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Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. During the summer I like to take a dip in the swimming pool.
2. People have to be careful about internet scams.
3. clapped back at all the people who criticized me.
4. She's lucky, because she got a cushy job in a nice office.
5. I thought I was a good tennis player, but I got schooled by my friend. She beat me 6-0, 6-0.
6. My friend's always waffling. He can't decide if he should choose this or choose that.
7. I really hate that guy. He's a real scum.
8. I'm not cut out for teaching young children, but teaching college students is right up my alley. It's something I really enjoy. (2 idioms)
9. My boss always plays hardball when he's dealing with his workers.
10. My wife (IU) took a crash course cooking before we got married. She learned how to really cook for the first time.
11. My friend got fired, because his work wasn't up to snuff.
12. A: Let's meet at 4:00! Ok?
B: Ok sure! See you this arvo.
13. That guy's just a grade A tool. He can't do anything right. (2 idioms)
14. The traffic light was about to turn red, so I gunned it and drove on through.

- a. up to snuff
- b. up my alley
- c. waffling
- d. take a dip
- e. tool
- f. scams
- g. scum
- h. grade A
- i. got schooled
- j. gunned it
- k. crash course
- l. cushy
- m. cut out for
- n. arvo
- o. plays hardball
- p. clapped back

Write the meanings of these idioms in English

(www.onlineslangdictionary.com)

1. whirlybird (helicopter)
2. what gives (what's the problem?)
3. the works (everything)
4. unfriend (to remove somebody from your friend's list / Facebook)
5. senior moment (lapse of memory)
6. chummy (friendly with)
7. wanker (#2) (British slang/Rude)
8. cut some slack (to be lenient)
9. wake up and smell the coffee (Accept reality)
10. weasel (a devious or sneaky person)
11. cop out (an excuse)
12. classic (very good/excellent)
13. cool with (approving of)
14. Mr. Right (woman's soul mate)
15. heated (with anger)
16. hanky (handkerchief)

Time for a change!

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WORD POWER Houses and apartments

A These words are used to describe houses and apartments. Which are positive (P)? Which are negative (N)?

bright	P	dingy	N	private	P
comfortable	P	expensive		quiet	P
convenient	P	huge	P/N	safe	P
cramped	N	inconvenient	N	shabby	N
dangerous	N	modern	P	small	P/N
dark	N	noisy	N	spacious	P/N



B PAIRWORK Tell your partner two positive and two negative features of your house or apartment.

"I live in a safe neighborhood, and my apartment is very bright. However, it's very expensive and a little cramped."

PERSPECTIVES Which would you prefer?

A Listen to these opinions about houses and apartments. Which ones are about space?

1. Apartments are too small for pets.
2. Apartments aren't big enough for families.
3. Apartments don't have as many rooms as houses.
4. Apartments have just as many expenses as houses.
5. Apartments don't have enough parking spaces.
6. Houses cost too much money.
7. Houses aren't as safe as apartments.
8. Houses aren't as convenient as apartments.
9. Houses don't have enough closet space.
10. Houses don't have as much privacy as apartments.

B PAIRWORK Look at the opinions again. Which statements do you agree with?

- A: I agree that apartments are too small for pets.
 B: And they don't have enough parking spaces!



Grammar Focus(3A)

- 2.It's too dark.
- 3.It doesn't have enough bathrooms.
- 4.It's too inconvenient.
- 5.It's too cramped.
- 6.It's not modern enough.
- 7.It's too dangerous.
- 8.There aren't enough parking spaces.

Grammar Focus(3B)

- 3.The apartment has just as many bathrooms as the house.
- 4.The apartment isn't as expensive as the house.
- 5.The apartment isn't as spacious as the house.
- 6.The apartment isn't as private as the house.
- 7.The house isn't as convenient as the apartment.
- 8.The apartment doesn't have as many parking spaces as the house.

GRAMMAR FOCUS

They wish a past tense to refer to present wishes.

I **live** with my parents.

I wish I **didn't live** with my parents.

I wish I **had** my own apartment.

I **can't move** out.

I wish I **could move** out.

Life **is** difficult.

I wish it **were*** easier.

I wish it **weren't** so difficult.

My parents **won't stop** worrying about me.

I wish they **would stop** worrying about me.

*For the verb be, were is used with all pronouns after wish.

A Read these facts about people's lives. Then rewrite the sentences using wish. (More than one answer is possible.)

1. Diane can't wear contact lenses.
2. Beth's class is so boring.
3. My parents can't afford a new car.
4. Dan can't fit into his old jeans.
5. I can't remember my PIN number.
6. Laura doesn't have any free time.
7. Mitch is too short to play basketball.

She wishes she could wear contact lenses.

She wishes her class weren't so boring.

I wish my parents could afford a new car.

He wishes he could fit into his old jeans.

I wish I could remember my PIN number.

She wishes she had more free time.

He wishes he were taller.

B PAIR WORK Think of five things you wish you could change. Then discuss them with your partner.

A: What do you wish you could change?

B: Well, I'm not in very good shape. I wish I were more fit.

10 SPEAKING Wish list

A What do you wish were different about these things? Write down your wishes.

my bedroom
my school or job

my social life
my skills

my possessions
my town

B GROUP WORK Compare your wishes. Does anyone have the same wish?

A: I wish my bedroom were a different color. It's not bright enough.

B: Me, too! I wish I could paint my bedroom bright orange.

C: I like the color of my bedroom, but my bed is too small. I wish ...

(Call Me)



INTERCHANGE 3 Wishful thinking

Find out more about your classmates' wishes. Go to Interchange 3 on page 116.

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Time for a change!

1 Opposites

A Write the opposites. Use the words in the box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> dark | <input type="checkbox"/> old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> expensive | <input type="checkbox"/> safe |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> inconvenient | <input type="checkbox"/> small |
| <input type="checkbox"/> noisy | <input type="checkbox"/> spacious |

- convenient / inconvenient
- cramped / spacious
- dangerous / safe
- big / small
- bright / dark
- modern / old
- quiet / noisy
- reasonable / expensive

B Rewrite these sentences. Find another way to say each sentence using *not . . . enough* or *too* and the words in part A.

- The house is too expensive.
The house isn't reasonable enough.
- The rooms aren't bright enough.
The rooms are too dark.
- The living room isn't spacious enough for the family.
The living room is too cramped for the family.
- The bathroom is too old.
The bathroom isn't modern enough.
- The yard isn't big enough for our pets.
The yard is too small for our pets.
- The street is too noisy for us.
The street isn't quiet enough for us.
- The neighborhood is too dangerous.
The neighborhood isn't safe enough.
- The kitchen isn't convenient enough.
The kitchen is too inconvenient.

