

Conv. 2

Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. Ok everybody! I know you're tired, so _____
2. He's got _____, so he's always arguing with people.
3. My sister has _____. She loves to help others.
4. Wednesday is _____.
5. Stop _____ and start working harder.
6. What? What do you mean? _____ there. I don't _____ what you're saying. (2 idioms)
7. That guy's really charming. He's really a _____.
8. 류현진 pitched a 2-0 _____ for the Toronto Blue Jays.
9. A: Severn's really stupid isn't he?
B: Hey! Come on! _____.
10. Don't wait to ask her to marry you! Remember that _____.
11. A lot of people are having a hard time _____ covid-19.
12. A: Do you think you'll get married this year?
B: Maybe. I'm not sure yet. Right now the odds are _____ that I will.
13. A: Do you want to go bungee jumping with me?
B: No! No! No! No way! I _____ want to _____. (1 idiom)
14. Don't say anything to her! She's already having problems, so _____.

- a. don't tempt fate
- b. smooth operator
- c. a short fuse
- d. dealing with
- e. don't rock the boat
- f. a big heart
- g. 50/50
- h. you snooze you lose
- i. dogging it
- j. you lost me
- k. take 5
- l. if you don't have anything nice to say then don't say anything at all
- m. get
- n. hump day
- o. shutout

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Write the meanings for these idioms in English
(www.idioms4you.com)

- 1.cook up
- 2.clam up
- 3.pass the torch
- 4.pull the trigger
- 5.try your hand at
- 6.an uphill struggle
- 7.on the take
- 8.make the best of
- 9.to wine and dine
- 10.at least
- 11.pay a compliment
- 12.look the other way
- 13.to be there for
- 14.sooner or later
- 15.time off

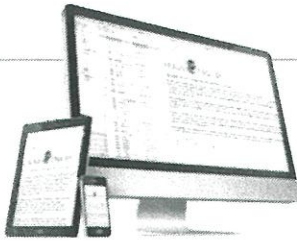
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Black Day: Holiday for the Loveless

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Whether you love it or despise it, almost everyone around the world knows Saint Valentine's Day. Then there's White Day on March 14th, when men who received chocolate buy sweets for women. Fewer people have heard of Sweetest Day, though, which is a holiday crafted by candy makers in the US for mid-October. Loved ones purchase candy and small gifts for each other on this day. But have you ever heard of Black Day?

Black Day is a uniquely Korean holiday. It was created in response to the overly sweet Valentine's Day and White Day. Like some other countries, Koreans have adopted the tradition of obligatory chocolate for both holidays. Women give chocolate not only to husbands or boyfriends, but to male coworkers, friends, and love interests on Valentine's Day. Men do the same for women on White Day. The amount of chocolate one receives gauges the popularity of the person.

Black Day, which falls on April 14th, lets the loveless sympathize with one another. People who didn't receive any chocolate or gifts on either Valentine's Day or White Day wear black clothes. Black advertises their single status, and sort of offers the opportunity to meet similarly single men and women. People who celebrate Black Day also eat a noodle dish with black bean sauce, drink alcohol, and gripe about romance and love. There aren't any presents to buy. There aren't any unfulfilled hopes. Few people know about the holiday outside of Korea, and perhaps this is the best part about the day. It hasn't been marketed and sold to the consumer like its opposite counterparts in February and March.

Preview some of the lesson material:

Brainstorm: Brainstorm with a partner(s) words and ideas associated with "Valentine's Day" for 1 minute, then brainstorm words and ideas associated with "White Day" for 1 minute. Spend another 5 minutes or less discussing the words and ideas together.

Fill in the Blanks: Fill in the blank with the correct word.

- Whether you love it or () it, almost everyone around the world knows Saint Valentine's Day.
- Fewer people have heard of Sweetest Day, which is a holiday () by candy makers in the US.
- Black Day is a () Korean holiday.
- Koreans have () the tradition of other countries.
- They give () chocolate for Valentine's Day and White Day.
- The amount of chocolate one receives () the popularity of the person.
- Black Day, which falls on April 14th, lets the loveless () with one another.
- People eat a noodle dish with black bean sauce, drink alcohol, and () about romance and love.
- There aren't any () hopes.
- It hasn't been marketed and sold to the consumer like its opposite () in February and March.

