

LESSON 6

under the weather: not feeling well, sick

- John stayed home from work because he was feeling under the weather.
- When you catch cold, you feel under the weather.

to hang up: to place clothes on a hook or hanger (S), to replace the receiver on the phone at the end of a conversation (S)

- Would you like me to hang up your coat for you in the closet?
- The operator told me to hang the phone up and call the number again.

to count on: to trust someone in time of need (also: to depend on)

- I can count on my parents to help me in an emergency.
- Don't depend on Frank to lend you any money; he doesn't have any.

to make friends (with): to become friendly with others

- Patricia is a shy girl and doesn't make friends easily.
- During the cruise Ronald made friends with almost everyone on the ship.

out of order: not in working condition

- The elevator was out of order, so we had to walk to the tenth floor of the building.
- We couldn't use the soft drink machine because it was out of order.

to get to: to be able to do something special; to arrive at a place, such as home, work, etc.

For the second definition, do not use the preposition to with the words home or there.

- The children got to stay up late and watch a good movie for the family.
- I missed the bus and couldn't get to the office until ten o'clock.
- When are you planning to get home tonight?

few and far between: not frequent, unusual, rare

- The times that our children get to stay up late are few and far between.
- Airplane travel is very safe because accidents are few and far between.

to look over: to examine, to inspect closely (also: to go over, to read over, to check over) (S)

Go over is different from the other forms because it is not separable.

- I want to look my homework over again before I give it to the teacher.
- The politician went over his speech before the important presentation.
- You should never sign any legal paper without checking it over first.

to have (time) off: to have free time, not to have to work (also: to take time off (S))

The related form (S) to take time off is used when someone makes a decision to have free time, sometimes when others might not agree with the decision.

- Every morning the company workers have time off for a coffee break.
- Several workers took the afternoon off to go to a baseball game.

to go on: to happen; to resume, to continue (also: to keep on)

- Many people gathered near the accident to see what was going on.
- I didn't mean to interrupt you. Please go on.
- The speaker kept on talking even though most of the audience had left.

to put out: to extinguish, to cause to stop functioning (S)

To put out has the same meaning as to turn off (Lesson 1) for a light fixture.

- No smoking is allowed in here. Please put out your cigarette.
- The fire fighters worked hard to put the brush fire out.
- Please put out the light before you leave. Okay, I'll put it out.

all of a sudden: suddenly, without warning (also: all at once)

- All of a sudden Ed appeared at the door. We weren't expecting him to drop by.
- All at once Millie got up and left the house without any explanation.

in vain = without success. cố gắng nhưng vô ích

- They tried in vain to persuade her to go with them on vacation.
- She waited in vain for her son to return home.
- All our efforts were in vain.

in danger = unsafe không an toàn

- Children's lives are in danger every time they cross this road.
- Animals on the earth are in danger of extinction.
- Doctors said she is now out of danger.
- There is no danger of a bush fire now.
- The building is in danger of collapsing.
- How many factory workers are in danger of losing their jobs?

in good shape = có vóc dáng vừa vặn

in the pink = in good health condition

to be in love = fall in love

in command = in control đang kiểm soát

in time = Eventually rốt cuộc, cuối cùng là

- They learned to accept their stepmother in time.

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A. Little by little B. All at once C. Few and far between D. day by day
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