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Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. He usually smokes 1 or 2 _____ after breakfast.
2. 민배's a good _____. He's my best _____. (2 idioms)
3. I was really _____ after exercising all afternoon.
4. Bob Dylan is a real _____ in the music world.
5. I had to go to the _____ after drinking so much.
6. She was _____, because she got a 900 on her toEIC test.
7. I need to go to the supermarket, because there's _____ in my refrigerator.
8. Oh no! The house is on fire! Let's _____ out of here.
9. He got _____ from drinking too much beer.
10. I felt really _____ after I failed my final exam.
11. A: Excuse me Severn, but can you take a _____ at my homework?
B: Sure! Let me see it!
12. My friend's really _____. He's been working as a bodyguard for the last 2 years.
13. My neighbor' said he saw a UFO, but I think he's just _____.

- a. ledge
- b. tosh
- c. chuffed
- d. gander
- e. mate
- f. gutted
- g. fags
- h. trollied
- i. knackered
- j. leg it
- k. bloke
- l. bog
- m. hard
- n. nowt

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The World's Largest Family

Mr. and Mrs. Albina don't know where all their grown children are living now. Some of them, they know, are in Argentina, but they aren't sure where in Argentina. They aren't sure how old all their children are, either. Ask them, for example, "How old is your daughter Susanna?" and they say, "We're not sure." They might even say, "Which Susanna?" But it is understandable that the Albinas can't keep track of their children's addresses and ages. After all, they have 64 children.

Mr. and Mrs. Albina, with 64 children, have the world's largest family. Not one of their children is adopted.

When people hear about the Albinas' large family, the first question they ask is, "How is it possible? How can one woman give birth to 64 children in her lifetime?" The answer is simple: Every time Mrs. Albina gave birth, she had twins or triplets. She was a triplet herself; she thinks that's why she always had twins or triplets.

The Albinas married when Mrs. Albina was 12 years old and Mr. Albina was 30. The children came quickly, in twos and threes. The first 21 children were boys. Mrs. Albina loved her sons, but she wanted a daughter very much.

The Albinas spent the early years of their marriage in Argentina. Then they decided to move to Chile. To travel from Argentina to Chile, they had to cross the Andes Mountains. Mr. and Mrs. Albina and their 21 sons made the difficult, two-week journey on mules. One night there was a terrible snowstorm in the mountains. During the snowstorm, Mrs. Albina gave birth to triplets, a boy and two girls! Mrs. Albina now has 20 more girls, including twins who are 15 months old.

The oldest Albina children are in their thirties and forties. They are on their own now, but 18 of

the Albina children still live with their parents. The family lives in a two-room shack in Colina, Chile. The shack has electricity but no toilet or running water. The children wash in a small bowl in the dusty backyard.

At times there is very little food in the Albinas' small house. When there is not enough food for everyone, Mrs. Albina makes sure the youngest children do not go hungry. "The smallest eat first, and then the bigger ones. We've always done it that way," she says. Obviously, the Albinas do not have enough money for their big family. Why, then, do they continue to have children?

The Albinas do not use birth control because it is against their religion. They could let other people take care of their children, but Mrs. Albina will not allow it. "When my two brothers and I were babies," she says, "our mother left us at an orphanage and never returned. We lived there together until we were five. Then a couple adopted my brothers, and I was left behind. I was heartbroken. I promised myself that when I became a mother, I would never give my children away. Even if I didn't have much money, I would always take care of my children myself." Mrs. Albina has kept her promise.

So, the Albina family continues to grow. Mr. and Mrs. Albina have so many children that they ran out of names for them all and had to give some children the same name. There are three Susannas, three Miriams, two Estrellas, and two Soledades.

Will there be a fourth Susanna or a third Estrella? Will the Albinas stop at 64 children, or will there be more? Mr. Albina is 79 years old, and Mrs. Albina is 61. "I'm getting old," she says with a smile. "I would like God to think of me and consider my age. But, if God sends more children to me, yes, there will be more."

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- Where?
- 1-How many children do they have?
 - 2-How?
 - 3-How old were they when they got married?
 - 4-Where do they live now?
 - 5-Are they rich? Describe house

Mrs. Albina (12) Mr. A (30)

- 6-What do they do when there's not enough food?
- 7-Why do they continue to have children?
- 8-Why don't they let other people take care of their children?
- 9-How old are they now?