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Black Day

1.What is White Day?(and when?)

What is Sweetest Day?(and when?)

2.Why was Black Day created?

What does the amount of chocolate one receives gauge(tell you)?

3.When is Black Day?

How do people celebrate?

What does black advertise?

Do people buy each other presents?

4.Is Black Day celebrated in other countries?

5.What are the other special days on the 14th of every month?

Jan.14

Feb.14(Valentines)

March 14(White Day)

April 14

May 14

June 14

July 14

August 14

Sept.14

Oct.14

Nov.14

Dec.14

6.What's the best gift a boyfriend or girlfriend has given you?

I like working with people.

- ▶ Discuss job skills
- ▶ Discuss kinds of jobs

1 SNAPSHOT

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(Students)

21ST CENTURY SKILLS

- ☐ Can you use technology to find the information you need?
- ☐ Can you evaluate the information you find?
- ☐ Do you work well with different kinds of people?
- ☐ Can you communicate with people from different cultures?
- ☐ Are you good at analyzing and solving problems?
- ☐ Can you develop new ideas?
- ☐ Do you enjoy learning new things?
- ☐ Can you teach others how to do things?

21st century | life
citizen skills
creativity successful
digital
effective
information
responsibility
network
fluency
flexibility
collaborate
ability thinking
global critical

Which of these skills do you think are most important for work? in life? Why?

Check (✓) the skills that you think you have.

Look at the skills you checked. What jobs do you think you might be good at?

2 CONVERSATION I love playing video games.

▶ A Listen and practice.

- Mai:** What are you doing this summer?
Jeff: Nothing much. I'm broke. I need to find a job!
Mai: So do I. Have you seen anything interesting?
Jeff: No, not yet.
Mai: Why don't you get a job at your uncle's restaurant?
Jeff: No way. They're open evenings and weekends, and I hate working on weekends.
Mai: Well, I don't mind working on weekends. Besides, I really enjoy working with people. Do you think he would give me a job?
Jeff: Why don't you go over this weekend and talk to him?
Mai: Yeah. I'll do that. Oh, I found one for you: video game tester.
Jeff: That sounds like fun. I love playing video games. I'll check that one out.

▶ B Listen to the rest of the conversation. What is one problem with the job? What does Jeff decide to do?



3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

► Gerunds; short responses

Affirmative statements with gerunds

I **love playing** video games.
I **hate working** on weekends.
I'm **good at solving** problems.

Agree

So do I.
So do I.
So am I.

Disagree

I don't.
Really? I like it.
Oh, I'm not.

Other verbs or phrases followed by gerunds

like
enjoy
be interested in

Negative statements with gerunds

I **don't mind working** evenings.
I'm **not good at selling**.
I **can't stand commuting**.

Neither do I. I do.
Neither am I. Well, I am.
Neither can I. Oh, I don't mind it.

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A PAIR WORK Match the phrases in columns A and B to make statements about yourself. Then take turns reading your sentences and giving short responses.

A

1. I can't stand ____
2. I'm not very good at ____
3. I'm good at ____
4. I don't like ____
5. I hate ____
6. I'm interested in ____
7. I don't mind ____
8. I enjoy ____

