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Me Answers

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. Curly hair seems to run in the family.
2. The best apples and persimmons are in season during the fall.
3. I took a hot bath after playing soccer all day. (1 idiom)
4. My stove's out of order so I need to buy a new one.
5. Ok everybody! Be quiet and pay attention to the teacher!
6. A: I'm really tired!
B: Oh? Why's that?
A: I studied from dawn to dusk today. I probably studied at least 11 hours. (2 idioms)
7. I'm going fishing tomorrow regardless of the weather.
8. Today's Severn and IU's wedding anniversary, so let me propose a toast "May Severn and IU always live happily together!"
9. It's hard to teach little children, because they're usually out of control.
10. My friend wants to be president of Korea, but I think that's really a pipe dream.
11. I always feel at home when I visit my grandparents. They really make me feel comfortable.
12. I haven't seen my family in a long time, so they've been on my mind a lot lately.
13. A: Do you remember the group H.O.T.?
B: Sure! What about them?
A: Well, I heard they're making a comeback soon.
14. 추석 is coming soon so I bought a round-trip ticket to my hometown in advance. (2 idioms)

- a. round trip ticket
- b. run in my family
- c. at least
- d. in advance
- e. feel at home
- f. in season
- g. from dawn to dusk
- h. out of order
- i. out of control
- j. propose a toast
- k. making a comeback
- l. pay attention to
- m. pipe dream
- n. regardless of
- o. on my mind
- p. took a bath

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Write the meanings for these idioms

(<http://esl-bits.net/idioms>)

1. wash it down (drink to help you swallow something)
2. not so hot (not that good)
3. watch your language (be careful what you say / Don't use bad language)
4. black-listed (excluded / not invited)
5. make it snappy (hurry up)
6. a little steep (a little expensive)
7. suit yourself (do what you want)
8. sassy (rude / impolite)
9. kitty-corner (diagonal to)
10. show-off (one who displays)
11. c'est la vie (that's life)
12. wet the bed (to urinate in your bed)
13. the first leg (the 1st part of a trip)
14. a total stranger (somebody you don't know at all)
15. keep a secret (not tell somebody)
16. you're kidding (you're joking)

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Read the information about the different customs and find five pairs of countries with contrasting customs. Write the countries in the chart.

Country	Custom	Country	Custom
In Australia	People don't leave tips in restaurants.	In New Zealand	People usually pay for their own meals in restaurants.
In Brazil	People don't go to bed till very late.	In Spain	People are late for most appointments.
In Britain	People don't smoke in a friend's home without asking.	In Sweden	People arrive on time for most appointments.
In Canada	People go to bed fairly early on weekdays.	In Turkey	People smoke almost anywhere they like.
In Egypt	People allow their hosts to treat them to meals in restaurants.	In the U.S.	People leave tips of 15%-20% in most restaurants.

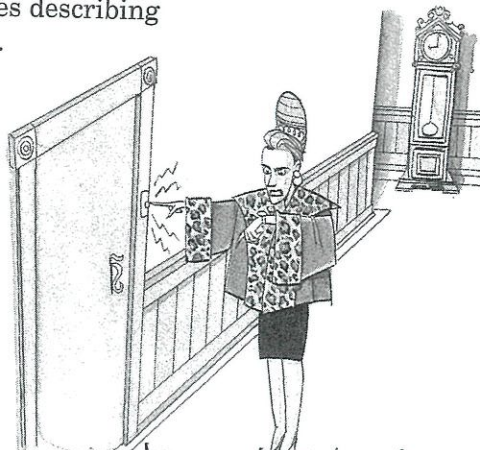
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Contrasting customs

Australia and the U.S.

Read these four cross-cultural situations. Write sentences describing what the visitors did wrong. Use the expressions in the box.

you're (not) supposed to it's (not) the custom to
 you're (not) expected to it's (not) acceptable to



Brit is from Sweden. When she was on vacation in Spain, some Spanish friends invited her to dinner at 9:00. She arrived at exactly 9:00, but her friends had not even arrived home yet.

