

Lesson 14

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be bound to
day in and day out
for sale
give birth to
give in

hand out
in one's way
make a difference
tell A from B
upside down

❑ **be bound to** = be certainly going to

My parents are bound to disagree with my decision to join the circus.

The table was bound to break from all the weight put on it.

A: What do you think Dad will say about the broken window?

B: He's bound to be angry.



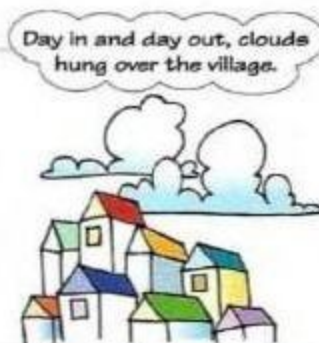
❑ **day in and day out** = every day; all the time

Day in and day out, our next door neighbors argued.

The rain fell day in and day out, flooding the small town.

A: Why does Tim look so tired?

B: He's been studying day in and day out for the big test.



❑ **for sale** = able to be bought; selling

The car that I saw for sale yesterday has already been sold.
You can find good fruits and vegetables for sale on the street during the summer.

A: Why is your new boat for sale?

B: My wife gets seasick!

They put their house up for sale.



❑ **give birth (to)** = have (a child)

Sally gave birth to twins last week.
How many puppies does a dog usually give birth to at one time?

A: I want to have my baby in a hospital.

B: I would rather give birth in my own home.

She is about to give birth to her baby.



❑ **give in** = surrender; agree to someone's persuasion

He kept asking until I finally gave in and invited him to join us.
The protesters said they would not give in until all of their demands were met.

A: That big guy keeps telling me to do his homework.

B: Don't give in!



He gave in to his parents' demands and cut his hair short.

❑ **hand out** = give to many people

Our teacher will hand out the final grades for the class on Friday.

The store was handing out free samples of cake to the customers.

A: Hey! Where did you get that donut?

B: They are handing out free food at the store.



The store was handing out free cosmetics samples.

❑ **in one's way** = blocking; hindering

The box was in my way, so I had to move it.

She could not see the moon because the trees were in her way.

A: Excuse me. Your chair is in my way.

B: Sorry!



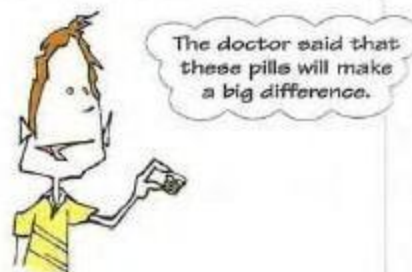
❑ **make a difference** = be important to; affect

The new paint makes a big difference. Your house looks great now!

It won't make much difference if we take the other road.

A: I don't like black and white movies.

B: Me neither. I think the color makes a difference.



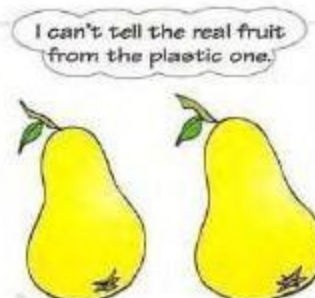
❑ **tell A from B** = know the difference between

It was impossible to tell the real painting from the fake one.

When they are wearing the same clothes, I can't tell one twin from the other.

A: Did you know that Sally is color blind?

B: Yeah. She can't tell green from blue.



❑ **upside down** = the top toward the ground

Somebody hung the picture upside down.

The plane flew upside down for a few seconds.

A: What are you going to do with those roses?

B: I am going to hang them upside down to dry.

The sign was upside down.



Practice

Choose the best answer.

1. _____, the weather station watches the horizon for coming storms.
 - a. Upside down
 - b. Day in and day out
 - c. In my way
2. Even if your child cries, you should not _____ and buy him candy or cookies.
 - a. for sale
 - b. give in
 - c. hand out
3. He would stand on the street corner and _____ advertisements to people.
 - a. day in and day out
 - b. hand out
 - c. for sale
4. The car turned _____ after it drove off of the highway.
 - a. for sale
 - b. in his way
 - c. upside down
5. How can you _____ the bad ones?
 - a. give birth to
 - b. tell the good ones from
 - c. upside down
6. It _____ rain tonight, so we should close all of the windows.
 - a. is bound to
 - b. give in
 - c. upside down
7. Watching American TV really _____ in my ability to speak and understand English.
 - a. for sale
 - b. gave birth to
 - c. made a difference
8. My grandmother _____ six children before she was thirty years old.
 - a. gave birth to
 - b. gave in
 - c. made a difference
9. Nothing stood _____ as she advanced in her career.
 - a. was bound to
 - b. for sale
 - c. in her way
10. I saw a used sail boat _____ in the newspaper.
 - a. give in
 - b. hand out
 - c. for sale

Dialog

Fill in the blanks.

are bound to
in the way

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make a difference

upside down
tell the real ones from

At the store:

Joe: There are some socks _____ over there. Let's go look at them.

Lisa: They _____ be more expensive here than at Quick Mart.

Joe: The sign says they are only a dollar per pair. How much are they at Quick Mart?

Lisa: Ninety cents per pair.

Joe: Ten cents does not really _____ to me. I'll just buy them here.

Lisa: This must be a good sale! There are so many people _____ that you can hardly get to the socks.

Joe: Let's go to the other side. There are fewer people over there.

Lisa: Wow! These are designer socks, but they are so cheap!

Joe: They're not real designer socks.
They're fake ones.

Lisa: How can you _____ the fake ones?

Joe: Look at the designer symbol. It should go this way, but they put it _____!



Idioms in Context

Read the following story.

Our neighbor's cat ***gave birth to*** kittens. Of course, as soon as my son saw the "Kittens ***For Sale***" sign in our neighbor's yard, he wanted to go take a look at them. My husband and I knew that if our son saw the kittens, he ***was bound to*** want one for a pet. So we tried to avoid seeing them. ***Day in and day out***, our son kept asking when we could go see the kittens. I kept telling my son he couldn't have a cat, but it didn't ***make a difference***. He wanted to see them anyway. Finally, we ***gave in*** and we all went to see them.

² There were several other people at my neighbor's house looking at the kittens. Our neighbor was standing next to the box ***handing out*** kittens left and right for people to look at. There were plenty of kittens to go around. My husband and son went to see the kittens, but I wanted nothing to do with them. I stayed near the door and tried not to be ***in anyone's way***.

³ After looking at the kittens, my son ran over to me. "Come and see, Mom!" he said. "There are three boy kittens and two girl kittens."

I asked my son, "How can you ***tell*** the boys ***from*** the girls?"

⁴ My son said, "Dad told me. He turns them ***upside down*** and looks under them. I think it's written on the bottom."

