

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. I didn't eat breakfast or lunch, so I'm really _____ now.
2. Lasagna and spaghetti are 2 of my favorite _____.
3. A _____ is anybody born from 1981-1996.
4. I tried to contact my friend, but she _____ me.
5. Whew! It's hot _____ here in the summer!
6. His _____ on instagram is "coolguy".
7. I like to hang out with my _____ on the weekends.
8. Hey _____! How are you doing?
9. My girlfriend and I are very _____.
10. That actor was great! He was really _____ it in that play.
11. The new store is offering some cool _____. For example, they're giving coupons to the first 1000 customers.
12. I try to read the news everyday, so I can be _____.
13. I'm having all kinds of troubles these days. I'm really a _____.
14. She's really beautiful! She's got a _____ smile!
15. Lisa Bae is one of the top _____ in Korea. She has at least 1,000,000 followers.
16. I loved Ariana Grande's new song. It was really _____.
17. I don't like reading online comments, because people are always _____ at each other. It's really rude!

- a. as hell
- b. bruh
- c. ghosted
- d. giveaways
- e. handle
- f. hangry
- g. hot mess
- h. influencers
- i. killing
- j. killer
- k. lit
- l. soul foods
- m. squad
- n. throwing shade
- o. tight
- p. woke
- q. millennial

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Junior's Idioms

(americanliterature.com/english-language-idioms)

- 1.highway robbery
- 2.devil's in the details
- 3.free-loader
- 4.balanced meal
- 5.stage fright
- 6.beg off
- 7.bottom's up
- 8.carpe diem
- 9.day dreaming
- 10.down in the dumps
- 11.Eeny meeny miny moe
- 12.fired up
- 13.hangover
- 14.I got your back
- 15.I'm in the dog house
- 16.not the sharpest knife in the drawer
- 17.psyche out
- 18.sight for sore eyes

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UNIT 4

Finding The Right Person To Marry

Have you already found the person you want to marry? Or are you still looking for the right person?

Read the following statements about love and marriage. Write **Yes** on the line if you agree with the statement. Write **No** on the line if you disagree.

- _____ 1. "True love" comes to you only once in your lifetime.
- _____ 2. "Love at first sight" can happen.
- _____ 3. It is possible for old people (older than 75) to fall in love.
- _____ 4. It is very important that your husband or wife is your "soul mate"—your best friend and partner, someone who understands you.
- _____ 5. The most important reason to get married is to have children.
- _____ 6. It is important for a woman to marry a man who can make enough money to support a family.
- _____ 7. It is important to marry someone who shares your religion.
- _____ 8. Choosing the person you marry is the most important decision of your life.

Share your answers with the class. Did the people in your class respond to the statements in the same way?

In this unit, you will first read a true story about two couples who unexpectedly found love on a cruise ship. Next, you will read the responses of four international students who were asked, "What are you looking for in a husband or wife?" Finally, you will find out what young adults in the United States are looking for in a spouse.

Shipmates and Soul Mates

by Elizabeth Leland

1 Unable to sleep, Mary Aaronson got out of bed in the middle of the night and walked out of her lonely house. She lived on the coast of England, and from the garden of her house she could see the Atlantic Ocean. She gazed out over the ocean and then looked up to find the brightest star in the sky. Night after night, she talked to the star as if she were talking to her husband. "Edward! I don't like being on my own!"

2 Edward, Mary's husband, had died of lung cancer, and Mary couldn't remember how to live without him. She missed dancing in his arms on Saturday nights. She missed walking hand in hand with him through the English countryside. She missed picnicking by his side on the cliffs overlooking the sea.

3 She was 63 years old and living alone for the first time in her life. She confided in her daughter, Moya, that she was terribly lonely. "Let's take a holiday," her daughter suggested.

4 Half a world away, in Charlotte, North Carolina, Merritt Burns also found it impossible to sleep. He knelt by his bed and prayed. He took sleeping pills. When the pills didn't work, he'd walk the streets of Charlotte for hours.

