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Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. He was _____ after smoking some marijuana.
2. A: Did you see Mylie Cyrus' dress at the Grammy Awards?
B: Yeah! I _____ wearing something like that! It looked really strange.
3. My teacher's like a _____ to me. He always gives me great advice and helps me when I need it.
4. Students should always study hard. They should always give _____.
5. Make sure you take some tissues to that new movie! It's a real _____.
6. The IT companyt uses the latest _____ technology.
7. _____ the Lotte Giants are one of the best teams in the KBO.
8. Job Interviewer: Why should we hire you for this job?
Applicant: Because I care about this company and I'll work hard to make it even better.
Job Interviewer: Ok, thank you Mr. Kim. Just leave your e-mail address and we'll be _____.
9. A: Sorry I'm late IU.
B: Oh, it's ok. It's no _____.
10. The patient got better thanks to the good doctors and the nurses' _____.
11. My friend thought the new James movie was great, but I thought it was just ok. We finally decided to _____.
12. The workers and maagement need lots of _____ when they're negotiating a new contract.
13. The student skipped the class, because she was _____ that it was cancelled.
14. My roommate's really messy. He never cleans his side of the room. That's a real _____ between the 2 of us.
15. My Mom was angry, because I came home 5 minutes late. She's always _____.

- a. a 110%
- b. agree to disagree
- c. big deal
- d. cutting edge
- e. father figure
- f. give and take
- g. in touch

h.making a mountain out of a molehill

i.high as a kite

j.sore point

k.tear-jerker

l.TLC

m.under the impression

n.wouldn't be caught dead

o.year in, year out

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

- 1.s good sport
- 2.a lost cause
- 3.all for
- 4.at all costs
- 5.bonehead
- 6.can tell
- 7.clock in(#1)
- 8.come to an end
- 9.cut throat
- 10.follow through on
- 11.fork over
- 12.gain ground
- 13.get up in years
- 14.get your hands on
- 15.get in(#3)

PERSONAL STORIES

Merritt Burns and Mary Aaronson fell in love on a cruise ship. Merritt thought Mary was "brilliant," and Mary said Merritt made her heart beat fast. What are you looking for in a spouse? Are you looking for someone who is brilliant? Are you looking for someone who makes your heart beat fast?

The people below, all students at a university in the United States, were asked what they are looking for in a husband or wife. Read what they said.



Name: Burim
Country: Kosovo
Age: 27

I think it will be better to find someone from my country, who is from the same culture and has the same traditions, the same religion . . . someone who will respect me, my family, and my friends. She will be from the same place, and she will understand me more.

I don't plan to find a girl, get married, see if it works, and then if it doesn't, get divorced, which I see many people here in the United States do. That's why I would like to find a religious girl, exactly the girl I am looking for, and then live my whole life with her.



Name: Zsofi
Country: Hungary
Age: 25

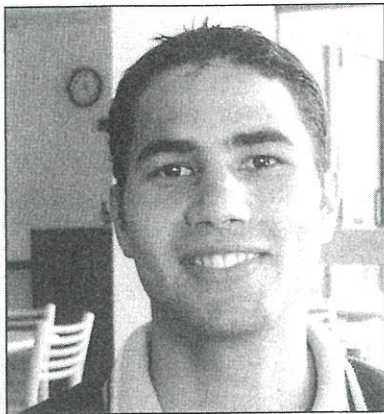
I know for certain that I would only marry someone I had known for a few years. You can come across some surprises if you trust yourself too much and make judgments too quickly.

If I ever get married, I definitely will marry somebody whom I can look up to and who will never let me be too wishy-washy. I love the differences between the two genders, but as time passes men are becoming very woman-like. My husband has to be a man who can stand on his own two feet.

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✓ What Are You Looking for in a Spouse? (Answer this question for these 4)



Name: Aldo
Country: Brazil
Age: 22

I don't want my wife and me to be too independent. Couples in the United States are so independent, they can get everything by themselves. But then after they have a fight, they can just say, "Why should we stay together? One of us can move." In my culture, people struggle and have to depend on one other. When couples have a fight, they have to put up with each other. That's why marriages in Brazil last longer.

I'm looking for someone who can complete me. I don't want someone who can do pretty much the same things I can. I'm not saying that she has to cook and I have to cut the grass. If I like to cook and she likes to fix computers, that's OK. Some things my wife should know how to do better than me, and some things I should know how to do better than her.



Name: Kanjana
Country: Thailand
Age: 24

I think it's important to find someone who wants to have children. When people get married, they should have children because children can take care of us when we're older. It's hard to find someone who loves us as much as our children do.

I also think it's important for the man to have enough money. If the woman can earn money, that's good, too, but it's more important that the man earns enough because he is the leader of the family. But if I had to choose between a man who has a lot of money and a man who understands me and loves me, I would choose the one who loves me. ♦

◆ SHARING YOUR TRUE STORIES

Discuss the answers to these questions with your classmates.

1. Are any of the opinions expressed above similar to your own? Give reasons for your opinions. If you have a story to support an opinion, tell it to your classmates. (For example, do you, like Burim, want to marry someone from your country? Why? Do you know two people from different countries who got married and had problems? Tell the class the story.)

- X2. 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.

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.

8 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 sniffing. 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.

9 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.

10 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.

11 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.

12 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.

13 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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Who wants to marry a soul mate?

(Answer these questions)

1. Who are the 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 the 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 U.S.?

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

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.

