

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 spaces in the sunshine. We think that there was no crime or ³ violence 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 pressure to buy the latest clothes, cars or electronic items. We also have the idea that everyone was very ⁵ generous, helping each other all the time and doing lots for charity. In short, we think that happiness was just a ⁶ fact of life in the 1950s and 1960s. Was this really true?

Not completely. Men often had jobs with good ⁷ wages, but women usually stayed at home or worked ⁸ part-time. There was less equality and people from different backgrounds often faced ⁹ discrimination. Most people agree that today, there is greater ¹⁰ tolerance 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
There are more police on our streets than there were when I was a child.
- 3 we / afford / move / could / to / We / wish
We wish we could afford to move to a bigger house.
- 4 I / they / wish / collect / rubbish / more often / would / the
I wish they would collect more rubbish from the streets.
- 5 work / weekends / I / didn't / wish / have to / Noor
Noor wishes she didn't have to work on weekends.
- 6 people / I / weren't / rude / so / wish
I wish I wasn't so rude to the other people.
- 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 I would move to a place without a traffic jam.

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.
I wish the council would mend the benches.
- 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 the train company would put more trains on.
- 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.