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Answers Me

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1.A:Thanks for helping me!

B:Oh! Don't mention it!

2.I've been bored lately, so I decided to take up a new hobby.

3.My friend really needs to gain weight. She's all skin and bones

4.Would you bug off? I want to be alone right now.

5.He was a bundle of nerves before his job interview.

6.I really got choked up watching the sad movie.

7.A:Do you want to see a movie with me?

B:Ummm...can I take a raincheck? Maybe we can see something next weekend.

A:Sure! That sounds good!

8.I really miss my family. I haven't seen them in a coon's age.

9.Stop beating around the bush and tell me what you really think!

10.It's important to study hard, but it's also important to relax too! That's because all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

11.Mokwon is tearing down their gym, so they can build a new one.

12.My neighbor made too much noise, so I made too much noise too. It's just tit for tat.

13.My co-worker's always brown nosing with the boss, because she wants a raise.

14.A:What are the do's and don'ts of studying?

B:Well, you should always do your homework and always review your lessons. On the other hand, you shouldn't skip class or not preview your lessons.

15.IU is a textbook case of somebody who is beautiful on the inside and outside.

16.My father's really bull-headed. He never listens to anybody and never changes his opinion.

a.bug off

b.choked up

c.take up

d.tearing down

e.bull-headed

f.brown nosing

g.bundle of nerves

h.beating around the bush

i.a textbook case

j.all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy

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Write the meanings for these idioms

(www.usingenglish.com) (Idioms and phrasal verbs) (English reference)

1. coop up (to be confined inside)
2. tuck in (#1) (tuck the ends of clothing by placing them inside something)
3. page turner (an interesting book)
4. skeleton in the closet (secrets from your past life)
5. pick up (#5) (collect, in person)
6. headstrong (stubborn)
7. watch out (be careful)
8. border on (#1) (next to a place)
9. break down (#3) (stop working)
10. goof off (avoid doing work)
11. taper off (decrease)
12. leave out (not include)
13. wake-up call (warning that makes you change your behavior)
14. a lot on my plate (very busy)
15. all set (ready)
16. recharge your batteries (to rest to restore your energy)

or
(put
young
children
to sleep)

GRAMMAR FOCUS

Present continuous

Are you **living** at home now?

Yes, I **am**.

No, I'm **not**.

Is your sister **working** in another city?

Yes, she **is**.

No, she's **not**./No, she **isn't**.

Are your parents **studying** English this year?

Yes, they **are**.

No, they're **not**./No, they **aren't**.

Where **are** you **working** now?

I'm **not working**. I need a job.

What **is** your brother **doing**?

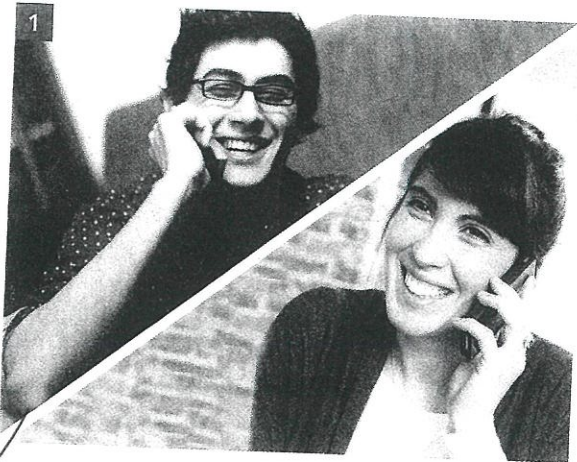
He's **traveling** in Thailand.

What **are** your friends **doing** these days?

They're **studying** for their exams.

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A Complete these phone conversations using the present continuous.



A: Hi, Brittany. What are you doing (do)?

B: Hey, Zach. I'm eating (eat) a sandwich at O'Connor's.

A: Mmm! Is it good?

B: Yeah. It's delicious. Wait, they are bringing (bring) my dessert now. It's chocolate cake with ice cream. Call you later! Bye!

A: So, Madison, how are you and your sister doing (do) in college?

B: We 're having (have) a lot of fun, Mom!

A: Fun? OK, but is your sister going (go) to class every morning?

B: Yeah, Mom. She 's working (work) hard and I am, too. I'm serious!

B PAIR WORK Write a short dialogue using the present continuous, then practice it.

C CLASS WORK Read your dialogue to the class.

