

"In a more prosperous society we expect it all to be done for us and complain when it isn't. In years gone by we'd just get on with it and do those things ourselves," Cooper added.

Activity 4.

Complete the sentence beginnings with appropriate endings.

1. If you keep a stiff upper lip, you ...

A. speak rudely or disrespectfully to someone.

B. keep your emotions to yourself.

2. *Whining, whinging* and *moaning* are words ...

A. with similar meaning.

B. words with different meanings.

3. The ability to combine words, ideas, etc to produce a clever type of humour is called ...

A. wit

B. sarcasm

9. My wife is always **nagging** me about my diet.

10. My main **gripe** is that I'm not told things!

A. to complain or criticize somebody continuously

B. to complain or protest in a bad-tempered way, usually not loudly

C. to complain (informal verb)

D. to complain especially repeatedly and without good reason (2 words)

E. a complaint (informal noun)

F. complaining or bad-tempered (informal adjective)

G. to complain about something expressing sorrow

H. to make unkind or critical comments; to complain (informal verb)

I. a real or imagined cause for complaining