

Vocabulary

Quality of life

1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Sometimes life is difficult, but I know that my family have faith g.
- 2 It's so sad that some people still face h.
- 3 It takes me a while to trust a.
- 4 We need a stronger b.
- 5 I don't like to talk about all the work I do c.
- 6 There isn't a lot of violence here, but there's d.
- 7 I think these days there is more tolerance e.
- 8 Social media creates pressure to show how interesting f.
a of different lifestyles, but the situation is still not perfect.
b quite a lot of less serious crime.
c our lives are, which can cause a lot of anxiety.
d community here; people don't even know who their neighbours are.
e for charity. That's not why I do it.
f new people, but when I do, I can be a great friend.
g in me, and that helps me continue.
h discrimination because of their age, gender or race.

2 Complete the text with the words in the box.

communities discrimination fact of life generous
part-time pressure spaces tolerance violence
wages

Many people believe that quality of life was much better in the UK in the 1950s and 1960s. Our image is that everyone lived in strong ¹communities surrounded by friends and family. We imagine children playing safely in the streets or in wonderful green ²_____ in the sunshine. We think that there was no crime or ³_____ and that everybody felt safe at any time of the day or night.

There was less of a consumer culture, so people felt less ⁴_____ to buy the latest clothes, cars or electronic items. We also have the idea that everyone was very ⁵_____, helping each other all the time and doing lots for charity. In short, we think that happiness was just a ⁶_____ in the 1950s and 1960s. Was this really true?

Not completely. Men often had jobs with good ⁷_____, but women usually stayed at home or worked ⁸_____. There was less equality and people from different backgrounds often faced ⁹_____. Most people agree that today, there is greater ¹⁰_____ of people different from ourselves.

Grammar

Patterns after wish

3 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 I / to / part-time / work / wish / could / afford / I
I wish I could afford to work part-time.
- 2 police / wish / more / I / there / on / streets / our / were
more police / I wish there were more police on the streets / our streets.
- 3 we / afford / move / could / to / We / wish
We could afford to move / We wish we could afford to move.
- 4 I / they / wish / collect / rubbish / more often / would / the
I would like them to collect more often the rubbish.
- 5 work / weekends / I / didn't / wish / have to / Noor
Noor didn't wish I had to work on weekends.
- 6 people / I / weren't / rude / so / wish
I wish people weren't so rude.
- 7 to / I / I / didn't / go / work / today / have to / wish
I wish I didn't have to go to work today.
- 8 traffic jam / would / I / move / wish / this
I wish this traffic jam would move.

4 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 I wish I work/worked for a charity.
I wish I work/worked for a charity.
- 2 I wish my teacher would/could speak more slowly.
I wish my teacher would/could speak more slowly.
- 3 I wish my neighbours would/were turn the music down.
I wish my neighbours would/were to turn the music down.
- 4 I wish I would/could visit my parents more often.
I wish I would/could visit my parents more often.
- 5 I wish I live/lived in a smaller town.
I wish I live/lived in a smaller town.
- 6 I wish I can/could come with you to Greece.
I wish I can/could come with you to Greece.
- 7 I wish I had/could time to go to the gym today.
I wish I had/could time to go to the gym today.
- 8 I wish James would/will message me.
I wish James would/will message me.

5 Rewrite the sentences using *I wish*.

- 1 There's a party tonight. I want to go, but I can't.
I wish I could go to the party tonight.
- 2 All the benches in the park are broken. I'd like the council to mend them.
I wish the council would/might mend the benches in the park.
- 3 I don't know what to do.
I wish I knew what to do.
- 4 There aren't enough trains. The train company really needs to put more on.
I wish there were more trains.
- 5 I'd like to have my own car, but I don't.
I wish I had my own car.
- 6 There are no streetlights by the beach. I think there should be.
I wish there were streetlights by the beach.
- 7 I'd like to be able to help Ollie, but I can't.
I wish I could help Ollie.
- 8 The weather is so cold and wet. I'd like it to be hot and sunny.
I wish the weather was hot and sunny.