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Complete the sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1.A:How are you doing these days?

B:Not good. I'm feeling _____, because I can't meet my friends.

2.My friend's a real _____. He never pays for anything.

3.I drank too much soju, so I had a bad _____ the next morning.

4.Hey Severn! It's great to see you! You're really a _____.

5.A:I just bought a new computer.

B:Really? What did you pay for it?

A:10,000,000 won!

B:What?Are you crazy? That's _____

6.I was hoping to play basketball this afternoon, but I decided to _____ at the last minute.

7.A:My brother made all F's last semester.

B:Oh that's too bad.

A:Yeah, he's _____.

8.It's important to eat a _____ in order to stay healthy.

9.Don't worry! You can always count on me! I've always _____.

10.The class was so boring that I started _____.

11.I'm always late for class, so _____ with my teacher.

12.A lot of actors get _____ before their performance.

13.A:Ok everybody! Let's drink to the English Literature Department!

B:Ok! Cheers!

A:Cheers! _____

14.My motto is _____. Every day I try to do the best I can.

15.I'm really _____ about the new semester. I think we're going to have a great time.

16.The other team _____ us _____, because they were so big.(1 idiom)

17.You should read the contract carefully, because the _____.

18.Ok! I'll choose the next person. _____. Catch a lizard by its toe. If he hollers let him go. _____. (Same idiom twice)

a.highway robbery

b.devil's in the details

c.free-loader

d.balanced meal

e.stage fright

f.beg off

g.bottom's up
h.carpe diem
i.day dreaming
j.down in the dumps
k.Eeny meeny miny moe
l.fired up
m.hangover
n.got your back
o.I'm in the dog house
p.not the sharpest knife in the drawer
q.psychd out
r.sight for sore eyes

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Junior's Idioms

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- 1.ancient
- 2.baked/stoned
- 3.bounce
- 4.chill
- 5.clown
- 6.cold
- 7.dawg/dude/ese(pronounced "essay")
- 8.feel me
- 9.Five-O/Heat/Po Po/Rollers
- 10.Goth
- 11.grill
- 12.hot
- 13.kicks
- 14.peace out
- 15.scratch
- 16.sick
- 17.straight
- 18.grungy

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Call me!

Choose 1 of the profiles and explain why

1.(Male)

He graduated from SNU and comes from a wealthy family. He just became CEO of a computer company. He doesn't drink or smoke. He's about 155 cm. tall and weighs 150 kg.

2.(Female)

She's a Korean-American from L.A. She's very tall and beautiful, but very quick tempered. She enjoys smoking and clubbing.

3.(Male)

He's a very strong Christian and wants to be a pastor. His parents are very poor. He's about 175 cm. tall and weighs 90 kg. He thinks married women should not have a job.

4.(Female)

She's very pretty and kind. Her father's a gangster. In her free time she likes to help poor people.

5.(Male)

He only graduated from high school, but he's a famous soccer player. His parents are both Christians, but he doesn't have any religion. He was arrested once for beating his girlfriend.

6.(Female)

She's very smart and graduated from Harvard University with honors. Her dream is to be president of Korea. she's about 165 cm. tall and weighs 50 kg. In most situations she's very serious and doesn't like to laugh.

7.(Male)

He's a Mokwon University graduate and his g.p.a.(grade point average)was 1.5. In his free time he enjoys drinking and playing computer games. Most people think he looks like Won Bin.

8.(Female)

She's very athletic and has a good sense of humor. She got divorced last year after 2 years of marriage. She's a faithful Buddhist and visits a temple every week.

9.(Male)

He defected from North Korea when he was 18 and now he's 22. He's very hard

working and a real gentleman. His hobbies are dancing in the rain and drawing pictures of pigs. He's 190 cm. tall with a muscular body.

10.(Female)

She's an Ehwa University graduate. She's a good cook and wants to have a big family. She's a former model, but lost one of her hands in an accident.

2. What would you answer if someone asked you, "What are you looking for in a spouse?" (If you are already married, what would you answer if someone asked you, "What were you looking for in a spouse?") Explain your answer.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

You have read the responses of four international students to the question, "What are you looking for in a spouse?" Then you thought about how you would answer that question. Now you will learn what most young adults in the United States are looking for in a husband or wife. The information comes from a survey done at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Before you read the article, try to predict what the survey showed. Read each statement below. Write Yes if you agree with the statement and No if you disagree.

- _____ 1. Young adults in the United States are probably looking for the same qualities the four international students are looking for.
- _____ 2. They are probably looking for the same qualities their parents and grandparents were looking for.
- _____ 3. They are probably looking for the same qualities I am (or was) looking for.
- Now read the article to find out what the survey actually showed.**

Who Wants to Marry a Soul Mate?