6 DISCUSSION What are you doing these days?

GROUP WORK Ask and answer questions about what you are doing. Use the topics in the box and your own ideas. Ask follow-up questions to get more information.

A: So, what are you doing these days?

B: I'm playing basketball in college.

A: That's nice. And are you enjoying it?

topics to talk about

traveling

going to high school or college

playing a sport

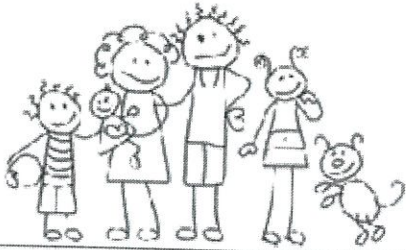
learning a musical instrument

living alone

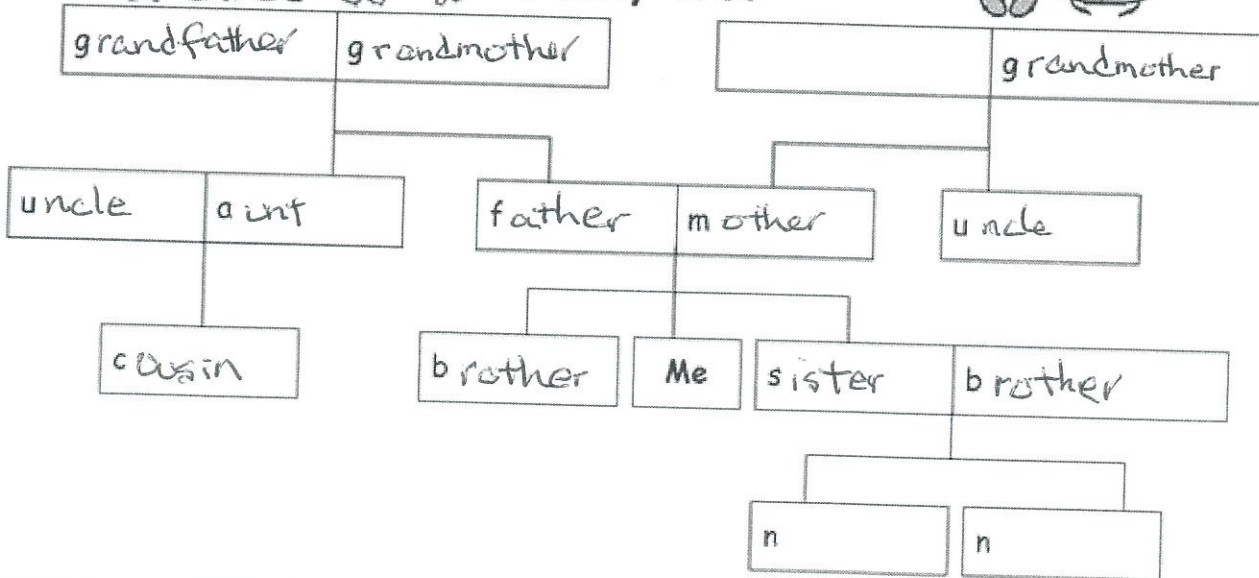
working or studying

Vocabulary Worksheet: My Family

1. If I have a baby girl, she'll be my daughter
2. My son calls me father (Dad) or mother (Mom)
3. My mother is my father's wife
4. My father is my mother's husband
5. My father has one sister. She's my aunt
6. My mother has one brother. He's my uncle
7. My grandfather is married to my grandmother
8. My grandparents call me their grandson or granddaughter
9. My aunt's husband is my uncle
10. My sister is married. Her husband is my brother-in-law
11. My sister has two children, a boy and a girl. Her son is my nephew
and her daughter is my niece
12. My uncle and aunt's children are my cousins
13. When I get married, my partner's mother will be my mother-in-law
14. My father has remarried. His new wife is my step mother
15. When I break up with my boyfriend (girlfriend), (s)he'll be my ex

