

LESSON 4

to take part in: to be involved in, to participate in (also: to be in on)

- Martin was sick and could not take part in the meeting yesterday.
- I didn't want to be in on their argument, so I remained silent.

at all: to any degree (also: in the least) (không gì hết, một chút nào)

This idiom is used with the negative to add emphasis to a statement.

- Larry isn't at all shy about expressing his opinions.
- When I asked Donna whether she was tired, she said, "Not in the least. I'm full of energy."

to look up: to locate information in a directory, dictionary, book, etc. (S)

- Ellen suggested that we look up Lee's telephone number in the directory.
- Students should try to understand the meaning of a new word from context before looking the word up in the dictionary.

to wait on someone: to serve in a store or restaurant

- A very pleasant young clerk waited on me in that shop.
- The restaurant waitress asked us, "Has anyone waited on you yet?"

at least: a minimum of, no fewer (or less) than

- I spend at least two hours every night on my studies.
- Mike claims that he drinks at least a quart of water every day.

so far: until now, until the present time (also: up to now, as of yet)

This idiom is usually used with the present perfect tense.

- So far, this year has been excellent for business. I hope that the good luck continues.
- How many idioms have we studied in this book up to now?
- As of yet, we have not had an answer from him.

to take a walk, stroll, hike, etc.: to go for a walk, stroll, hike, etc

A stroll involves slow, easy walking; a hike involves serious, strenuous walking.

- Last evening we took a walk around the park.
- It's a fine day. Would you like to take a stroll along Mason Boulevard?
- Let's take a hike up Cowles Mountain this afternoon.

to take a trip (to): to go on a journey, to travel

- I'm so busy at work that I have no time to take a trip.
- During the summer holidays, the Thompsons took a trip to Europe.

to try on: to wear clothes to check the style or fit before buying (S)

- He tried on several suits before he picked out a blue one.
- Why don't you try these shoes on next?

to think over: to consider carefully before deciding (S)

- I'd like to think over your offer first. Then can we talk it over tomorrow?
- You don't have to give me your decision now. Think it over for a while.
- The regular meetings of the committee take place in Constitution Hall.
- I thought that the celebration was taking place at John's house.

to put away: to remove from sight, to put in the proper place (S)

- Please put away your papers before you open the test booklet.
- John put the notepad away in his desk when he was finished with it.

to put up = build a building or structure means to erect.

- Where the old theatre used to be, they have put up a new apartment block.
- They're putting up a new sports stadium just outside the town.

to put up with = tolerate chịu đựng

- I can't put up with my neighbor's noise any longer; it's driving me mad.
- I can put up with the house being untidy, but I hate it if it's not clean.
- He's so moody - I don't know why she puts up with him.
- How has Jan put up with him for so long?

- I will not put up with your bad behavior any longer!

from time to time = now and then = occasionally = sometimes

out of date = obsolete = too old

Out of work (jobless, unemployed): thất nghiệp

Out of order (not functioning): hư, không hoạt động

By the way (incidentally): tiện thể

By far (considerably): rất, rất nhiều

By accident (by mistake): ngẫu nhiên, không cố ý

On the whole (in general): nói chung, đại khái.

On sale: bán giảm giá

This book is **by far** the best on the subject.

Nobody will receive a check on Friday because the wrong cards were put into the computer **by accident**.

On the whole, the rescue mission was well executed.