- 1 What are young adults in the United States looking for in a spouse? Are they looking for a person who will be a great father or mother someday? No. Are they looking for someone who will help them financially? No. Are they looking for someone who shares their religion? Most say no. What, then, are they looking for in a husband or wife? They are looking for someone who is, above all, their "soul mate"—someone who is their best friend and partner, someone who understands them, someone with whom they have a deep emotional connection.
- 2 That information comes from a recent telephone survey of 1,000 Americans ages 20 to 29. Researchers at Rutgers University called young men and women living in the eastern United States and read statements about marriage. The young adults were asked to reply "yes" if they agreed with the

statement and "no" if they disagreed. Here, for example, are a few of the statements:

- The main purpose of marriage is to have children.
- A woman should not rely on marriage for financial security.
- It is important to find a spouse who shares your religion.

To the surprise of the researchers, the statement receiving the largest percentage of "yes" responses, with 94 percent agreeing, was: "When you marry, you want your spouse to be your soul mate, first and foremost."

Sociologists say these results indicate that 3 in the United States young adults' attitudes toward marriage are different from those of their grandparents and great-grandparents. Many of the social, economic, and religious reasons for marrying and choosing a spouse that were important to previous generations

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are no longer important. In the past, for example, many people believed the purpose of marriage was to have children—to create a family. Only 16 percent of young adults questioned in the survey believe that “the main purpose of marriage is to have children.” In earlier generations, most women saw marriage as a way to become economically independent from their parents and financially secure. Today, a young woman is more likely to rely on herself financially, believing that her own education and career—not her husband’s—will give her economic independence and security. Not long ago, most people in the United States thought it was very important to marry someone of the same religion. Today, only 42 percent of young adults believe this.

4 Replacing yesterday’s social, economic, and religious reasons for marrying are reasons that are romantic, perhaps even naive or unrealistic. Today’s young adults want, more than anything else, to have togetherness, support, and closeness in their marriages; they want a “super-relationship” between two people, rather than a relationship that is just one of many close relationships they have.

5 Some sociologists believe that young people in the U.S. may be looking for this “super-relationship” because they do not have many other relationships that are strong and lasting. Contemporary U.S. society is mobile—many people move as often as every seven years—and the pace of life is frantic. Those two factors make it difficult to have deep and lasting relationships. In addition, the divorce rate is high in the United States; 43 percent of all marriages end. So, young adults may be looking for the emotional support and comfort that is missing from other parts of their lives.

6 Hayley Kaufman, a reporter at the *Boston Globe* who is in her late 20s, agrees that the high divorce rate may explain her generation’s search for a soul mate. In a *Boston Globe* article, she writes:

7 While the soul-mate idea may have older Americans shaking their heads and laughing,

it makes perfect sense to those of us who are in our twenties and thirties. We’re the ones, after all, who watched our parents split up and our friends’ parents split up.

By the mid-1980s, as the American divorce rate was peaking at 50 percent, our lives had been marked by events our parents never could have dreamed of when they were kids. We sat through family-therapy sessions before getting dropped off at school puffy-eyed and sniffling. We woke up one morning to discover that Dad had packed a suitcase and moved into an apartment. At the tender age of 10, we carried around two different sets of house keys—one set for Mom’s house, another set for Dad’s.

Even if our parents decided to stick it out, many of our friends’ parents didn’t. We watched as parent after parent moved out and, frequently, remarried. We were the ones who got the phone calls after our depressed, angry, and just plain sad adolescent friends had just eaten a holiday dinner with a bunch of steprelatives they barely knew.

The people we saw split up weren’t soul mates—not by a long shot. Surely they’d been in love at some point. But they got married for a lot of other reasons. They wanted a provider. Or someone who shared the same religion. Or a good mother for their kids. Or they thought it was just time.

It’s no wonder young Americans want a soul mate. After a lifetime of broken bonds, we’re all hoping for one relationship that will last.

The survey seems to support Ms. Kaufman’s belief that her generation is looking for “one relationship that will last.” When researchers read this statement: “It is unlikely that I will stay married to the same person for life,” only 6 percent of young adults agreed. In other words, 94 percent of the people who participated in the survey intend to stay married to their “soul mates” for their entire lives.