B

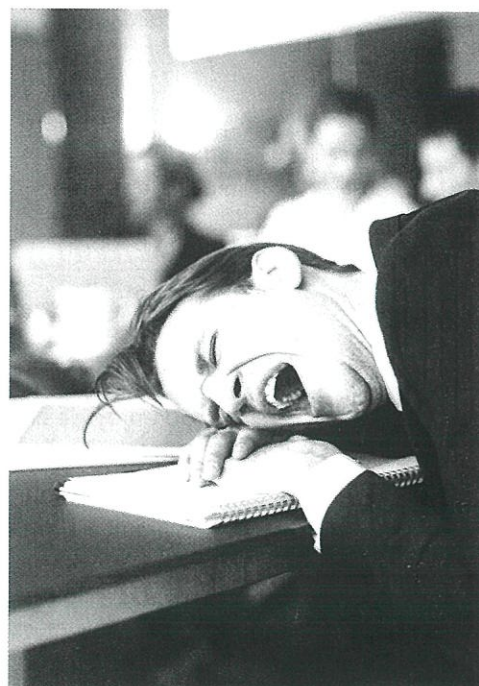
- a. working the night shift.
- b. solving other people's problems.
- c. working alone.
- d. sitting in long meetings.
- e. working on weekends.
- f. speaking in public.
- g. managing my time.
- h. learning foreign languages.

A: I can't stand sitting in long meetings.

B: Neither can I.

B GROUP WORK Complete the phrases in column A with your own information. Then take turns reading your statements. Ask questions to get more information.

(Call me)



4 PRONUNCIATION Unreleased and released /t/ and /d/

A Listen and practice. Notice that when the sound /t/ or /d/ at the end of a word is followed by a consonant, it's unreleased. When it is followed by a vowel sound, it's released.

Unreleased

She's not good at dealing with stress.
I hate working on Sundays.
You need to manage money well.

Released

He's not a good artist.
They really hate it!
I need a cup of coffee.

B PAIR WORK Write three sentences starting with *I'm not very good at* and *I don't mind*. Then practice the sentences. Pay attention to the unreleased and released sounds /t/ and /d/.

8 WORD POWER Personality traits

A Which of these adjectives are positive (P)? Which are negative (N)?

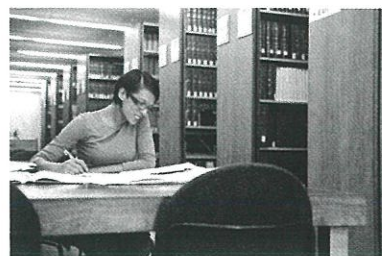
creative	P	impatient	
critical		level-headed	
disorganized		moody	
efficient		punctual	
forgetful		reliable	
generous		short-tempered	
hardworking		strict	

What do they mean?

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disorganized



hardworking

B PAIR WORK Tell your partner about people you know with these personality traits.

"My boss is very short-tempered. She often shouts at people . . ."

C Listen to four conversations. Then check (✓) the adjective that best describes each person.

1. a boss

- ☐ creative
- ☐ forgetful
- ☐ serious

2. a co-worker

- ☐ unfriendly
- ☐ generous
- ☐ strange

3. a teacher

- ☐ moody
- ☐ patient
- ☐ hardworking

4. a relative

- ☐ short-tempered
- ☐ disorganized
- ☐ reliable

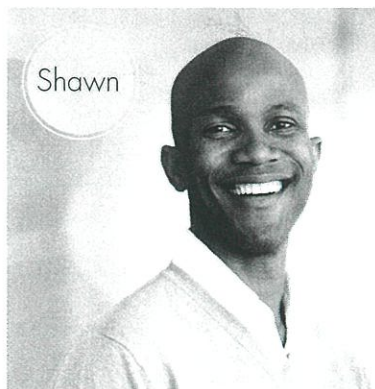
9 PERSPECTIVES Making the right choice

A Listen to these people answer the question, "What kind of work would you like to do?" What job does each person talk about? Do they want that job?



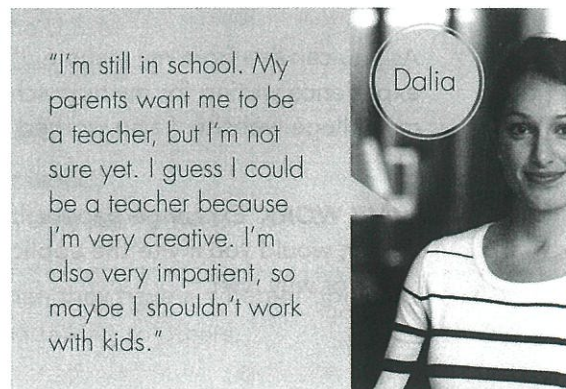
Paula

"Well, I think I'd make a good journalist because I'm good at writing. When I was in high school, I worked as a reporter for the school website. I really enjoyed writing different kinds of articles."



