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 ___
3 It takes me a while to trust ___
4 We need a stronger ___
5 I don't like to talk about all the work I do ___
6 There isn't a lot of violence here, but there's ___
7 I think these days there is more tolerance ___
8 Social media creates pressure to show how interesting ___

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 [1] *communities* 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
_____
3 we / afford / move / could / to / We / wish
_____
4 I / they / wish / collect / rubbish / more often / would / the
_____
5 work / weekends / I / didn't / wish / have to / Noor
_____
6 people / I / weren't / rude / so / wish
_____
7 to / I / I / didn't / go / work / today / have to / wish
_____
8 traffic jam / would / I / move / wish / this
_____

4 Choose the correct alternatives.

1 I wish I *work/worked* for a charity.
2 I wish my teacher *would/could* speak more slowly.
3 I wish my neighbours *would/were* turn the music down.
4 I wish I *would/could* visit my parents more often.
5 I wish I *live/lived* in a smaller town.
6 I wish I *can/could* come with you to Greece.
7 I wish I *had/could* time to go to the gym today.
8 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.
_____
3 I don't know what to do.
_____
4 There aren't enough trains. The train company really needs to put more on.
_____
5 I'd like to have my own car, but I don't.
_____
6 There are no streetlights by the beach. I think there should be.
_____
7 I'd like to be able to help Ollie, but I can't.
_____
8 The weather is so cold and wet. I'd like it to be hot and sunny.
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