

Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

- 1.A:Excuse me. Can you tell me where the nearest coffee shop is?
B:Sure. There's a Starbucks just down the street. It's only a stone's throw away.
- 2.Boxing Day is a holiday in the UK.
- 3.My grandfather's living in a senior citizen home now.
- 4.One of my favorite desserts is apple pie ala mode.
- 5.Most professors have studied a lot, so they're well-read.
- 6.It was pitch black at night, so I couldn't see a thing.
- 7.I'm usually tired on the weekends, so I like to veg out at home.
- 8.I love seafood, so I ate at a surf and turf restaurant last week.
- 9.One of my students didn't call me last week. That begs the question what was he doing.
- 10.My friend helped me, so I helped her. It was quid pro quo.
- 11.A euphemism for fat is "big boned".
- 12.A:Did you hear that a UFO landed at Mokwon yesterday?
B:What? No way! That sounds preposterous.
- 13.Let me give you my 2 cents worth. I think Trump was the worst U.S. president ever.
- 14.We need to try harder. I think we're too lackadaisical.
- 15.A:Have the 2 companies signed their contract yet?
B:No, but I think it's a fait accompli. They'll probably sign next week.

- a.senior citizen
- b.preposterous
- c.well read
- d.2 cents worth
- e.Boxing Day
- f.ala mode
- g.fait accompli
- h.lackadaisical
- i.euphemism
- j.surf and turf
- k.begs the question
- l.stone's throw
- m.pitch black
- n.veg out
- o.quid pro quo

Conv. 3

Write the meanings for these idioms

(www.idioms4you.com/find-idioms)

1. spot on (exactly right)
2. on the one hand (to introduce the 1st of 2 contrasting points)
3. thumbs up/thumbs down (to approve / to disapprove)
4. that depends (you're not sure because there are other factors)
5. do the trick (something that works well)
6. sounds like (to seem)
7. hunker down (to take shelter or refuge)
8. out of date ~~old~~ - (too old to be used)
9. stick up for (to defend)
10. in a bind (in trouble)
11. open-minded (ready to accept different opinions)
12. first rate (very best)
13. off limits (a place you are not allowed to enter)
14. never mind (it doesn't matter)
15. (to be) short on (not have enough of)
16. kill time ~~(to take shelter)~~
(to do something which is not very useful while waiting)

Conv. 3

GRAMMAR FOCUS

by + gerund to describe how to do things

You could improve your accent **by listening** to language CDs.
I learn new words best **by writing** them on pieces of paper and **sticking** them on things.
The best way to learn slang is not **by watching** the news but **by watching** movies.

A How can you improve your English? Complete the sentences with *by* and the gerund forms of the verbs. Then compare with a partner.

1. You can improve your accent *by mimicing* (mimic) native speakers.
2. A good way to learn idioms is *by watching* (watch) videos online.
3. Students can become better writers *by getting* (get) a private tutor.
4. A good way to learn new vocabulary is *by accessing* (access) a "learner's dictionary."
5. People can become faster readers *by skimming* (skim) magazines in English.
6. One way of practicing conversation is *by role-playing* (role-play) with a partner in class.
7. You can learn to use grammar correctly *by utilizing* (utilize) self-study materials.
8. The best way to develop self-confidence in speaking is *by conversing* (converse) with native speakers.

B GROUP WORK Complete the sentences in part A with your own ideas.
What's the best suggestion for each item?

A: In my opinion, a good way to improve your accent is by watching sitcoms.
B: I think the best way is not by watching TV but by talking to native speakers.

10 DISCUSSION Ways of learning

A Listen to Todd and Lucy describe how they developed two skills.
How did they learn? Complete the chart.

	Todd	Lucy
1. learn to play a musical instrument
2. become a good conversationalist

B GROUP WORK How would *you* learn to do the things in the chart?

C GROUP WORK Talk about different ways to learn to do each of these activities. Then agree on the most effective method.

ride a motorcycle
learn ballroom dancing
write a short story
use a new computer program
be a good public speaker
create, edit, and post videos



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School Vocabulary(Complete the sentences with the right words or phrases)