Shawn

"I know what I *don't* want to do! A lot of my friends work in the stock market, but I could never be a stockbroker because I can't make decisions quickly. I don't mind working hard, but I'm terrible under pressure!"



Dalia

"I'm still in school. My parents want me to be a teacher, but I'm not sure yet. I guess I could be a teacher because I'm very creative. I'm also very impatient, so maybe I shouldn't work with kids."

B PAIR WORK Look at the interviews again. Who are you most like? least like? Why?

10 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Clauses with *because*

The word **because** introduces a cause or reason.

I'd make a good journalist **because I'm good at writing**.

I could be a teacher **because I'm very creative**.

I wouldn't want to be a teacher **because I'm very impatient**.

I could never be a stockbroker **because I can't make decisions quickly**.

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A Complete the sentences in column A with appropriate information from column B. Then compare with a partner.

A

1. I'd like to be a physical therapist ____
2. I would make a bad librarian ____
3. I couldn't be a diplomat ____
4. I wouldn't mind working as a veterinarian ____
5. I could be a flight attendant ____
6. I could never be a financial advisor ____

B

- a. because I'm very disorganized.
- b. because I love animals.
- c. because I enjoy helping people.
- d. because I'm not good at managing money.
- e. because I'm short-tempered.
- f. because I really enjoy traveling.

B GROUP WORK Think about your personal qualities and skills. Then complete these statements. Take turns discussing them with your group.

I could never be a ... because ...

I'd make a good ... because ...

I wouldn't mind working as a ... because ... The best job for me is ... because ...

Call Me

11 WRITING An online cover letter for a job application

A Imagine you are applying for one of the jobs in this unit. Write a short cover letter for a job application.

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Reply Forward

To: Catherine West

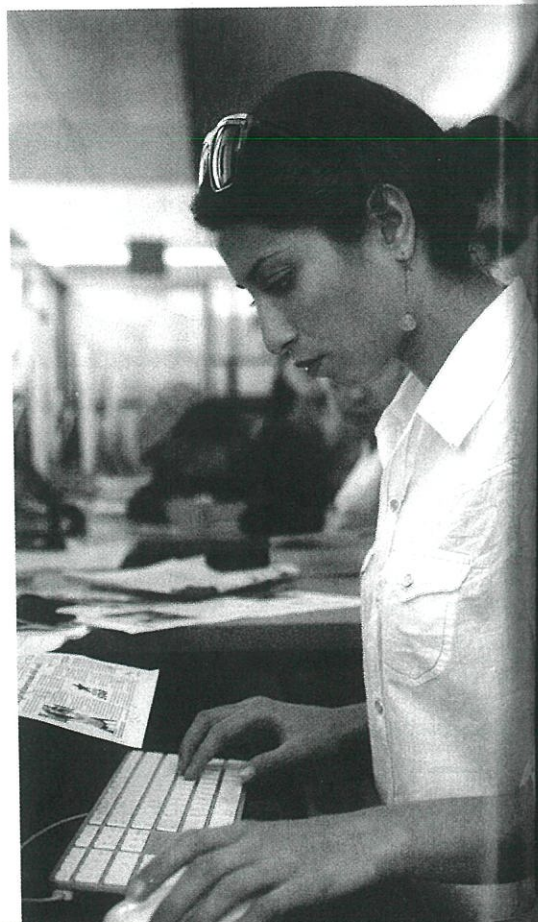
Subject: News reporter position - ref. 04532

Dear Ms. West,

I was excited to see your opening for a news reporter, and I hope to be invited for an interview. I think I could make a great addition to your team because I'm very hardworking, and I really enjoy writing.

As you can see from my résumé, I've had a lot of experience writing for my high school newspaper and for my college website. I also worked ...

B PAIR WORK Exchange papers. If you received this cover letter, would you invite the applicant for a job interview? Why or why not?



