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Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. I'm really _____ about the IU concert. I think her new album's great!
2. The soccer player _____ while he was playing.
3. British soccer fans are usually very loud and _____.
4. I thought he was my friend, but he _____ me when I needed him most.
5. You can trust me, because _____.
6. His new youtube video _____.
7. Whew! I'm really tired these days! _____ a long vacation.
8. Everybody was shocked, because she wore an _____ dress to the party.
9. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie _____ a few years ago.
10. Hey! I didn't say that! _____.
11. My friend's _____ a hard time, so I've tried to comfort him.
12. You need to stay calm when something bad happens. It's important not to _____.
13. It's _____ to be nervous before a job interview.
14. I heard Severn's Travel Agency's selling tickets for half price. Is that a _____ offer?
15. You should try to understand other people. What would you do _____?
16. A: Guess what? I'm applying for a teaching job at Mokwon. Can you _____ good _____?
- B: Sure! I'll be happy to do that. (1 idiom)

- a. split up
- b. jazzed
- c. went viral
- d. if the shoe was on the other foot
- e. cramped up
- f. only natural
- g. going through
- h. I could use
- i. turned against
- j. overreact
- k. I give you my word
- l. don't put words in my mouth
- m. outlandish
- n. put in a word
- o. legit
- p. rowdy

Write the meanings of these idioms in English

(Watch www.youtube.com)

(Type in Native Speaker Teaches 20 English Slang Words)

- 1.to spill the tea
- 2.slide into the DM's
- 3.Don't be a stranger
- 4.cringy
- 5.you do you
- 6.I feel you
- 7.I'm not feeling it
- 8.lame
- 9.fire
- 10.spot
- 11.yas
- 12.Gucci
- 13.bro
- 14.stan
- 15.keep it 100
- 16.tell someone off

Brats Conv. 6

A few years ago a French toy company had an unusual contest—a "biggest brat" contest. The company had a prize for the child whose behavior was the worst in the world. Over 2,000 parents entered their children in the contest. "Our child is the world's biggest brat!" they wrote. The parents made lists of all the bad things their children had done. Judges read the lists and chose the winner. She was a little girl from the United States. Her name was Lizzie, and she was four years old. Here are a few of the things Lizzie did to win the title "The World's Biggest Brat":

- She put a garden hose into the gas tank of her father's car. Then she turned on the water.
- She painted a leather sofa with spray paint.
- She threw her mother's wedding ring into the toilet. Then she flushed the toilet.
- She put an ice-cream sandwich into the VCR.
- She set the table for dinner. Then she glued the silverware to the table. Imagine her parents' surprise when they sat down to eat and tried to pick up their forks!

Lizzie may be the world's biggest brat, but she is certainly not the world's only brat. Alo is a five-year-old boy from Bangladesh. One afternoon, while his father was asleep on the sofa, Alo cut off his father's mustache. A few days later, he cut off his brother's eyebrows when his brother was sleeping in the bedroom. A few weeks after that, he cut off most of his mother's hair when she was asleep at night. Alo's family now keeps every pair of scissors under lock and key and always sleeps behind locked doors.

The behavior of a Mexican boy named Manuel is perhaps even worse than Lizzie's and Alo's

because it is more dangerous. Manuel likes to play with matches. One day he found some matches near the kitchen stove. He took the matches, sneaked into his parents' bedroom, and set fire to the curtains. Fortunately, Manuel's mother walked into the bedroom just in time. She pulled down the curtains and put out the fire before it spread.

Hiroshi, a young Japanese man, says that he rarely misbehaved when he was a young child but turned into a real brat when he was about thirteen. "My friends and I used to sneak around at night and let the air out of tires. We were terrible," he says. "Our parents tried to control us, but they didn't have much success. We drove them crazy."

No mother or father wants to be the parent of a brat. Parents everywhere try to control their children's behavior. Some parents spank their children when they misbehave. Other parents won't let their children watch TV or eat dessert. In Japan, parents often send their children outside when they misbehave and tell them they can't come into the house. In the United States, parents do just the opposite: They send their children to their bedrooms and tell them they can't go outside.

Lizzie's parents don't know what to do about Lizzie. Her mother says, "I keep telling myself that Lizzie is going through a stage, but sometimes I don't know. . . . It seems like she's always getting into trouble." Lizzie's father says, "One day we'll look back on all this and laugh."