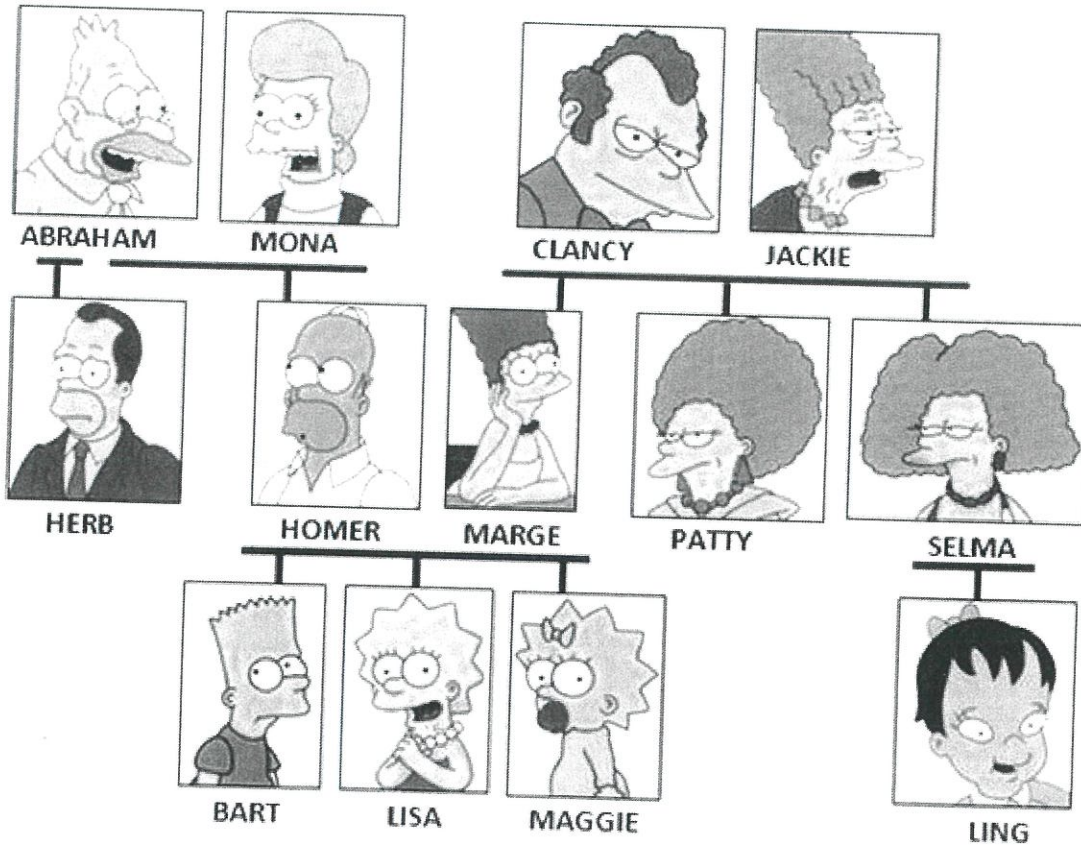


Family Tree

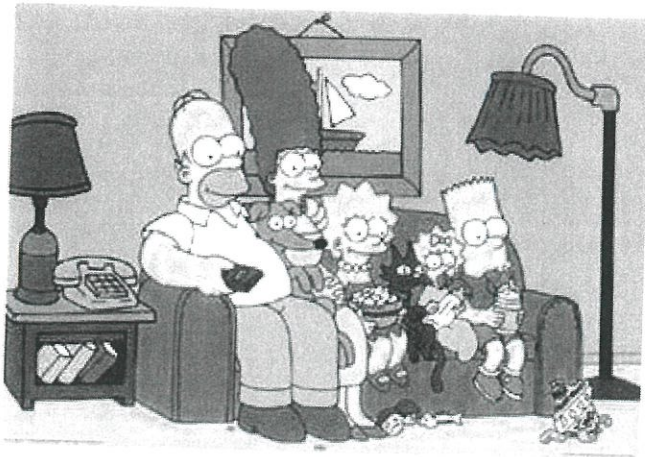


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THE SIMPSONS



THE SIMPSONS' FAMILY TREE



Homer is the
husband / father

Marge is the
wife / mother

Lisa and Maggie are the
daughters

Bart is the
son

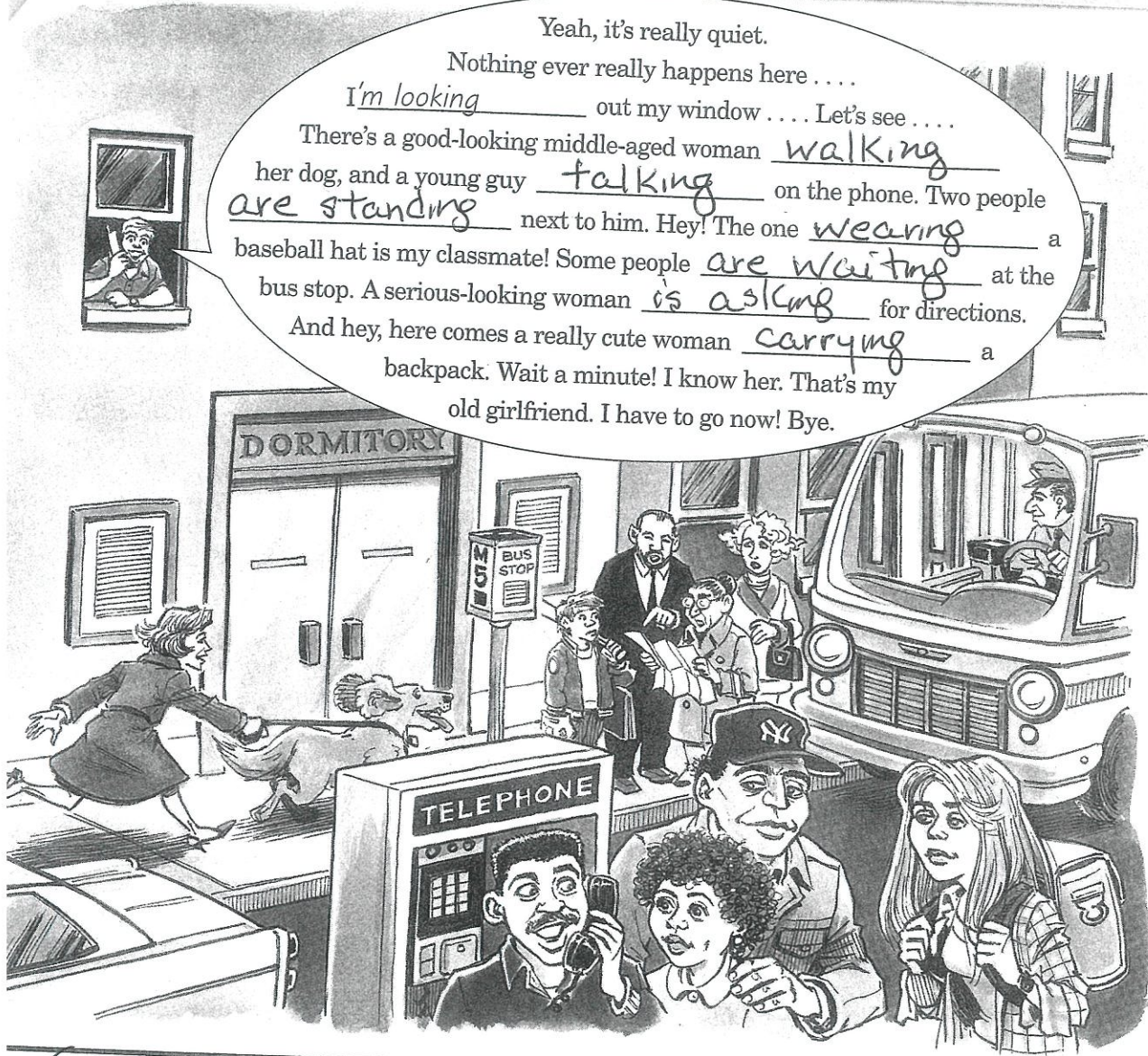
Bart is Patty and Selma's
nephew

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 this description. Use the present continuous or principle of the verbs in the box.

Correct ✓

- ask carry look stand talk wait walk wear

Yeah, it's really quiet.
 Nothing ever really happens here
 I'm looking _____ out my window Let's see
 There's a good-looking middle-aged woman walking
 her dog, and a young guy talking on the phone. Two people
are standing next to him. Hey! The one wearing a
 baseball hat is my classmate! Some people are waiting at the
 bus stop. A serious-looking woman is asking for directions.
 And hey, here comes a really cute woman carrying a
 backpack. Wait a minute! I know her. That's my
 old girlfriend. I have to go now! Bye.



Choose the correct responses.

A: Where's Jan?

B: She couldn't make it.
 I'd like to meet her.
 She couldn't make it.

A: Who's Sam?

B: _____
 I'm afraid I missed him.
 The handsome guy near the door.

3. A: Is she the one on the couch?

B: _____
 That's right.
 Let's see.

4. A: How tall is she?

B: _____
 Fairly long.
 Pretty short.