups of items are compared that cannot be practically compared |
| **D.** Sue shouted at her kid brother, Rob, for riding her bike without asking. Rob smiled because he knew that her **bark was worse than her bite**. | **Answer:** C. Rob thinks that Sue is loud but not dangerous.  
**Definition:** something is not as threatening or frightening as it seems |
| **E.** You forgot to feed my fish while I was on vacation! All my fish have **kicked the bucket**! | **Definition:** to die |
| **F.** The repairman cut corners by gluing the bookshelf together instead of nailing it together. | **Definition:** to do something in the easiest or cheapest way by skipping something important |
| **G.** Maria worked on her feet for 12 hours. All she could think about was **hitting the sheets** when she got home. | **Definition:** to go to bed |
| **H.** Tony’s dog ate Tony’s winning lottery ticket. I told him there’s no use in **crying over spilled milk**. | **Definition:** to complain about a loss from the past. |
| **I.** Add fuel to the fire  
**J.** Keep your eye on  
**K.** Work around the clock |   |
add fuel to the fire- to make a bad situation worse
keep your eye on- to watch someone or something or stay informed about the person’s behavior, esp. to keep someone out of trouble:
work around the clock- all the time
bending over backwards- to try very hard to do something
at the drop of a hat- immediately; instantly
comparing apples and oranges- when two items or groups of items are compared that cannot be practically compared
bark was worse than the bite- something is not as threatening or frightening as it seems
kicked the bucket- to die
cut corners- to do something in the easiest or cheapest way by skipping something important
hitting the sheets- to go to bed
crying over spilled milk- to complain about a loss from the past.