What does Lizzie think about her behavior? Lizzie doesn't like to talk about it. When a reporter asked Lizzie if she was "a bad girl," Lizzie kicked his leg. Then she yelled, "I'm not a brat! I'm an angel! Get out of my house!"

- (2) Alo (Bangladesh)
- (3) Manuel (Mexico)
- (4) Hiroshi (Japan)

What are the names of the contest?

Who won? Why?

Others

How do parents

control their

children's behavior?

What does Lizzie's

father think of her

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Brats(Answer these questions)

1.What was the name of the contest?

Who sponsored the cointest?

How many parents entered their children in nthe contest?

2.Who won the contest?

How old was she?

Why did she win?(tell 3 things)

a.

b.

c.

3.Who is Alo?

4.Who is Manuel?

5.Who is Hiroshi?

6.How do parents try to control their children's behavior?

7.What do Lizzie's parents think about her behavior?

8.What did Lizzie do when somebody asked her if she was a "bad girl"?

2. VOCABULARY

LOOKING AT THE STORY

Write the correct word on the line.

hose	sneaked	kicked	glued	scissors	leather
prize	curtains	silverware	misbehaves	rarely	fortunately

- The French toy company gave Lizzie's family a _____. They got money and some toys because Lizzie was the winner of the contest.
- Lizzie doesn't do what her parents tell her to do. She _____.
- The sofa that Lizzie painted was very expensive; it was made of _____.
- People usually use a _____ to water their gardens, but Lizzie used it to put water in the gas tank of her father's car.
- When Lizzie's family sat down to eat, they couldn't pick up their knives, forks, and spoons because Lizzie had _____ the _____ to the table.
- Aló used a pair of _____ to cut his family's hair while they were sleeping.
- When no one was looking, Manuel took some matches. Then, walking quietly, he _____ into his parents' bedroom.
- In the bedroom Manuel set fire to the _____ on the window.
- Manuel's mother was lucky. When Manuel set fire to the curtains, she walked into the bedroom at that moment and put out the fire before it spread. _____, she walked into the room just in time.
- Did Hiroshi misbehave as a young child? "Not often," he says. "When I was young, I _____ misbehaved."
- When a reporter asked Lizzie if she was a "bad girl," Lizzie hit him with her foot. She _____ the reporter.

LOOKING AT A NEW CONTEXT

Complete the sentences to show that you understand the meanings of the new words. In small groups, take turns reading your sentences aloud. Ask your classmates questions about their sentences.

- A child I know who often misbehaves is _____.
- Something I rarely do is _____.
- I feel fortunate because _____.
- I would like to give my _____ a prize for _____.

3. COMPREHENSION/READING SKILLS

UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEAS

What information is not in the story? Draw a line through the information.

1. The winner of the "biggest brat" contest
 - a. was named Lizzie.
 - b. was four years old.
 - c. was from the United States.
 - d. ~~had blond hair.~~
2. Lizzie
 - a. filled the gas tank of her father's car with water.
 - b. drew pictures on the living room wall.
 - c. painted a leather sofa with spray paint.
 - d. flushed her mother's wedding ring down the toilet.
3. Some other brats are
 - a. Alo, who cut off his family's hair.
 - b. Marie, who hits other children.
 - c. Manuel, who plays with matches.
 - d. Hiroshi, who used to let air out of tires.
4. Parents try to control their children's behavior by
 - a. making them stand in a corner.
 - b. spanking them.
 - c. not letting them watch TV or eat dessert.
 - d. sending them outside or to their bedrooms.

UNDERSTANDING DETAILS

Read the following sentences. One word in each sentence is not correct. Find the word and cross it out. Write the correct word.

French

1. A few years ago a ~~Korean~~ toy company had an unusual contest.
2. The company wanted to find the child whose behavior was the best in the world.
3. Over 200 parents entered their children in the contest.
4. The parents made lists of all the good things their children had done.
5. The winner of the contest was a little boy from the United States.

Now copy three sentences from the story, but change one word in each sentence so that the information is not correct. Give your sentences to a classmate. Your classmate will find the incorrect word in each sentence, cross it out, and write the correct word. When your classmate is finished, check the corrections.

