

Lesson 12

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be free to
become of
die of
furnish A with B
keep track of

no way
on the other hand
stand to reason
turn up
what if

□ **be free to** = have the opportunity to

She was free to choose any dish on the menu.
You are free to leave as soon as you finish the test.

A: Where would you like me to sit?
B: You're free to sit where you like.

At my school, students
are free to use
computers after class.

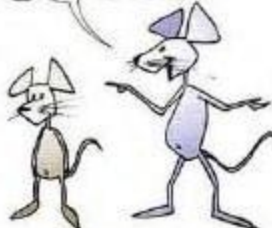


□ **become of** = happen to; occur

Do you know what became of that singer? I haven't heard about him for ages.
Many people wonder what's become of our sense of decency.

A: What will become of that old car?
B: I think they will sell it to a museum.

Don't give up
your dreams.
Just look at what
became of Mickey!



❑ **die of** = be the cause of death

I almost died of embarrassment when my swimming suit came off.

The trees died of poison in the soil from the nearby factory.

A: My parrot died of old age.

B: I'm sorry to hear that.



❑ **furnish A with B** = provide B to A

The school furnished the students with new desks.

The speaker furnished everyone at the presentation with a copy of his latest book.

A: How's your job going?

B: Great! My company furnished me with a new laptop computer.



❑ **keep track of** = watch or count

The teacher had a hard time keeping track of all the children.

Let's keep track of how much we spend on food during our vacation.

A: How many hamburgers did you eat?

B: I couldn't keep track of them all!



❑ **no way** = I don't believe it

You are forty years old? No way! You look so young!

You met Elizabeth Taylor? No way!

A: Did you hear that aliens have landed in L.A.?

B: No way!



□ **on the other hand** = but; looking at the other side of the situation

New York is very romantic. On the other hand, it is very cold in the winter.

Restaurants have a nice atmosphere. On the other hand, eating out is expensive.

A: The new house is smaller than the old one.

B: But on the other hand, it is in a better neighborhood.



He likes eating cookies. On the other hand, he usually gets a rash from them.

□ **stand to reason** = be a logical conclusion; obviously follow

It stood to reason that the criminal should be punished.

It stands to reason that if you eat too much, you will gain weight.

A: It's starting to rain.

B: It stands to reason that we should close the window.



It stands to reason that if you study hard, you will do well in school.

□ **turn up** = suddenly appear after being lost or missing

My wallet turned up in the lost-and-found office.
Please call me if my car keys turn up.

A: Did you find your missing dog?

B: Yeah. He turned up last night.



□ **what if** = in the event that; suppose that

What if you won the lottery?

What if I get sick?

A: What if I get sick? Who will take care of me?

B: Call your mother. She just lives across town.



Practice

Choose the best answer.

- _____ you got a free ticket to fly anywhere in the world? Where would you go?
 - No way
 - On the other hand
 - What if
- He never knew what _____ his best friend from high school.
 - what if
 - became of
 - no way
- I could start studying this weekend. _____, the test isn't until next Thursday.
 - On the other hand
 - Become of
 - What if
- You _____ disagree with my opinion.
 - furnish me with
 - are free to
 - die of
- My ring _____ in the bottom of the washing machine.
 - was free to
 - died of
 - turned up
- It _____ that some people might have trouble living in a foreign country.
 - stands to reason
 - dies of
 - furnishes them with
- They will _____ a name tag when you register at the conference.
 - turn up
 - furnish you with
 - be free to
- Thousands of people _____ smoking related illnesses each year.
 - die of
 - stand to reason
 - keep track of
- We need to find a better way to _____ all the orders we receive through e-mail.
 - keep track of
 - turn up
 - stand to reason
- You won \$200 at the casino? _____!
 - Become of
 - No way
 - On the other hand

Dialog

Fill in the blanks.

became of
on the other hand

died of
turn up

no way
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In the yard:

Max: Do you know what _____ the old man who lived on the corner, Sam? I saw that his house was up for sale.

Sam: I heard he _____ a sudden heart attack a few weeks ago.

Max: _____! He seemed so healthy.

Sam: I can't really believe it either. The police should look into his death. Some interesting things about that family might _____.

Max: What are you talking about?

Sam: That old man was a millionaire! _____ one of his children wanted that money?

Max: _____, maybe his family just has a history of bad hearts. You've been reading too many detective novels, Sam.

Sam: You never know, Max. Things like that don't only happen in novels.



Idioms in Context

Read the following story.

Mark had a pet parrot named Billy. He liked to let Billy out of his cage so that he *was free to* walk around the house. Mark did not bother to *keep track of* Billy when he was out because the bird never got into trouble.

² One day, Mark let Billy out of his cage as usual. Suddenly, Billy flew out the window! At first, Mark didn't worry. "Billy will *turn up* when he gets hungry," Mark thought. "*On the other hand*, what if Billy gets caught and eaten by a dog or a cat! Or *what if* it gets too cold outside? What if he can't find any food? He might *die of* hunger!" Mark did his best to find Billy over the next two days, but he had no luck. He began to think that his parrot was gone for good. Mark knew something terrible must have *become of* Billy because he didn't come home.

³ Then a phone call took Mark by surprise. The person on the phone asked, "Is this Mark? I think I have your parrot."

"*No way!* Really?" Mark exclaimed in surprise. Then he asked, "How did you know my phone number?"

The caller said, "Your parrot *furnished me with* the number. It keeps saying 'Hello, you have called 243-7855. This is Mark. Please leave a message.' So it *stands to reason* that this is your bird."

⁴ Then Mark remembered that Billy's cage was next to the answering machine.