5 During the day, he tried to shut the world out. He closed the curtains in his house, stopped the newspaper, cut off the cable TV. Often his son would visit and find him sitting in the dark. "How did your day go?" his son would ask. "I've been just sitting here," he would answer, "hoping that nobody would call or come by."

6 Merritt had lost his wife, Lydia, to cancer after 54 years of marriage. He was 76 years old and he wanted to die.

7 "Let's take a vacation together," his son, David, pleaded.

8 And so, Merritt Burns and his son, David, flew to the western coast of Canada and boarded a cruise ship bound for Alaska. Mary Aaronson and her daughter, Moya, flew from England and boarded the same ship.

9 On the first night of the cruise, the four were seated together at the dinner table. Mary and Merritt hit it off immediately. They talked about North Carolina and England, about their families, about the seven-day cruise. They laughed a lot—something they both needed desperately to do. When Mary invited Merritt to go sight-seeing with her when the ship docked in Alaska, Merritt immediately said yes.

10 As Mary and Merritt walked through the streets of Juneau, Alaska, Mary took Merritt's hand. They walked hand in hand the rest of the day.

11 That night, Merritt confided in his son. "Oh, I could have a lot of fun with her. She's brilliant." But Merritt had known Mary such a short time. Was he getting carried away? "Maybe this is just a silly infatuation—at my age!" Merritt said.

12 "Enjoy it, Dad," David told him.

13 Meanwhile, Mary was confiding in her daughter. "He makes my heart go flutter!" To her daughter, Mary seemed like altogether a different person, no longer a lonely widow. She looked radiant, cheeks flushed, hazel eyes sparkling. "Do you think I'm making a fool of myself at my time of life?" Mary asked.

14 "No, Mum. Go for it," Moya told her.

15 Mary and Moya talked mostly about Merritt. But they also talked about Merritt's son David. David and Moya were both single—David was divorced, and Moya had never married—and Mary had noticed that David seemed to be flirting with Moya.

16 "David's so nice," Mary said.

17 "He's not the one for me," Moya answered.

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- 18 David was worrying so much about his father and still grieving for his mother that he kept his personality hidden. He was quiet and subdued. Whenever Merritt wasn't with Mary, David was by his side, a 48-year-old man following his father everywhere.
- 19 Once David and Moya were together on the deck of the cruise ship. A little girl walked up to them and asked, "Are you married?"
- 20 "Married?" Moya said, and laughed. "We're practically brother and sister!"
- 21 When the cruise ended, Mary and Moya flew back to England, and Merritt and David flew back to North Carolina. Every day Merritt called Mary from North Carolina, where it was 5 P.M., to wish her good night. Three months later, he flew to England to visit her. Walking hand in hand with Mary through the English countryside, Merritt knew he'd met his soul mate. Without warning, Merritt lifted Mary off her feet and sat her down on a rock. At 5 feet 11 inches, 180 pounds, he was still strong at 76. "You sit here," he said. "I'm going to sing you a love song."
- 22 "Be my love, for no one else can end this yearning," Merritt sang.
- 23 Mary looked around her. She could see people walking their way. "What will people think of me sitting up here on this rock with Merritt below, belting out a love song?" she wondered.
- 24 That night over dinner at a pub,¹ Merritt and Mary talked of marriage. "Look," he told her. "I'm old. I've got one foot in the grave. I can just see us getting married and my breaking down and you having to take care of me."
- 25 "Well, if you'll take me just as I am," Mary said, "I'll take you just as you are. We'll grow old together."
- 26 Mary and Merritt decided to get married in North Carolina. After Mary left England to prepare for the wedding, it was Moya's turn to feel lonely. Her father had died and her mother was 4,000 miles away across an ocean. Alone in the dark, she sat on the floor of her house and sobbed.

