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Complete the sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. I had to _____ a lot of money to get my car fixed.
2. A: What do you think of the covid-19 vaccines?
B: I don't know, but I'm _____
3. Students should always call me on time, because I'm on _____
4. I'm tired of online classes. I really hope I can meet the students _____ next semester. It may not be _____ though. (2 idioms)
5. My brother took a _____ after he graduated from high school.
6. A: Did you eat breakfast?
B: No.
A: Then _____ I'll make something for you now.
7. 유재석 is one of the most popular _____ entertainers.
8. I hate all my teachers (especially Severn!!!!), because I've been _____ by homework all semester.
9. The animated movie "Frozen" was _____ Korean for fans here in Korea.
10. My friend is 38 now, so she wants to get married soon. She feels like _____
11. A: Thanks Phillip for teaching us. You're the best teacher ever!
B: No! No! I'm just doing my job.
A: Oh! Come on now! _____
12. A: What do you usually do in the evening?
B: I usually eat a _____ and then prepare for my classes.
13. I'm worried about the _____ of covid-19. What's going to happen to school in the future?
14. A: What's the _____ for computers these days?
B: I think you can buy most good computers for about 1,000,000 won.
15. That company is closing soon, so it's putting all its furniture _____
16. I like eating my meals _____ in the summer time. It just feels really nice with the fresh air.
17. The management and workers had a hard time reaching an agreement. The _____ for them was the number of vacation days. The management wanted 14 days a year and the workers wanted 21 days.
18. A: I plan to be the greatest soccer player ever!
B: Come on! _____. You're pretty good, but you'll never be the greatest.

a. time is ticking away

b. a tight schedule

c. feasible

d.you must be starving
e.light supper
f.alfresco
g.face to face
h.dubbed into
i.shell out
j.sticking point
k.going rate
l.innundated
m.hoping for the best
n.long term repercussions
o.get real
p.gap year
q.don't be modest
r.on the market
s.showbiz

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Junior's Idioms

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Conversation 7

1. boarding school
2. field trip
3. splitting headache

Conversation 8

4. stand up for
5. culture shock
6. To a T

Conversation 10

7. count me in
8. turn up your nose
9. no spring chicken

Conversation 11

10. put us one the map
11. I am getting goosebumps

Conversation 12

12. wipe out
13. I could eat a horse
14. you're not my type
15. on the verge of bankruptcy

Conversation 13

16. I'll pass
17. give you a few pointers

Conversation 14

18. brace yourself
19. make it up to you

Brats

A few years ago a French toy company had an unusual contest—a "biggest brat" contest. The company had a prize for the child whose behavior was the worst in the world. Over 2,000 parents entered their children in the contest. "Our child is the world's biggest brat!" they wrote. The parents made lists of all the bad things their children had done. Judges read the lists and chose the winner. She was a little girl from the United States. Her name was Lizzie, and she was four years old. Here are a few of the things Lizzie did to win the title "The World's Biggest Brat": Why?

- She put a garden hose into the gas tank of her father's car. Then she turned on the water.
- She painted a leather sofa with spray paint.
- She threw her mother's wedding ring into the toilet. Then she flushed the toilet.
- She put an ice-cream sandwich into the VCR.
- She set the table for dinner. Then she glued the silverware to the table. Imagine her parents' surprise when they sat down to eat and tried to pick up their forks!

Lizzie may be the world's biggest brat, but she is certainly not the world's only brat. Alo is a five-year-old boy from Bangladesh. One afternoon, while his father was asleep on the sofa, Alo cut off his father's mustache. A few days later, he cut off his brother's eyebrows when his brother was sleeping in the bedroom. A few weeks after that, he cut off most of his mother's hair when she was asleep at night. Alo's family now keeps every pair of scissors under lock and key and always sleeps behind locked doors.

The behavior of a Mexican boy named Manuel is perhaps even worse than Lizzie's and Alo's

because it is more dangerous. Manuel likes to play with matches. One day he found some matches near the kitchen stove. He took the matches, sneaked into his parents' bedroom, and set fire to the curtains. Fortunately, Manuel's mother walked into the bedroom just in time. She pulled down the curtains and put out the fire before it spread.