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I don't like working on weekends!

1

Choose the correct responses.

1. A: I enjoy working in sales.

B: _____

- Well, I can. ■ Neither do I. ■ So do I.

2. A: I like working night shifts.

B: _____

- Gee, I don't. ■ Neither do I. ■ Neither am I.

3. A: I can't stand getting to work late.

B: _____

- I can't. ■ Neither can I. ■ Well, I do.

4. A: I'm interested in using my language skills.

B: _____

- So am I. ■ Oh, I don't. ■ Oh, I don't mind.

2

Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box. Use gerunds.

☐ commute

☐ start her own business

☒ work under pressure

☐ learn languages

☐ use a computer

☐ work with a team

1. Teresa enjoys being a journalist. She has to write a news story by 4:00 P.M. every day, but she doesn't mind working under pressure.

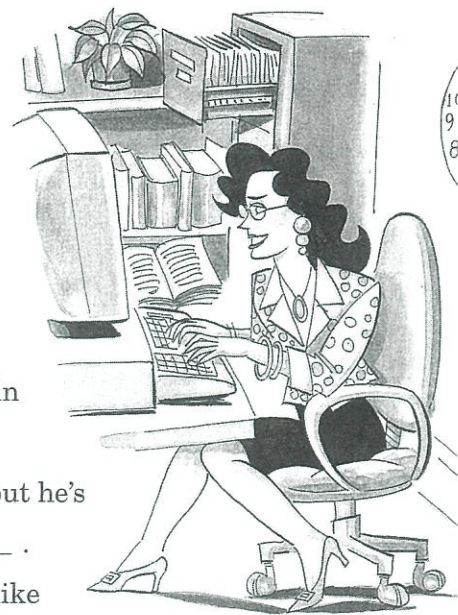
2. Ichiro is a novelist, but he hates _____.

3. Gwen usually works alone all day, but she enjoys _____, too.

4. Ellen works for a large company, but she's interested in _____.

5. Carlos has to use Portuguese and Japanese at work, but he's not very good at _____.

6. Cindy has to drive to work every day, but she doesn't like _____.



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Rewrite these sentences. Find another way to say each sentence using the words given.

1. I'm happy to answer the phone. (mind)
I don't mind answering the phone.
2. I can't make decisions quickly. (not good at)

3. I hate making mistakes. (stand)

4. I don't enjoy working alone. (with a team)

Complete these sentences about yourself. Use gerunds.

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On the job or at school

1. I like meeting people, but I'm a little shy.
2. I can't stand _____
3. I don't mind _____

In my free time

4. I'm interested in _____
5. I'm not interested in _____

At parties or in social situations

6. I'm good at _____
7. I'm not very good at _____

Choose the correct words.

1. Sam doesn't smile or laugh a lot. He often looks worried about things. He's a very _____ person.
(serious / strange / strict)
2. You can trust Rosa. If she says she's going to do something, she'll do it. She's very _____.
(hardworking / level-headed / reliable)
3. Joe isn't good at remembering things. Last week he missed another important business meeting. He's so _____.
(efficient / forgetful / moody)

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Read what these people say about themselves. Which job should they do? Which job should they avoid? Write sentences using the phrases given and because.



I enjoy helping people, but I can't stand working nights and weekends. I want to be a nurse or a social worker.

1. (make a good / could never) *Jim would probably make a good social worker because he enjoys helping people. He could never be a nurse because he can't stand working nights and weekends. I think you have to work long hours to be a nurse!*

I really like doing things with my hands. I also enjoy working with wood. I don't enjoy working in the same place every day, and I hate being in noisy places. I think I'd like to be a factory worker or a carpenter.

2. (could / couldn't)



Anita

I'm really interested in meeting people, and I enjoy wearing different clothes every day. I'm not so good at organizing my time, and I can't stand computers. I might become a model or an accountant.

3. (would make a good / would make a bad)



Iaria

I'm really good at selling things. I also love helping people. But I'm not so good at solving problems. I think I'd like to be a salesperson or a detective.

4. (could be / wouldn't make a good)



Larry