¹pub = a comfortable bar that often serves food

Moya flew to the United States for her mother's wedding in the company of two of her aunts. There to meet them at the airport were David and Merritt. It felt good to Moya to have so much family around, to be held close by people who cared. As they walked to the car, Moya took David's hand. That simple gesture, which came so naturally to Moya that day, surprised David. Yet he was excited about what it might mean.

David seemed like a different person to Moya. No longer worried about his father, he was light-hearted and funny. He made her laugh so much, tears rolled down her cheeks. The week she stayed in North Carolina for her mother's wedding, Moya spent by David's side.

Now it was David and Moya who acted like teenagers falling in love. As Moya's mother walked down the church aisle to marry David's father, Moya nudged David and said, "Maybe we should knock them out of the way and say, 'Wait! It's our turn!'" David grinned.

After her mother's wedding, Moya went back to England, but three months later she returned to the United States to spend more time with David. She realized that he was the one for her after all. When David asked Moya to marry him, she said yes.

David and Moya, like their parents, married in North Carolina. After their wedding, they drove to the cemetery where David's mother was buried. David placed Moya's wedding bouquet on his mother's grave. "Mom, this is Moya," David said quietly.

David and Merritt have not forgotten Lydia Burns, wife and mother, who died in 1996. Nor have Moya and Mary forgotten Edward Aaronson, husband and father, who died in 1995. Lydia and Edward are still thought about, still missed, still loved. The legacy of their lives is the love that bloomed between Merritt and Mary, David and Moya.

It was almost as if, from wherever they were, they had planned it all. ♦

GETTING THE BIG PICTURE

Circle the letter of your answer.

The people in the photo on page 58 are happy because they

- a. are enjoying a beautiful cruise.
- b. were all alone but now have love in their lives.
- c. 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.

1. 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
2. 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.
3. During their first dinner together, Merritt and Mary talked and laughed. They hit it off immediately.
 - a. asked each other questions
 - b. became friends
4. 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
5. Merritt thought that his conversations with Mary were interesting. "She's brilliant," he said.
 - a. very intelligent
 - b. very funny
6. 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
7. 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

8. Mary confided in her daughter. She told her, "Merritt makes my heart go flutter!"
- 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

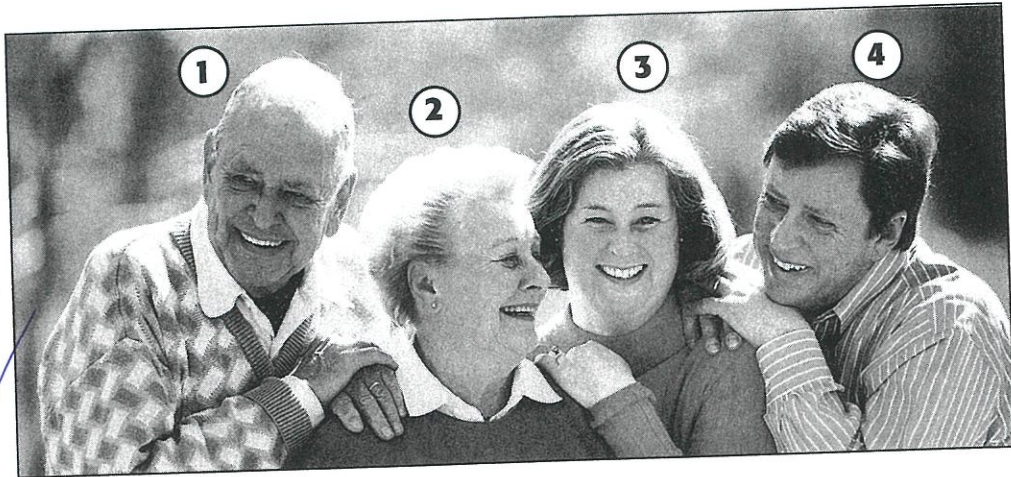
Complete the sentences with examples from your own life. In small groups, take turns reading your sentences aloud. Ask your classmates questions about their sentences.