Hiroshi, a young Japanese man, says that he rarely misbehaved when he was a young child but turned into a real brat when he was about thirteen. "My friends and I used to sneak around at night and let the air out of tires. We were terrible," he says. "Our parents tried to control us, but they didn't have much success. We drove them crazy."

No mother or father wants to be the parent of a brat. Parents everywhere try to control their children's behavior. Some parents spank their children when they misbehave. Other parents won't let their children watch TV or eat dessert. In Japan, parents often send their children outside when they misbehave and tell them they can't come into the house. In the United States, parents do just the opposite: They send their children to their bedrooms and tell them they can't go outside.

Lizzie's parents don't know what to do about Lizzie. Her mother says, "I keep telling myself that Lizzie is going through a stage, but sometimes I don't know. . . . It seems like she's always getting into trouble." Lizzie's father says, "One day we'll look back on all this and laugh."

What does Lizzie think about her behavior? Lizzie doesn't like to talk about it. When a reporter asked Lizzie if she was "a bad girl," Lizzie kicked his leg. Then she yelled, "I'm not a brat! I'm an angel! Get out of my house!"

- (2) Alo (Bangladesh)
- (3) Manuel (Mexico)
- (4) Hiroshi (Japan)

- * What was the name of the contest?
- * Who won? Why?
- * Others
- * How do parents try to control their children's behavior?
- * What does Lizzie's parents say?
- * What does Lizzie think about her behavior?

2. VOCABULARY

LOOKING AT THE STORY

Write the correct word on the line.

hose	sneaked	kicked	glued	scissors	leather
prize	curtains	silverware	misbehaves	rarely	fortunately

1. The French toy company gave Lizzie's family a _____. They got money and some toys because Lizzie was the winner of the contest.
2. Lizzie doesn't do what her parents tell her to do. She _____.
3. The sofa that Lizzie painted was very expensive; it was made of _____.
4. People usually use a _____ to water their gardens, but Lizzie used it to put water in the gas tank of her father's car.
5. When Lizzie's family sat down to eat, they couldn't pick up their knives, forks, and spoons because Lizzie had _____ the _____ to the table.
6. Alo used a pair of _____ to cut his family's hair while they were sleeping.
7. When no one was looking, Manuel took some matches. Then, walking quietly, he _____ into his parents' bedroom.
8. In the bedroom Manuel set fire to the _____ on the window.
9. Manuel's mother was lucky. When Manuel set fire to the curtains, she walked into the bedroom at that moment and put out the fire before it spread. _____ she walked into the room just in time.
10. Did Hiroshi misbehave as a young child? "Not often," he says. "When I was young, I _____ misbehaved."
11. When a reporter asked Lizzie if she was a "bad girl," Lizzie hit him with her foot. She _____ the reporter.

LOOKING AT A NEW CONTEXT

Complete the sentences to show that you understand the meanings of the new words. In small groups, take turns reading your sentences aloud. Ask your classmates questions about their sentences.

1. A child I know who often misbehaves is _____.
2. Something I rarely do is _____.
3. I feel fortunate because _____.
4. I would like to give my _____ a prize for _____.

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3. COMPREHENSION/READING SKILLS

UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEAS

What information is not in the story? Draw a line through the information.

1. The winner of the "biggest brat" contest

- a. was named Lizzie.
- b. was four years old.
- c. was from the United States.
- d. ~~had blond hair.~~

2. Lizzie

- a. filled the gas tank of her father's car with water.
- b. drew pictures on the living room wall.
- c. painted a leather sofa with spray paint.
- d. flushed her mother's wedding ring down the toilet.

3. Some other brats are

- a. Alo, who cut off his family's hair.
- b. Marie, who hits other children.
- c. Manuel, who plays with matches.
- d. Hiroshi, who used to let air out of tires.

4. Parents try to control their children's behavior by

- a. making them stand in a corner.
- b. spanking them.
- c. not letting them watch TV or eat dessert.
- d. sending them outside or to their bedrooms.

UNDERSTANDING DETAILS

Read the following sentences. One word in each sentence is not correct. Find the word and cross it out. Write the correct word.

