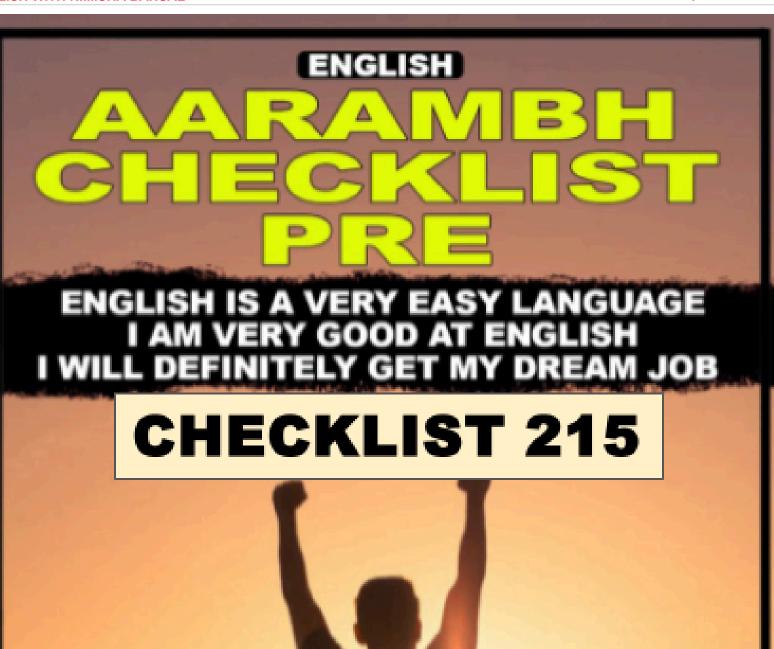
ENGLISH WITH NIMISHA BANSAL



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Directions (1-10): Identify the word(s) that are closest in meaning to the phrase or idiom given in bold. If none of the options convey the correct meaning, choose (e).

- **1.** When John was asked a difficult question during the presentation, he looked **like a deer in headlights**.
- (a) Carefully thinking before answering
- (b) Frozen with surprise or fear, unable to react
- (c) Looking confident and calm
- (d) Moving quickly to avoid embarrassment
- (e) Trying to change the subject abruptly
- 2. Sarah was on pins and needles waiting for the exam results to be announced.
- (a) Feeling excited and happy
- (b) Being extremely anxious or nervous
- (c) Physically uncomfortable due to the posture
- (d) Calmly waiting without any worries
- (e) Preparing for a celebration
- **3.** Despite the chaos around her, Lisa managed to **play it cool** during the emergency.
- (a) Act with calmness under pressure
- (b) Ignore the situation
- (c) Panic but try to hide it
- (d) Act confused to avoid responsibility
- (e) Get angry but stay silent
- 4. The crowd held their breath as the final minutes of the match ticked away.
- (a) To cheer when something exciting happens
- (b) To stop breathing completely
- (c) To wait anxiously and silently for something important

- (d) To prepare physically for an event
- (e) To express disappointment quietly
- **5.** I had to **bite my tongue** during the meeting to avoid saying something rude.
- (a) To carefully choose words before speaking
- (b) To stop yourself from saying something inappropriate
- (c) To speak sharply to make a point
- (d) To chew nervously while thinking
- (e) To ask someone else to speak instead
- **6.** After the disagreement with his boss, Mark decided to **keep a low profile** at the office for a few days.
- (a) To change departments immediately
- (b) To openly discuss the issue with others
- (c) To loudly express one's opinions
- (d) To avoid attracting attention
- (e) To work extra hours to prove oneself
- **7.** During the exam, when asked to name all the countries in Africa, Raj suddenly **drew a blank** and couldn't remember a single one.
- (a) To refuse to attempt answering the question
- (b) To answer confidently with incomplete knowledge
- (c) To fail to remember or recall any information
- (d) To write an answer with no mistakes
- (e) To copy someone else's answer silently
- 8. Even after hearing the disappointing news, Priya kept a stiff upper lip.
- (a) To talk about one's problems with friends
- (b) To express feelings openly and seek support
- (c) To become angry and confront others
- (d) To ignore the situation completely
- (e) To remain brave and composed without showing emotions

- **9.** While the manager was away on a business trip, Anita was asked to **hold the fort**.
- (a) To temporarily take responsibility and manage affairs
- (b) To temporarily defend one's position
- (c) To let others handle the situation
- (d) To organize a demonstration
- (e) To delegate all tasks with enthusiasm
- **10.** Although the team faced several setbacks, the captain advised everyone to **keep their powder dry** until the right moment to act arrived.
- (a) To stay cautious while maintaining preparedness for future challenges
- (b) To remain patient and ready for the appropriate moment to act
- (c) To avoid engagement altogether until absolutely necessary
- (d) To hold back emotions and avoid revealing intentions prematurely
- (e) To maintain a defensive stance while planning countermeasures

## **ANSWER**

1.Ans: (b)

**Explanation:** Like a deer in headlights means being stunned or frozen with fear or surprise, unable to react.

2.Ans: (b)

**Explanation:** On pins and needles means feeling very anxious or nervous, especially while waiting for something important.

3.Ans: (a)

**Explanation:** *Play it cool* means to stay calm and composed, not showing panic or strong emotions.

4.Ans: (c)

**Explanation:** Hold your breath means to wait in anxious silence, anticipating the outcome.

5.Ans: (b)

**Explanation:** *Bite your tongue* means to restrain yourself from speaking, especially to avoid causing offense.

6.Ans: (d)

**Explanation:** Keep a low profile means to stay quiet and avoid drawing attention to yourself.

7.Ans: (c)

**Explanation:** *Draw a blank* means to be unable to remember or think of anything, especially when trying to recall information.

8.Ans: (e) Explanation: Keep a stiff upper lip means to stay brave and unemotional during difficult or upsetting times.
9.Ans: (a) Explanation: Hold the fort means to take charge temporarily and keep things running smoothly in someone else's absence.
<b>10. Ans: (b) Explanation:</b> <i>Keep one's powder dry</i> means to be patient and prepared, delaying action until the best moment.







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