2. The survey was conducted in this way:
- Researchers at Rutgers University in the United States telephoned 1,000 Americans ages 20 to 29.
 - The researchers read statements about marriage.
 - The young adults responded "yes" if they agreed with the statement and "no" if they disagreed.
 - The researchers asked the young adults to describe what they were looking for in a spouse.
3. In the past, many people believed that
- the purpose of marriage was to have children.
 - marriage was a way for a woman to become financially secure.
 - it was very important to marry someone of the same religion.
 - marriage was hard work and a full-time job.
4. Some young adults in the United States do not have many deep and lasting relationships because
- in the United States, work is more important than friends and family.
 - people move often, making it difficult to make friends.
 - the frantic pace of life leaves no time for friends.
 - family members become separated when parents divorce.
5. Hayley Kaufman, a reporter at the *Boston Globe*, writes that
- the divorce rate was at 50 percent when she was growing up.
 - many couples in her parents' generation married not for love but for other reasons.
 - the "soul mate" idea makes perfect sense to her generation.
 - she has already found her soul mate.

◆ **SEPARATING FACT FROM OPINION**

The ability to separate a fact from an opinion is an important reading skill. A *fact* is information that is known to be true or can be proven. For example, this statement is a fact: "In the United States, the average age for men to marry is 27, and for women it is 25." Opinions are people's ideas and beliefs and cannot be proven. This statement is an opinion: "Men should not get married until they are at least 25 years old."

✓ Read the following sentences from the article. If you think the sentence gives you a fact, write *F* on the line. If you think the sentence gives you an opinion, write *O* on the line.

- F* 1. Researchers at Rutgers University in the United States conducted a telephone survey of 1,000 Americans ages 20 to 29.
2. It is important to find a spouse who shares your religion.
3. The main purpose of marriage is to have children—to create a family.
4. Ninety-four percent of the people who participated in the survey say they want their spouse to be their soul mate.
5. A woman should not rely on marriage for financial security.
6. Young adults in the United States want to marry for reasons that are romantic—perhaps even naive or unrealistic.
7. Contemporary U.S. society is mobile: Many people move as often as every seven years.
8. In the mid-1980s, the American divorce rate was peaking at 50 percent.

READING A BAR GRAPH

X You learned in the article “Who Wants to Marry a Soul Mate?” that researchers telephoned people in the United States ages 20 to 29 to find out what they thought about marriage. Below are some statements from the survey and the percentages of people agreeing with them. The percentages are presented in a bar graph.

A Respond to the survey. Read each statement. Write *Yes* on the line if you agree and *No* if you disagree. (If you are already married, answer the questions as you would have answered them before you were married.) Then look at the bar graph to see how your opinions compare with the opinions of the people who participated in the survey.

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Interview somebody about their marriage
(Ask these questions)

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?

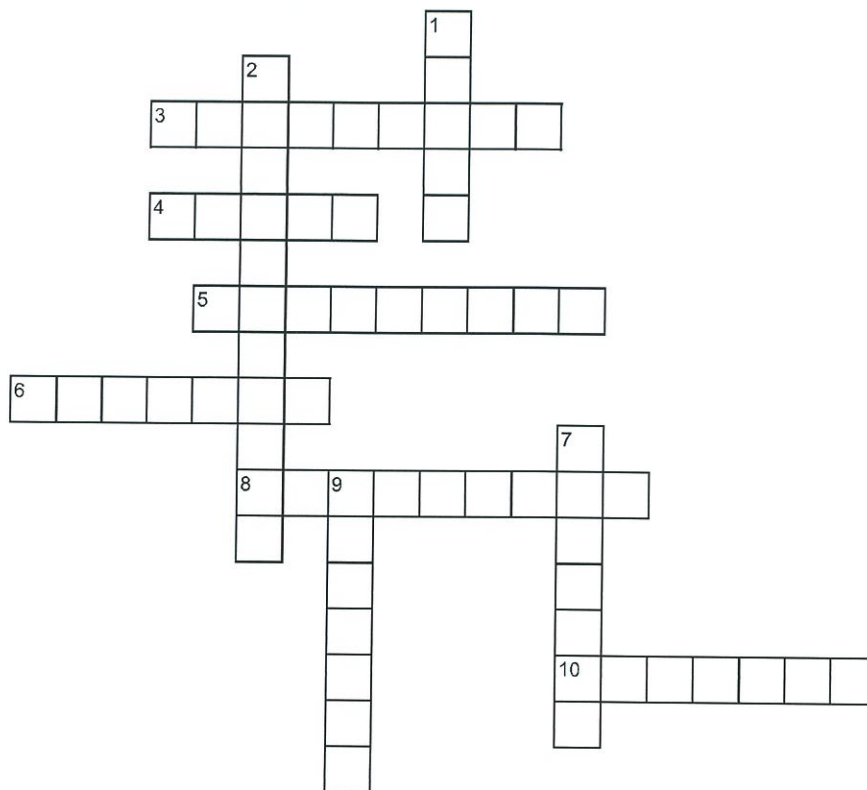
Is there anything that bothers you about your spouse?

6. What do you enjoy doing together?

7. What is the most romantic thing your spouse has ever done for you?

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Weddings



Across

- 3 wedding trip
- 4 woman getting married
- 5 couple just married
- 6 to ask somebody to marry you
- 8 party after a wedding
- 10 promised to get married

Down

- 1 man getting married
- 2 yearly celebration of one's wedding date
- 7 bunch of flowers
- 9 person or group that provides food