In Spain, you're expected to be late for appointments but in Sweden you're expected to be on time

Arylou is from the United States. On her first day in Australia, she went to a restaurant. She was so happy with the service that she left a tip of 20%. The waiter was horrified.

Australia, you're not supposed to leave tips, but in the U.S. it's the custom to leave a tip

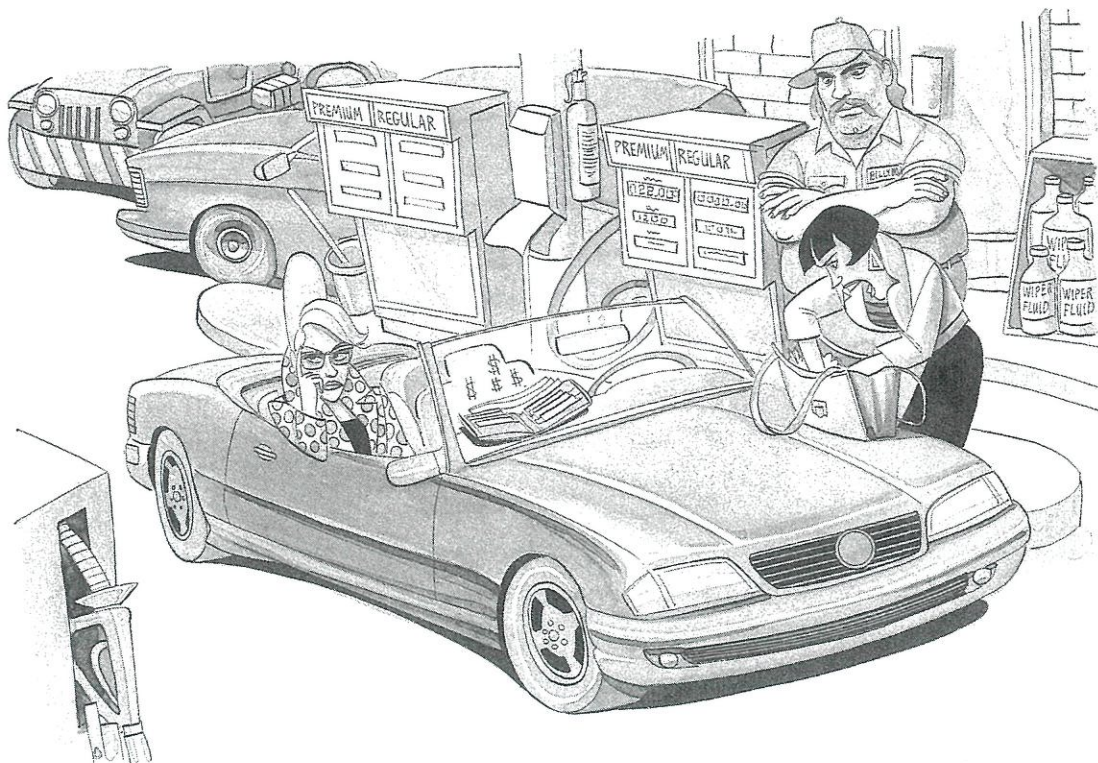
3. Peter is from New Zealand. When he went to Egypt, he was invited to dinner at a restaurant. He offered to pay for his dinner. His Egyptian friend was pretty upset.

In Egypt, it's the custom to allow the host to pay for the meal, but in NZ people usually pay for their own meals

- ✓ 4. Bulent is from Turkey. When he visited some friends in Britain, he lit a cigarette in their living room. He was very surprised when they immediately asked him to smoke outside – in the middle of winter.

In Britain, you're not supposed to smoke in a friend's home without asking, but in Turkey people can smoke almost anywhere

7 Complete these sentences giving information about customs in a country you know.



1. If you go for a long ride in a friend's car, *it's the custom to offer to pay some of the expenses*
2. When a friend graduates from school or college, _____
3. If you borrow something from a friend, _____
4. If a friend lends you a large sum of money, _____
5. When a friend invites you to dinner, _____