Older adults—even the ones shaking their heads and laughing at the “soul mate” idea—wish them well and hope they do. ♦

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BUILDING ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

The words below are on the Academic Word List.* Find the words in "Who Wants to Marry a Soul Mate?" (The number in parentheses is the number of the paragraph.) If you are not sure what a word means, look it up in your dictionary. Then use the words in the sentences that follow.

financially (1)	previous (3)	created (3)	bond (11)
attitude (3)	generations (3)	secure (3)	participated (12)
economic (3)		rely on (3)	

1. Some people believe that the universe began with a big explosion, but others do not believe it was _____ in that way.
2. If your car always starts and never breaks down, you have a car you can _____.
3. A photo of a woman with her daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter shows four _____ in a family.
4. Most job applications ask for information about work experience you've had. You usually have to list all your _____ employers.
5. He has a close relationship with his cousin, but the _____ with his brother is even stronger.
6. When she was in high school, she played soccer and belonged to several clubs; all together, she _____ in four after-school activities.
7. Small children stay close to their mothers, where they feel safe and _____.
8. Students who hated school but like it now had a change in _____.
9. Someone who loans you money helps you out _____.
10. If a country's unemployment rate is high—that is, if a lot of people can't find work—the country's _____ situation is not good.

DEVELOPING READING SKILLS

◆ UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEAS

There are three correct ways to complete each sentence. Draw a line through the one incorrect answer.

1. A recent survey indicates that young adults in the United States want to marry a "soul mate." A soul mate is someone
 - a. with whom you have a deep emotional connection.
 - b. who understands you.
 - c. ~~who will help you financially.~~
 - d. who is your best friend and partner.

*For an explanation and the complete Academic Word List, see page 157.

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Who Wants to Marry a Soul Mate?

(Answer these questions)

1. What are young adults in the US looking for in a spouse?

2. Who conducted this survey?

Who was surveyed?

What statement received the largest % of "yes" responses?

3. What do sociologists say these results indicate?

What are 3 differences between the past and present?

a.

b.

c.

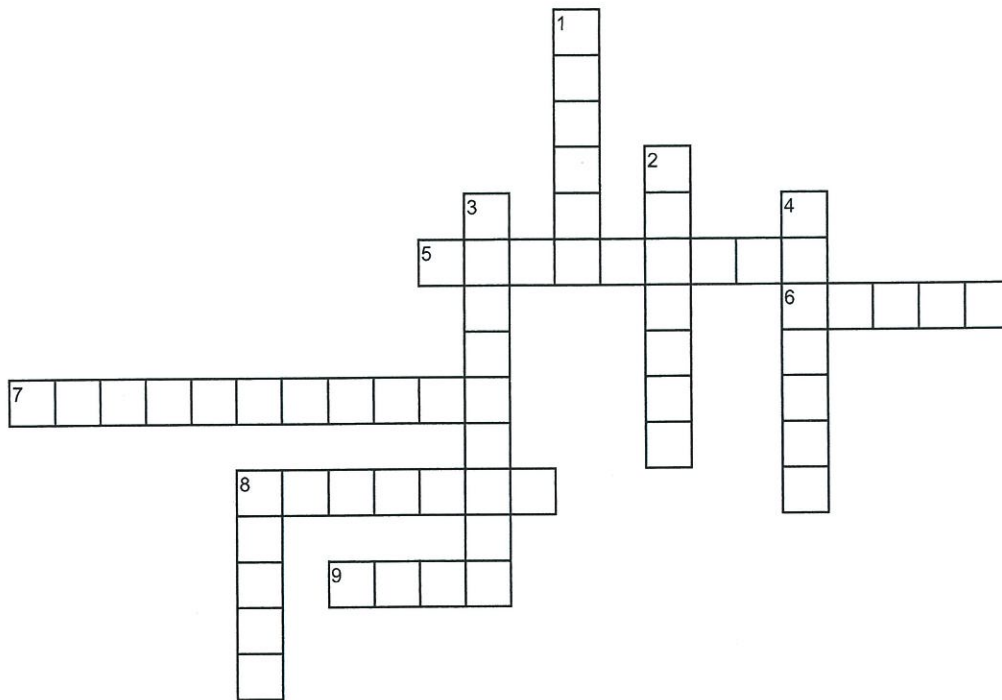
4. What do today's young adults want?

5. Why do sociologists think young people want these "super-relationships"?

6. What's the divorce rate in the US?

7. What % of people intend to stay married to their soul mates for their entire lives?

Weddings



Across

- 5 party after a couple gets married
- 6 man getting married
- 7 yearly celebration of a couple's marriage
- 8 bunch of flowers
- 9 promises a couple make to each other

Down

- 1 person who is engaged to be married
- 2 provides food and drinks for a wedding
- 3 couple that's just been married
- 4 agreed to marry
- 8 woman getting married

Conv 6 (ask Me)

Interview somebody about their marriage

1. How long have you been married?
2. How did you meet?
3. What was your first impression of your spouse?
4. What do you think are the keys to a strong marriage?
5. What do you like most about your spouse?
Is there anything that bothers you about your spouse?
6. What do you enjoy doing together?
7. What's the most romantic thing your spouse has ever done for you?