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me Answers

Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. The company greenlighted a project to build robot teachers.
2. A: guess what? I have a new girlfriend. Don't tell anybody though!
B: Sure! Mum's the word.
3. One of my students is a real goof off. He never studies.
4. Hey! I was sick last week. Can you clue me in on last week's class?
5. My friend's always travelling, so she's always living out of a suitcase.
6. English is just too difficult. I've been studying since elementary school, but I'm not getting anywhere.
7. The Hanhwa Eagles are red hot now. They've won 10 games in a row.
8. Ok! You loaned me 10,000 won and I paid for lunch. Let's call it even now.
9. Oh! sorry I pushed you! I didn't do it on purpose.
10. The U.S. is farming out a lot of jobs to Mexico, because labor there is cheaper.
11. Her father suddenly became sick, so she had to resign on short notice.
12. The company changed hands last month when it was sold.
13. A: What did you think of Severn's new movie?
B: Well, it surprised me. It was not half bad.
14. My uncle's a big spender. He just bought a new house, a new car, and several diamond rings.
15. I told my friend he was lazy, but I had to eat crow when he won a scholarship.

- a. call it even
- b. changed hands
- c. clue me in
- d. eat crow
- e. farming out
- f. getting anywhere
- g. mum's the word
- h. not half bad
- i. on purpose
- j. greenlighted
- k. on short notice
- l. goof off
- m. red hot
- n. big spender
- o. living out of a suitcase

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Write the meanings for these idioms in English

(www.7esl.com/english-idioms)

1. A hundred and ten percent (110%) (more than the maximum)
2. agree to disagree (accept that you'll disagree)
3. big deal (something that's important)
4. cutting edge (new and innovative)
5. father figure (a mentor / person who gives you guidance)
6. give and take (compromise)
7. high as a kite (under the influence of drugs or alcohol)
8. in touch (in contact)
9. make a mountain out of a molehill (make something more serious than it really is)
10. sore point (sensitive topic)
11. tear-jerker (movie or book that makes you cry)
12. TLC (Tender Loving Care)
13. under the impression (believing something)
14. wouldn't be caught dead (would NEVER do this)
15. year in, year out (all the time with no change)

GETTING THE BIG PICTURE

Circle the letter of your answer.

- X The people in the photo on page 58 are happy because they
- are enjoying a beautiful cruise.
 - were all alone but now have love in their lives.
 - were separated but are now together.

BUILDING VOCABULARY

◆ RECALLING NEW WORDS

Which words have the same meaning as the underlined words from the story?
Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- Mary's husband had died, and she was living alone for the first time in her life. She was terribly lonely.
 a. very
 b. a little
- David knew that his father wanted to die. He pleaded with him to take a vacation.
 a. "Please, *please* take a vacation," he said with emotion.
 b. "I think it would be a good idea to take a vacation," he said casually.
- During their first dinner together, Merritt and Mary talked and laughed. They hit it off immediately.
 a. asked each other questions
 b. became friends
- Merritt and Mary had both been very sad, but now they were laughing—something they both needed desperately to do.
 a. very much
 b. sometimes
- Merritt thought that his conversations with Mary were interesting. "She's brilliant," he said.
 a. very intelligent
 b. very funny
- After a day of sightseeing with Mary, Merritt began thinking about a future with her. He wondered if he was getting carried away.
 a. was losing control of himself because he was excited
 b. should take another cruise because he was enjoying this one very much
- Merritt had known Mary only a short time. He was afraid his feelings for her were just a silly infatuation.
 a. a deep sympathy he felt for Mary because she had lost her husband
 b. a foolish love that would not last long

...y confided in her daughter. She told her, "Merritt makes my heart go better!"

8. Mary told her daughter some personal things she did not want other people to know.
- Mary told her daughter some news she wanted all her friends and relatives to know.
9. David's mother had died, and he was still grieving.
- feeling very sad and upset
 - feeling a little sad
10. After Mary left for North Carolina, it was Moya's turn to feel sad and lonely. She sat on the floor of her house and sobbed.
- planned her future
 - cried loudly
11. After their wedding, David placed Moya's bouquet on his mother's grave.
- ring
 - bunch of flowers

