

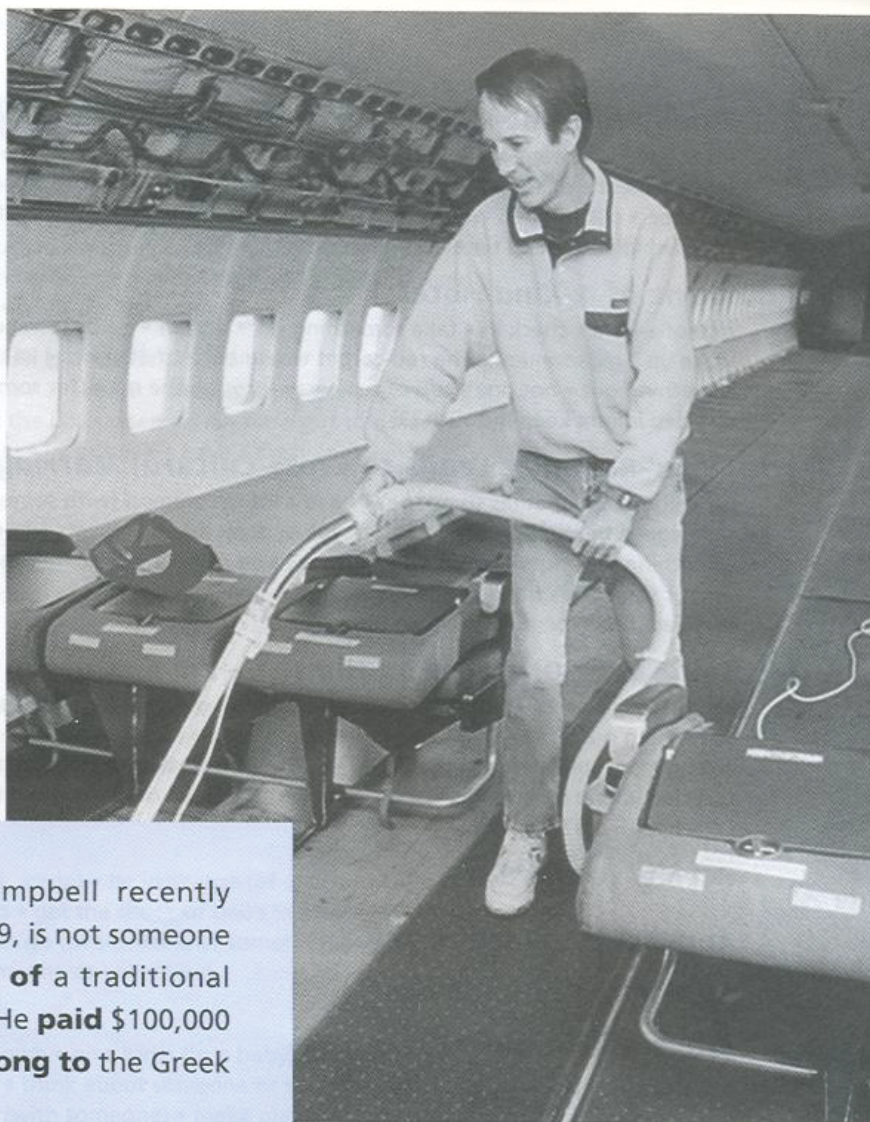
1 Engineer Is Enthusiastic About Odd New Home

1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 3.

What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.



Bruce Campbell cleaning his new home.

PORTLAND, OR, USA ¹Bruce Campbell recently bought his dream home. Campbell, 49, is not someone who **follows the crowd**. **Instead of** a traditional house in the suburbs, he got a 727! ²He **paid** \$100,000 **for** his new home, which used to **belong to** the Greek airline Olympic Airways.

³Campbell's unusual home is parked on his rural property near the city of Portland. ⁴He cleaned the cabin and **took out** most of the seats. "Now it's a palace in here!" he says. ⁵The cabin *is* huge, but the bathrooms, **on the other hand**, are tiny. ⁶Campbell **plans on** using the cockpit as his office.

⁷Campbell, an engineer, **is enthusiastic about** his new home. The plane is much stronger than most homes, he **points out**. And the roof will never leak!

⁸**At present**, Mr. Campbell is a bachelor. But **what if** he meets his **soul mate**? Then, he jokes, he'll buy a huge 747!

727: a large jet airplane made by Boeing

rural: in the countryside

cockpit: the place where the pilot sits to fly the plane

New idioms and expressions

be enthusiastic about something	like something very much
follow the crowd	do what everyone else does
instead of (doing) something	in the place of (doing) something
pay for something*	give money for something
belong to someone*	be the property of someone
take something out*	remove something
on the other hand	however; in contrast
plan on (doing) something*	expect (to do) something in the future
point something out*	explain something; show something
at present	now
what if	what will happen if
soul mate	perfect life partner

Words in parentheses () can occur with an idiom, but don't have to.

