



\ ˈmɒp \

**moped; moping**

### Definition of *mope* (Entry 1 of 2)

*intransitive verb*

- 1 : to give oneself up to brooding : become listless or dejected  
// I was feeling depressed and just *moped* around all day.
- 2 : to move slowly or aimlessly : DAWDLE  
// the little woman does *mope* along in traffic  
— Paul Jones
- 3 *archaic* : to act in a dazed or stupid manner

## 1. Listen and join the collocations

### A.

began spending

very focused

at her

homeless

this alarmed

one corner of the room to the other

he'd looked

Irvine penthouse

the second I

the night regularly

he didn't carry

on in his mind

his body was kind of

her daughter

he looked

opened the door

his eyes were going from

pretty calm

as if he was

about something

thinking pretty hard

himself very well

he had a lot going

scanning

he was

moping around

### B.

even at a glance the penthouse

the walls

there were black

area

a glass

expensive bags and purses

fine art on

reflected money

two original

the door

a collection of

creep out of the house

the office

velvet dining chairs

none of

cocktail table

slid

Salvador Dali paintings

better get this

your business



## 2. Listen and fill the gaps with prepositions

Soon, she and John were quietly looking \_\_\_\_ a place together. They found a house \_\_\_\_ the Boardwalk \_\_\_\_ Balboa Island \_\_\_\_ Newport Beach. The rent was \$6500 a month. She put \_\_\_\_ a year \_\_\_\_ advance. He didn't want his name \_\_\_\_ the lease, tax problems, he said. \_\_\_\_ Jacquelyn's overt hostility, Debra wasn't about to tell her kids that John would be moving \_\_\_\_ with her. She knew what they'd say – that she was moving too fast, acting \_\_\_\_ her heart, repeating old mistakes.

What the kids didn't see was how well he treated her day \_\_\_\_ day, better than her husbands had; how he brought her coffee \_\_\_\_ the morning and got her groceries; how he took her Tesla and Range Rover \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ maintenance. Sometimes he even carried her purse \_\_\_\_ her.

She was convinced that they'd understand how wonderful he was once they got to know him.

## streetwise

adjective

UK /stri:t.waɪz/ US /stri:t.waɪz/

(US also **street-smart**)

able to deal successfully with dangerous or difficult situations in big towns or cities where there is a lot of crime:

• McDonald was as streetwise as any of the criminals he had investigated.

### 3. Listen, drag and drop

as quiet and non-confrontational      felt protective      it was her youngest  
Jacquelyn was assertive      dog grooming classes      the pleaser  
the streetwise family rebel      met at a pet store      tattooed on her foot  
bonded over Walking Dead      was into dogs and Zombie shows  
an avid hiker      blond hair and her soft manner

And she knew that if any of her kids would give him a chance, \_\_\_\_\_ Terra.  
Terra Newell was 23 and \_\_\_\_\_ as her sister  
\_\_\_\_\_.

If Jacquelyn was \_\_\_\_\_, Terra was \_\_\_\_\_. The  
first word people used to describe her was “sweet”.

Terra \_\_\_\_\_, church and country  
music.

She had Psalm 23 \_\_\_\_\_.

She had her Mom’s \_\_\_\_\_.

She was \_\_\_\_\_, fit but physically small, with a gentleness  
that made her seem smaller steel. She was living outside Vegas with her  
boyfriend. They’d \_\_\_\_\_ where they’d both worked  
and had \_\_\_\_\_. Terra was taking online  
\_\_\_\_\_.



For years Terra had watched men come in and out of her mom’s life. She knew her mom liked to  
take care of people and tried to see the best in them. Sometimes she trusted too easily. So, Terra  
\_\_\_\_\_ of her mom.

### 4. “And she couldn’t shake off a few questions “.Unjumble them:

/to see them /if he had houses in /why had no one/ Newport Beach and Palm Springs, / been  
allowed/?

/ Mom’s cars/ why was /instead of his own car/ he always driving/?

/playing Call of Duty /seem to spend all day/ TV Mom /why did he/ on the 70-inch plasma/ for  
the house/ had bought/?

/why did/ own nothing but/ he seem to/ a few old clothes/ if he was a doctor,/?

listen and check \_\_\_\_\_