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(Answer these questions)

1. What's the couple's name?
2. How many children do they have?
3. How is it possible that they have that many children?
4. How old were they when they got married?
5. Where did they live first?
Where did they move?
How did they get there?
How long did their trip take?
Where do they live now?
What's their home like?
6. What does Mrs. Albina do when there's not enough food for everyone?
7. Why do the Albinas continue to have children?
8. Why don't they let other people take care of their children?
9. How old are Mr. and Mrs. Albina now?
10. What did Mrs. Albina say when asked if they would have more children?

2. VOCABULARY

LOOKING AT THE STORY

Write the correct word on the line.

shack	orphanage	consider	triplets	grown
obvious	adopted	mules	against	journey

1. Most of the Albina children are adults now, and they don't live with their parents. Where are they? Mr. and Mrs. Albina aren't sure. They don't know where all their _____ children are living.
2. Every time Mrs. Albina gives birth, she has two or three babies. She always gives birth to twins or _____.
3. When Mr. and Mrs. Albina moved from Argentina to Chile, they had to travel across the mountains. The _____ took two weeks.
4. Mr. and Mrs. Albina didn't have a car, and they had no money to take a bus. So, when they went to Chile, they rode on _____.
5. The Albinas' house has only two rooms, and it has no toilet or running water. It is a _____.
6. It is easy to see that the Albinas are poor. Their house is very small, and sometimes there is not enough food. It is _____ that they don't have enough money for their big family.
7. The Albinas' religion does not permit birth control. Birth control is _____ their religion.
8. Mrs. Albina's mother left her children at a home for children who have no parents, and she never returned to the _____ to get them.
9. When Mrs. Albina's brothers were five years old, a couple took them into their family. The boys were _____, but Mrs. Albina was left behind.
10. Will Mrs. Albina have more children? Yes, she says, if God sends them. But she is 61 years old. She hopes God will think about that. She hopes God will _____ her age.

LOOKING AT SPECIAL EXPRESSIONS

Find the best way to complete each sentence. Write the letter of your answer on the line.

to keep track of = to remember; to keep a record of

1. The Albinas can't c
 - a. keep track of my long-distance calls and pay you for them later.
 - b. keep track of his expenses.
 - c. keep track of their children's addresses and ages.
2. He uses a small notebook to b
3. Could I use your telephone? I'll a

SCANNING FOR INFORMATION

The underlined information is not correct. Find the correct information in the story and write it. Work quickly; try to complete this exercise in three minutes or less.

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1. The Albinas married when Mrs. Albina was 12 years old and Mr. Albina was 29.
2. The first 24 children were boys.
3. The Albinas spent the early years of their marriage in Peru.
4. Then they decided to move to Bolivia.
5. The Albinas and their sons made the three-week journey across the Andes Mountains on mules.
6. During a snowstorm Mrs. Albina gave birth to twins.
7. Mrs. Albina now has 14 more girls.
8. The Albinas live in a two-room shack in Santiago, Chile.
9. Mrs. Albina and her brothers lived together at the orphanage until they were four.
10. There are two Miriams.

4. DISCUSSION

A. First, answer the questions yourself. Then ask a classmate the questions. Talk over the answers with your classmate.

	You	Your Classmate
1. How many brothers and sisters does your mother have?		
2. How many brothers and sisters does your father have?		
3. How many brothers and sisters do you have?		
4. If you are married: How many children do you have? If you are not married: Do you want to have children someday? How many?		
5. How many children are in the ideal family? (Is one child best? Two children? Five children?)		
6. How many children do most families in your country have today?		
7. Are families in your country getting bigger or smaller?		
8. Does your country have too many people?		
9. Does the government try to control population in your country?		

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Answer these questions

1. Tell about your family

I have _____ people in my family.

I have _____

My father's _____ years old.

He's a/an (Job)

2. How many children do you want?

Would you rather have sons or daughters? And why?

3. Do you know anybody who is a twin or triplet?

4. Complete these sentences

A good parent is _____

A good child is _____

5. What are some things you do with your family? (Name 3)

a.

b.

c.

6. Why is your family important to you?

7. Do you have any aunts and uncles?

If yes, how many?

8. Do you ever argue with your parents?

If yes, what do you argue about?