1. She received a diploma when she graduated from college.
2. Professor 최경애 is dean of our department.
3. I got a Scholarship last semester, because my GPA was 4.5.(2 words)
4. One of my students Transferred from Mokwon University to Yonsei University.
5. I listened to Phillip's lecture last semester.
6. According to the class syllabus we'll watch a movie this week.
7. I'm taking 18 credits this semester.
8. The tuition at Mokwon is too expensive.
9. Most Korean universities have exchange students from Vietnam, China, and other countries.
10. My professor was upset, because I cut too many classes.(1 phrase)
11. Students should never plagiarize. They should always use their own words.
12. The English Literature faculty includes 최경애, 이환태, Phillip McElroy, Paul ruddock, and Severn Somerville.
13. My major's English(global Communication), but last semester I took an elective called Hiphop dance.
14. Mokwon's administration includes president 권혁태 and his staff.
15. Some of Mokwon's students live in the dorm.
16. My teacher was too difficult, so I dropped his class after 1 week.(1 phrase)
17. The student had a double major of Global Communication and Business Administration.
18. I registered for an online English class last week.
19. A: What are you doing this weekend?
B: Oh, I need to hit the books for my midterms next week.(2)
20. Don't eat in the school cafeteria! The food there is terrible!
21. A: What's your goal for the future?
B: Well, after Mokwon I want to go to grad school and study hotel management.
22. OT gives freshmen an introduction to university life.
23. English grammar is a prerequisite for our majors.
24. The board of trustees helps to choose the Mokwon president.
25. The Global Communication(English Literature) curriculum includes classes in English phonetics, American short stories, News English, English Conversation...

26. I forgot about the idiom quiz, so I had to cram at the last minute.
27. I'm really upset, because I flunked my exam.

transferred credits double major cut classes dorm
dean cafeteria tuition curriculum syllabus OT
administration faculty flunked diploma dropped class
exchange students prerequisite lecture registered midterms
GPA cram grad school elective hit the books
plagiarize scholarship board of trustees

Challenges and accomplishments

Conv. 3

NAPSHOT

VOLUNTEER!

What are you interested in? Consider these volunteering opportunities.



COSTA RICA

- ▶ helping at a wildlife center
- ▶ monitoring endangered birds
- ▶ assisting with reforestation
- ▶ teaching computer skills
- ▶ organizing environmental activities



THAILAND

- ▶ repairing rural roads
- ▶ building schools
- ▶ designing websites
- ▶ taking care of elephants
- ▶ working in rural health clinics



MOZAMBIQUE

- ▶ building houses
- ▶ working at an orphanage
- ▶ conducting health surveys
- ▶ teaching English
- ▶ working on a marine conservation project

Sources: www.volunteerabroad.com; www.kayavolunteer.com

Which project sounds the most interesting? the least interesting?
Do you think of any other interesting projects that volunteers could do?
Do you know anyone who has volunteered? What did they do?

PERSPECTIVES Volunteers talk about their work.

Listen to people talk about their volunteer work. What kind of work do they do? Write the names in the sentences below.

The most rewarding thing about helping them is learning from their years of experience.

—Paul

One of the most difficult aspects of working abroad is being away from my family.

—Sho-fang

One of the rewards of working with them is experiencing their youthful energy and playfulness.

—Mariela

1. Sho-fang teaches in a developing country.
2. Jack tutors in an adult literacy program.
3. Paul visits senior citizens in a nursing home.
4. Mariela plays games with children in an orphanage.

The most challenging thing about doing this type of work is determining their strengths and weaknesses.

—Jack

Which kind of volunteer work would you prefer to do? What do you think would be rewarding or challenging about it?

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3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Complex noun phrases containing gerunds

The most rewarding thing about helping them is learning from their years of experience.
One of the most difficult aspects of working abroad is being away from my family.
One of the rewards of working with them is experiencing their youthful energy.

A PAIR WORK Match the questions and responses. Then ask and answer the questions. Respond using a complex noun phrase followed by a gerund.

Questions

1. What's the most challenging thing about working from home? *g*
2. What's the best thing about being a police officer? *a*
3. What's one of the rewards of being a teacher? *d*
4. What's one of the most difficult things about being an emergency-room nurse? *a*
5. What's one of the most interesting aspects of working abroad? *c*
6. What's one of the most difficult aspects of doing volunteer work? *b/f*
7. What's the hardest part about being overseas? *c/e*

Responses

- a. dealing with life-or-death situations every day
- b. finding enough time to do it on a regular basis
- c. learning how people in other cultures live and think
- d. helping people learn things that they couldn't learn on their own
- e. not talking with my family regularly
- f. getting to know people from all parts of society
- g. not being distracted by household chores or hobbies

- A: What's the most challenging thing about working from home?
B: The most challenging thing about working from home is not being distracted by household chores or hobbies.

B GROUP WORK Ask the questions in part A again and answer with your own ideas.

4 PRONUNCIATION Stress and rhythm

A Listen and practice. Notice how stressed words and syllables occur with a regular rhythm.

The most rewarding thing | about traveling | is learning | about other cultures.

The most frustrating thing | about working | in a foreign country | is missing | friends and family.

B PAIR WORK Take turns reading the sentences in the grammar box in Exercise 3. Pay attention to stress and rhythm.