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

4. DISCUSSION

A. Think about these questions. Discuss your answers with your classmates.

1. When you were a child, were you a "brat" sometimes or were you always an "angel"? Can you remember anything bad you did? Tell your classmates about it.
2. What do you think about spanking children who misbehave?
3. Do you know a child who often misbehaves? What bad things does the child do?
4. Do you think children in different countries behave differently? Or do you think children everywhere behave the same way?

B. Imagine that you are a parent in the following situations. In small groups, read about each problem and decide what you would do. Circle the answers your group chooses, or write your own answers.

1. When you return home from shopping with your son, you discover a small toy in his pocket. He has stolen the toy from a department store. You
 - a. spank him and send him to his room.
 - b. let him keep the toy this time.
 - c. go back to the store with him and return the toy.
 - d. _____
2. You tell your teenage daughter to be home by 10:00 P.M. She wants to stay out later. As she leaves the house, she yells, "I hate living here!" and slams the door. You
 - a. run after her to tell her that she has to stay home.
 - b. run after her to tell her she must come back and leave the house again quietly.
 - c. do nothing.
 - d. _____

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3. You are at a department store with your three-year-old daughter. She wants you to buy her a toy; you say, "No." She lies down on the floor and screams. You
- a. pick her up and carry her out of the store.
 - b. buy her the toy.
 - c. explain to her why she can't have the toy.
 - d. _____
4. Your six-year-old son comes home crying. An older boy in the neighborhood has hit him. You
- a. tell the older boy never to hit your son again.
 - b. talk to the older boy's parents.
 - c. give your son karate lessons.
 - d. _____

5.

WRITING

Answer one of the questions from Discussion Exercise 4A in writing. Here is what one student wrote.

I remember something bad I did when I was in school. Our school was made of adobe—that's dried mud—and the walls were soft. My seat was next to a wall. One day I was bored and I pushed my pencil into the wall. It made a small hole. The next day I pushed my pencil into the hole again and made the hole deeper. Everyday I pushed my pencil deeper and deeper into the hole. Finally, my pencil went through the wall. Then I began making another hole. I was busy making holes in the wall for days. Then the teacher noticed the holes. She was very angry and moved my seat away from the wall. That was the end of hole-making, and I was bored again.

*What's the worst thing
you ever did as
a child?*

What kind of
child were you?

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When you were a child

PART 2

This questionnaire is similar to the one that parents in the twelve different places filled out. Read the questionnaire, and then think back to your own childhood. Complete the questionnaire as you think your parents would have completed it.

Circle 0 if the statement is not true of your child. Circle 1 if the statement is sometimes true of your child. Circle 2 if the statement is very true or often true of your child.

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|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 1. Argues a lot |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 2. Brags |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3. Can't pay attention for long |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 4. Cries a lot |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 5. Is cruel to animals or other children |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 6. Destroys things |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 7. Is disobedient |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 8. Gets in fights |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 9. Has friends who get in trouble |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 10. Lies or cheats |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 11. Is a picky eater (eats <u>only</u> some things) |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 12. Refuses to talk |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 13. Runs away from home |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 14. Screams |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 15. Sets fires |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 16. Is stubborn |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 17. Swears |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 18. Has temper tantrums |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 19. Is very loud |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 20. Whines |

Add the numbers you circled. That is your total score. If your total score is:

- | | |
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| 0-10 | You were an angel! |
| 11-20 | You gave your parents a little trouble, but overall you behaved pretty well. |
| 21-30 | You gave your parents quite a bit of trouble—more than the average child. |
| 31-40 | You gave your parents a lot of trouble! They could have entered you in the "World's Biggest Brat" contest! |

(Note: This questionnaire is just for fun. The actual questionnaire that psychiatrists gave parents was much longer and was scored differently.)

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Answer these questions

1. What is discipline?

2. What's good behavior?

Bad behavior?

3. Who disciplined you as a child? (your father? mother? both?)
How did they discipline you?

4. What rules did you have in your family? (3 rules)

We couldn't _____ We had to _____

a.

b.

c.

5. What's 1 of the worst things you did as a child?

6. Do you think you've been influenced most by _____

Your parents?

Other family members?

Your teachers?

Your friends?

Books and/or music

Social media?

Something else?

7. Do you care what people think of you?

Why or why not?

8. What do YOU think is the best way to discipline children?

9. Do you think spanking is ok? Why or why not?

10. What does this proverb mean? "Spare the rod and spoil the child"