5.1 Collocations

Some of the following sentences, which contain actions and parts of the body you do them with, are incorrect. Correct any mistakes, as in the example.

1 Please stop drumming your fingers thumbs on the table – it’s driving me mad!
2 Steve screwed his face up in pain when he accidentally banged his head on the low doorway.
3 The station guard shrugged his arms unhelpfully when I asked him where the nearest bank was.
4 I couldn’t help clapping my palms with joy when I heard I’d finally passed my driving test.
5 Bill’s such a spoilt child – if he doesn’t get his own way he stamps his legs and screams until you give in.
6 The old woman shook her fist at the children stealing apples from her garden.
7 Everyone nodded their necks in agreement at the director’s proposal for increasing sales.
8 I cupped my hands and drank greedily from the mountain stream.