1. Children plead with their parents when _____.
2. A person many people in my native country believe is (or was) brilliant is _____.
3. I desperately need to _____.
4. The person I confide in most is _____.
5. 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. _____

3. _____

4. _____

◆ UNDERSTANDING WHERE A STORY TAKES PLACE

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

1. Mary's house is on the coast of this country. England
2. Merritt lives in this city. _____
3. The cruise ship departed from this country. _____
4. Merritt and Mary walked hand in hand through the streets of this city in Alaska. _____
5. Merritt sang a love song to Mary in the countryside of this country.

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1.What's the woman's name?

Where did she live?

What was her husband's name?

What happened to him?

What did she miss?

2..How old was she?

Who did she confide in? And how did she feel?

What did her daughter suggest?

3.Who lived half a world away?

Where did he live?(My home state^^)

What did he do during the day?

What was his wife's name?

What happened to her?

How old was he?

How did he feel?

What did his son suggest?

4.What did the father and son and mother and daughter do?

5.What happened the first night of the cruise?

Did Mary and Merrit get along?

What did they talk about?

What did they do in Alaska?

6.What did the father confide to his son?

What did the mother confide to her daughter?

7.Did David like Moya?

How old was he?

8.What happened when the cruise ended?

9.How tall was Merrit?

How much did he weigh?

10.What did Mary and Merrit decide to do?

11.How did Moya feel after Mary left England?

What did she do next?

What did she think of David now?

12.What happened 3 months after the wedding?

13.When did Lydia Burns die?

What's the legacy of Lydia and Edward's lives?

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Wedding Vocabulary

- 1.engaged
- 2.bride
- 3.groom
- 4.to propose
- 5.groomsmen
- 6.best man
- 7.maids of honor
- 8.maid/matron of honor
- 9.vows
- 10.rehearsal dinner
- 11.caterer
- 12.minister or justice of the peace
- 13.have you set the date?
- 14.bouquet
- 15.garter(belt)
- 16.flower girl
- 17.ring bearer
- 18.fiance/fiancée
- 19.bachelor party
- 20.wedding/bridal shower
- 21.to toast
- 22.reception
- 23.newlyweds
- 24.anniversary(silver=?)(golden=?)

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Answer these questions

1. Why do people get married?

Stay single?

Get divorced?

2. Why do you think Korea's divorce rate is so high?

3. Do you know anybody who's been divorced? If yes, why?

4. When do you want to get married? Why then?

5. Do you want to have children?

If yes, how many? Sons? Or daughters?

6. What kind of man or woman are you looking for?

Describe your ideal type.

7. Complete these sentences

A good wife should be _____

A good husband should be _____

8. Would you marry somebody who _____?

a. Has been divorced

b. Loves drinking and smoking

c. Is a foreigner

d. Uses bad language

e. Is not attractive

f. Served time in prison

g. Abused you in any way

h. Is poor/doesn't have a good job

i. Is transgender

j. Is lazy/not diligent

k. Didn't love you

l. Comes from a bad background

m. Has no sense of humor

n. Always criticizes you

o. Hates children

p. Has a handicap

q. Is a heavy snorer

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r.Didn't graduate from college

s.Is not smart

9.Describe a perfect date(what would you do?)

10.Is love necessary for a good marriage?

11.What's the key/secret to a strong marriage/relationship?

12.How long should couples be engaged before they're married?(why?)

13.What is love?

14.Rate the importance of these factors when looking for a partner

(1=Most important)

a.Religion

b.Appearance/health

c.Earning potential

d.Social skills

e.Personality

f.Background(education/family)

g.Nationality

h.Age

15.What do you talk about with your male friends? female friends?

16.Do you think it's ok for married men to have female friends? Or married women to have male friends?