

First go to <http://www.newsweek.com/id/175908> and read an article there, you may find a glossary below particularly helpful. After you've finished, proceed to Exercise #9.

Glossary

to put a crimp in – to interfere with

taper off - become smaller or less active

to get a lift – to be improved

put your needs on a back burner – to give your needs low priority

boomerang kid (also *boomeranger*) - any young person who comes back home to live with their parents after a period of independence (usually while attending college)

condo – a dwelling unit ([more](#))

Exercise #9

Match the synonyms

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| 1. elated | blessing |
| 2. hubbub | disturb, upset |
| 3. abruptly | embrace, adopt |
| 4. bereft | jubilant |
| 5. sweep up | sorrowful (through loss or deprivation) |
| 6. backing | stifle, mute |
| 7. jolt | suddenly |
| 8. dampen | support |
| 9. detached | tumult |
| 10. boon | uninvolved |

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