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- 1. A few years ago a ~~Korean~~ toy company had an unusual contest.
- 2. The company wanted to find the child whose behavior was the ~~best~~ in the world.
- 3. Over ~~200~~ parents entered their children in the contest.
- 4. The parents made lists of all the ~~good~~ things their children had done.
- 5. The winner of the contest was a little ~~boy~~ from the United States.

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Now copy three sentences from the story, but change one word in each sentence so that the information is not correct. Give your sentences to a classmate. Your classmate will find the incorrect word in each sentence, cross it out, and write the correct word. When your classmate is finished, check the corrections.

6. _____

 7. _____

 8. _____

4. DISCUSSION

A. Think about these questions. Discuss your answers with your classmates.

1. When you were a child, were you a "brat" sometimes or were you always an "angel"? Can you remember anything bad you did? Tell your classmates about it.
2. What do you think about spanking children who misbehave?
3. Do you know a child who often misbehaves? What bad things does the child do?
4. Do you think children in different countries behave differently? Or do you think children everywhere behave the same way?

B. Imagine that you are a parent in the following situations. In small groups, read about each problem and decide what you would do. Circle the answers your group chooses, or write your own answers.

1. When you return home from shopping with your son, you discover a small toy in his pocket. He has stolen the toy from a department store. You
 - a. spank him and send him to his room.
 - b. let him keep the toy this time.
 - c. go back to the store with him and return the toy.
 - d. _____
2. You tell your teenage daughter to be home by 10:00 P.M. She wants to stay out later. As she leaves the house, she yells, "I hate living here!" and slams the door. You
 - a. run after her to tell her that she has to stay home.
 - b. run after her to tell her she must come back and leave the house again quietly.
 - c. do nothing.
 - d. _____

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3. You are at a department store with your three-year-old daughter. She wants you to buy her a toy; you say, "No." She lies down on the floor and screams. You
 - a. pick her up and carry her out of the store.
 - b. buy her the toy.
 - c. explain to her why she can't have the toy.
 - d. _____
4. Your six-year-old son comes home crying. An older boy in the neighborhood has hit him. You
 - a. tell the older boy never to hit your son again.
 - b. talk to the older boy's parents.
 - c. give your son karate lessons.
 - d. _____

5. WRITING

Answer one of the questions from Discussion Exercise 4A in writing. Here is what one student wrote.

I remember something bad I did when I was in school. Our school was made of adobe—that's dried mud—and the walls were soft. My seat was next to a wall. One day I was bored and I pushed my pencil into the wall. It made a small hole. The next day I pushed my pencil into the hole again and made the hole deeper. Everyday I pushed my pencil deeper and deeper into the hole. Finally, my pencil went through the wall. Then I began making another hole. I was busy making holes in the wall for days. Then the teacher noticed the holes. She was very angry and moved my seat away from the wall. That was the end of hole-making, and I was bored again.

*What's the worst thing
you ever did as
a child?*

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Brats (answer these questions)

1. What was the name of the contest?

Who sponsored the contest?

How many parents entered their children in the contest?

2. Who won the contest?

How old was she?

Why did she win? (tell 3 things)

a.

b.

c.

3. Who is Alo?

4. Who is Manuel?

5. Who is Hiroshi?

6. How do parents try to control their children's behavior?

7. What do Lizzie's parents think about her behavior?

8. What did Lissie do when somebody asked her if she was a "bad girl"?

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Answer these questions

1. What is discipline?

2. What's good behavior? Bad behavior?

3. Who disciplined you as a child? (Your father or mother?)
How did they discipline you?

4. What rules did you have in your family? (3 rules)
We couldn't _____. We had to _____.
a.
b.
c.

5. What's 1 of the worst things you did as a child?

6. Do you think you've been influenced most by _____
Your parents?
Other family members?
Your teachers?
Your friends?
Your religion?
Books and/or music?
Social Media?
Something else?

7. Do you care what people think of you? Why or why not?

8. What do you think is the best way to discipline children?

9. Do you think spanking is ok? Why or why not?

10. What does this proverb mean? Spare the rod and spoil the child?