

## FIRST – VOCABULARY – IDIOMS AND PHRASES ABOUT LOVE

Fill in the sentences with the words from the box:

*a face only a mother could love    tough love   cupboard love   labour of love*  
*love him to bits    for the love of Pete   everybody loves a lord*  
*no love lost between    for love nor money   send her love*

- 1) He prefers to work on his car by himself - it's a real \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) I suspected all along it was just \_\_\_\_\_, and what really interested him was her fame and fortune .
- 3) Although the prince was vulgar and unpleasant, he always received plenty of invitations to social gatherings-\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) The poor child has\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) He's irresponsible and unreliable. I wouldn't give him a job \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) Jane's the most wonderful person in my family. I \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) There's \_\_\_\_\_ those two. It was all over when Nancy entered the scene.
- 8) Mom asked me to \_\_\_\_\_ to you and the rest of your family.
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ is the only approach to make people responsible for their actions.
- 10) Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ . Do we have to go over this again?

Match the phrases 1-10 with meanings A - K.

- a) People are attracted to the wealthy and powerful.
- b) Love that you give in order to get something from someone if
- c) An activity that is hard work but that you do because you enjoy it
- d) To give a message of affection from you to someone else
- e) Pleading exclamation
- f) To love something or somebody very much
- g) They do not like each other
- h) Very ugly face
- i) Helping someone to change their behaviour by treating them in a very severe way
- k) It is impossible to do or that you will not do it whatever happens

**solutions**

1) *He prefers to paint the house himself - it's a real labour of love.*

a) an activity that is hard work but that you do because you enjoy it

2) *I suspected all along it was just cupboard love, and what really interested him was her fame and fortune.*

b) love that you give in order to get something from someone

3) *Although the prince was vulgar and unpleasant, he always received plenty of invitations to social gatherings; everybody loves a lord.*

c) People are attracted to the wealthy and powerful.

4) *The poor child has a face only a mother could love.*

d) Very ugly face

5) *He's irresponsible and unreliable. I wouldn't give him a job for love nor money.*

e) it is impossible to do or that you will not do it whatever happens

6) *Jane's the most wonderful person in my family. I love her to bits.*

f) To love sth or sb very much

7) *There's no love lost between those two. It was all over when Nancy entered the scene.*

g) if there is no love lost between two people, they do not like each other

8) *Mom asked me to send her love to you and the boys.*

h) to give a message of affection from you to someone else

9) *Tough love is the only approach to take to make people responsible for their actions.*

i) a method of helping someone to change their behaviour by treating them in a very j) severe way

10) *Oh, for the love of Pete. Not again.*

k) Pleading exclamation