*phrasal verb (see Lexicon, pp.116–150 and Appendix D, pp.111–115)

2. Listen

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.

Note: As the tape or your teacher says a number, look at the corresponding picture.



3. Read the Story

Now read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms so that you're ready for Exercise 4.

4. Listen and Complete

Close your book. Listen to the story again. When the tape or your teacher pauses, try to complete the idiom.

5. Match

Complete the idioms using the words in the box. Then write the number of the matching definition.

of	mate	the crowd	present
hand	out	about	

5	a.	on the other <u>hand</u>	1. do what everyone else does
—	b.	at _____	2. remove
—	c.	follow _____	3. like very much
—	d.	instead _____	4. perfect life partner
—	e.	be enthusiastic _____	5. however
—	f.	take _____	6. in the place of
—	g.	soul _____	7. now

6. Tell the Story

Look only at the pictures and the New Idioms box on page 3. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

- First, work with the whole class to retell the story.
- Then tell the story to a partner or small group.

7. Answer the Questions

About the story.....

- How much did Campbell pay for his new home?
- Who did the plane belong to before Campbell bought it?
- What did he do to the cabin?
- What does he plan on doing with the cockpit?
- Why is Campbell enthusiastic about his new home?
- What is his marital status at present?
- What if he meets his soul mate?
- Do you think Campbell will easily find a soul mate? Why or why not?
- Would you be enthusiastic about living in a plane? Why or why not?

About you.....

- What are you enthusiastic about?
- Do you like to follow the crowd? (In fashion? In music?)
- What kind of person would be a soul mate for you?
- What things do you have to pay for every month?
- Where are you living at present?
- What do you plan on doing this weekend?

8. Take a Dictation

Listen to the tape or your teacher and write the dictation in your notebook.

9. Complete the Idioms



- a. Sam certainly does not follow the crowd in fashion. At _____, his favorite outfit is a tuxedo jacket with shorts. He wears it every day.

- b. Mira is enthusiastic _____ her studies and plans _____ becoming a judge.



- c. Luka decided to pay _____ dinner with cash instead _____ with a credit card.

10. Look at Grammar

be enthusiastic about something

be enthusiastic about doing something

Henry's enthusiastic about soccer.

He's enthusiastic about playing soccer.

pay for something

pay money for something

I paid for dinner last night.

I paid \$50 for dinner last night.

Note: You *pay* rent, *pay* bills, and *pay* tuition; but you *pay for* dinner, clothes, a car, and most other things.

take out something (from a place)

take something out (of a place)

I often take out books from the library.

I often take books out of the library.

Note: *Take out* is a transitive, separable phrasal verb. For further explanation on phrasal verbs, see Appendix D, pp. 111–115.

Complete the sentences with help from the grammar box above. Make sure they are true for you.

- I paid _____ food last week.
- I also paid for _____ last week.
- Yesterday, I paid _____
_____.
- I'm very enthusiastic _____
because _____.
- I like to take _____ of the library.

11. Write a Dialogue

Work with a partner. Write a dialogue using at least four idioms from the unit. Act it out for the class.

12. Complete the Story

- a. Fill in the blanks in this true story with idioms from the box. Put the verbs in the correct form and tense.

- on the other hand
- point out (v)
- what if
- instead of
- plan on (v)
- be enthusiastic about (v)
- pay...for (v)

Tired of Waste

Carlton, WA, USA Doug and Michelle Wilcox's dream house is good to the environment. The couple built their home from recycled materials (1) instead of wood or brick. They used 1,600 old tires and thousands of tin cans. "There are six billion people on our planet, and we can't **keep on*** wasting precious natural resources," Doug Wilcox (2) _____.

The walls are made of old tires packed with dirt. Tin cans fill the walls between the tires. There are large windows on the south side of the house, which **take advantage of**** the sun to generate electricity.

The Wilcoxes built the house themselves. It was very hard work, but they (3) _____ only \$20 a square foot _____ it. Traditional houses, (4) _____, cost between \$45 and \$65 a square foot.

(5) _____ there is an earthquake? Tom Griepentrog, a civil engineer, says, "The house is earthquake-proof. It's extremely safe and stable."

The Wilcoxes (6) _____ their tire house. "For us it feels right," says Michelle. In the future, they

(7) _____ helping other people to build tire houses. "We want to teach people to respect the Earth," they say.



*keep on doing something; continue to do something

**take advantage of something; use something well

- b. Read or tell the story to a partner.