The proof is in the pudding

1. Complete the sentences 1 to 12 with the expressions below and then write the definitions of the expressions using your own words.

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- A piece of cake
- A smart cookie
- As sweet as honey
- The cream of the crop
- To eat humble pie
- Half baked
- The icing on the cake
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- To have a finger in every pie
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8. She has very strong opinions and she doesn't try ________________ them.
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10. The producers of the advert had ________________ and apologize for misinterpreting the facts.
11. The trouble with some of John's ideas is that some of them are good, but a lot of them are ________________ and can't be used.
12. I hear Lisa's got _________________. She is due in 5 months.

2. Definitions:

1. ________________
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