

1 Put the words in order to make sentences about problems.

- 1 I'm / sleep / to / it / going / on / .
.....*I'm going to sleep on it.*.....
- 2 think / I / to / need / over / it / .
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- 3 can't / my / I / mind / just / up / make / .
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- 4 away / it'll / by / in / the / go / itself / end / .
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- 5 you'll / better / have to / with / come / a / idea / up / .
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- 6 halved / problem / a / shared / problem / is / a / .
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2 Read the text and replace the underlined words with the word or phrase from the box.

drawback go away to ignore
made up his mind problems sorted out
talked it over headache

My brother is really good at basketball, but a few months ago he started having 'trouble with his knees. At first he tried ²not to think about the pain. When the doctor told him he had to stop playing he was really upset. He wanted to carry on playing anyway. But he ³discussed it with my mum and now he's ⁴decided to do what the doctor says. He realizes that the pain won't ⁵disappear by itself. So he isn't training at all at the moment and that seems to have ⁶solved the problem. The ⁷disadvantage is that he's really bored and bad tempered which is a real ⁸problem for the rest of the family!

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| 1 <u>problems</u> | 5 |
| 2 | 6 |
| 3 | 7 |
| 4 | 8 |

3 Where's the missing word? Write it after the sentence.

- 1 When I have a problem I always talk ↓ over with a friend. *...it...*
- 2 I'm not good at making my mind in a hurry.
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- 3 I'm tired now. I'll sleep on and decide in the morning.
- 4 I can't go out this evening. A problem has come at home.
- 5 Emma had a problem with school but she's sorted out now.
- 6 We've come up a brilliant idea for the school magazine.
- 7 If this cough doesn't go by itself I'll go to the doctor.

4 Tick (✓) the words which have the /əʊ/ sound.

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| 1 show | ☒ | 6 how | ☐ |
| 2 sound | ☐ | 7 although | ☐ |
| 3 do | ☐ | 8 won't | ☐ |
| 4 go | ☐ | 9 bought | ☐ |
| 5 low | ☐ | 10 so | ☐ |