

Actions speak louder than words

1. Complete the idioms below with the missing verbs and then match them to their definitions on the right (a-i):

Break, eat, get, hang, have, put, twist, waste, weigh

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| 1) Not to _____ a word in edgeways | a) To speak briefly to someone |
| 2) To _____ someone's words | b) To choose one's words carefully |
| 3) To _____ one's words | c) To waste time and effort speaking to someone |
| 4) To _____ one's words | d) To fail to act as one has promised |
| 5) To _____ on someone's words | e) To misrepresent what someone has said |
| 6) To _____ a word with someone | f) To not be able to say anything because someone else is talking all the time |
| 7) To _____ one's word | g) To pay close attention to what someone is saying |
| 8) To _____ in a good word for someone | h) To praise or recommend someone to a third party |
| 9) To _____ words on someone | i) To retract what one has said |

2. Now with your partner answer the questions below. Give your partner as much detail as possible and hang on every word they say or they might think they are just wasting their words. Don't forget to complete the idioms with the missing verbs (test your memory and try not to look up)

When was the last time?

- 1) Someone _____ in a good word for you
- 2) Someone _____ your words
- 3) Someone you trust _____ their word
- 4) You thought you _____ words on someone
- 5) You couldn't _____ a word in edgeways
- 6) You didn't _____ your words carefully enough and ended up in trouble as a result
- 7) You had to _____ your words
- 8) You were so full of admiration for someone that you _____ on their words
- 9) Your teacher/ boss _____ a word with you because you didn't work hard enough