

VERBS AND IDIOMS: KEEP & HOLD

I/ Which of the following would you KEEP and which would you HOLD?

a diary a meeting a promise a straight face quiet
hands with someone in touch with someone your breath
someone company someone in the dark your temper
someone responsible your eyes open your head high
your fingers crossed yourself to yourself

II/ Find synonyms for the phrases in italics, or explain meaning. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. She walked so fast that I couldn't ***keep up with her***.
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2. There's no point in trying ***to keep in touch with*** the Joneses.
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3. You've done a lot of good work this month. I hope you can ***keep it up***.
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4. They're getting married next month! ***Keep it to yourself***, though.
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5. I'll ***keep my fingers crossed for you*** on the day of your interview.
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6. I'm sorry for what I did; I hope you won't ***hold it against me***.
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7. Their reasoning just ***didn't hold up***.
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8. They explained what happened, but I feel they ***were holding something back***.
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9. We got ***held up in the traffic***.
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10. ***Hold on*** a moment, I haven't got a pen. Could you ***hold the line***, please?
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III/ Fill the gaps in these sentences with suitable forms of the phrasal verbs below.

1. The clouds look pretty ominous, I don't much hope of sunny weather.

2. Fortunately, their suppliestill the rescue party got to them.
3. You'd betterthe subject of his first marriage, otherwise he'll get upset.
4. They managed to their costs by employing part-time workers.
5. It was a private argument, so I thought it best to it.
6. She left that her boss's attitude was herin her career.
7. Is she wants to get on, she'll have to her boss, not disagree with him.
8. Tell me exactly what you think-don't anything
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9. They didn't think our offer was high enough, so they more.
10. As they climbed up the cliff, the leader told them to tight.

Hold back hold back hold on hold out hold out
Hold out for keep down keep in with keep off keep out of

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(ANSWERS)

I/

KEEP: a diary a promise a straight face in touch with somebody
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open your fingers crossed your temper yourself to
yourself

HOLD: a meeting hands with someone someone responsible

your breath your head high

II/

1. Walk at the same speed as
2. Compete with the neighbors in acquiring material possessions
3. Maintain the same level of excellence/ progress
4. Don't tell anyone- it's a secret.
5. Be thinking of you and hoping that you have good luck
6. Bear a grudge against me for it.
7. Stand up to logical examination.
8. Not revealing the whole truth/ all the facts
9. Delayed
10. Wait stay at the other end of the line (on the phone) and not ring off

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| 1. Hold out | 6. Holding back |
| 2. Held out | 7. Keep in with |
| 3. Keep off | 8. Hold back |
| 4. Keep down | 9. Held out for |
| 5. Keep out of | 10. Hold on |