◆ USING NEW WORDS

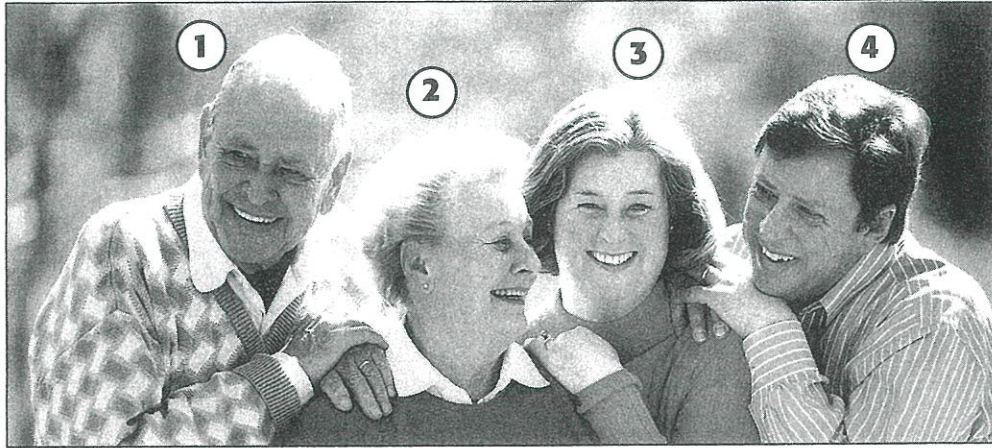
Complete the sentences with examples from your own life. In small groups, take turns reading your sentences aloud. Ask your classmates questions about their sentences.

- Children plead with their parents when _____.
- A person many people in my native country believe is (or was) brilliant is _____.
- I desperately need to _____.
- The person I confide in most is _____.
- In my country, people often give a bouquet to someone who _____.

DEVELOPING READING SKILLS

◆ UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEAS

Imagine that a friend points to the photo on page 63 and asks you, "Who are these people?" What would you say about each person? Write your answer on the line. The first one is done for you.



1. His name is Merritt Burns. He's 76 years old, and he's from North Carolina. His wife died of cancer, and he was very lonely—so lonely he wanted to die. His son invited him to go on a cruise to Alaska. On the cruise he met Mary, the woman next to him in the photo. They fell in love and got married.

2. Her name is Mary Aaronson. She's 63 years old and from England. Her husband died of lung cancer and she couldn't remember how to live w/out him.

she's 3. Her name is Moya. She's Mary's daughter and never been married. She felt lonely after Mary's wedding, but she falls in love with David and they get married in North Carolina.

4. His name is David. He's 48 and from North Carolina. He's divorced now. He seems very quiet and subdued when he 1st meets Moya, but he became light-hearted + funny.

◆ UNDERSTANDING WHERE A STORY TAKES PLACE

Write the name of the place on the line. The first one is done for you.

- Mary's house is on the coast of this country. England
- Merritt lives in this city. Charlotte, NC
- The cruise ship departed from this country. Canada
- Merritt and Mary walked hand in hand through the streets of this city in Alaska. Funeau
- Merritt sang a love song to Mary in the countryside of this country. England

at a pub in this country, Merritt and Mary talked about getting married.

England

7. Both couples got married in this U.S. state. North Carolina

◆ **MAKING INFERENCES ABOUT CULTURE**

To *infer* is to use information you have to make a logical guess. When we read about people from other countries, we can make inferences about their cultures by noticing what they say and do. For example, in the story Mary takes Merritt's hand to show him she likes him, and later Moya takes David's hand to show him she likes him. Both Mary and Moya are from England, so we can infer that taking someone's hand is a sign of affection in England. We cannot be sure that is true, but it is a logical guess.

Use information from the story to guess the answers to the questions below. Write your answer on the line.

1. What do some older married couples do in their free time in England?

They go dancing, walking, and picnicking.

2. What do some people in the United States do when they can't sleep?

3. What might a person in the United States do if he or she didn't want any contact with the outside world?

4. In England and the United States, what might adult children do with a grieving parent to help the parent feel better?

5. Where do people in England sometimes go for a meal or a drink?

6. In what building do people in the United States sometimes get married?

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Wedding Vocabulary

1. engaged (agreed to get married)
2. bride (woman who is getting married)
3. groom (man who is getting married)
4. to propose (to ask somebody to marry you)
5. groomsmen (groom's friends who stand with him at wedding)
6. best man (groom's best friend)
7. maids of honor (bride's ~~best~~ friends who stand with her at wedding)
8. maid/matron of honor (bride's best friend)
9. vows (promises a couple makes to each other)
10. rehearsal dinner (dinner the night before the wedding with family + friends)
11. caterer (provides food and drinks for weddings/dinners)
12. minister or justice of the peace (performs the wedding ceremony/officiated)
13. have you set the date? (when are you getting married?)
14. bouquet (bunch of flowers/thrown by the bride to her friends/whoever catches it gets married next)
15. garter (belt) (worn around the bride's leg/removed by groom and thrown to groom's friends)
16. flower girl (usually young girl who follows bride and throws out flowers)
17. ring bearer (person who keeps the wedding ring for the groom)
18. fiancé/fiancée (person who has promised to get married)
19. bachelor party (party for the groom with all his male friends)
20. wedding/bridal shower (party for the bride with all her friends/female friends/she receives gifts)
21. to toast (to raise your glass in honor of somebody)
22. reception (party after the wedding)
23. newlyweds (couple that's just been married)
24. anniversary (silver=?)(golden=?) (yearly celebration of couple's wedding)
(silver → 25 years)
(golden → 50 years)