

Lesson 19

t a r g e t

all in all
burst out
change one's mind
criticize A for B
cross out

get the better of
in regard to
look over
name A after B
stick around

□ **all in all** = looking at everything

All in all, I think the meeting went very well.
All in all, she just doesn't seem like the right person for the job.

A: How was your trip to China?
B: All in all, it was a great experience!



□ **burst out** = suddenly do (usually with a loud noise)

He burst out laughing when his friend walked in the room.
My mother burst out crying when she met me at the airport.

A: Why is your girlfriend mad at you?
B: I burst out laughing when I saw her new hairstyle.



□ **change one's mind** = switch one's opinion about something

She changed her mind and bought the dress that was on sale.

If you read this book, it will change your mind about eating eggs.

A: Have you changed your mind about going to dinner?

B: Yes, sorry! I just don't have time tonight.



I changed my mind and decided on green instead of blonde.

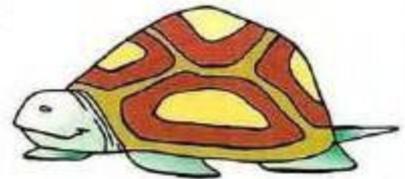
□ **criticize A for B** = indicate the bad point B about A

His coworkers criticized him for being arrogant.

Many people criticized the president for not standing by his principles.

A: The old manager never did any work.

B: Yeah. Lots of people criticized him for being lazy.



They always criticized him for being slow.

□ **cross out** = cancel by drawing lines across

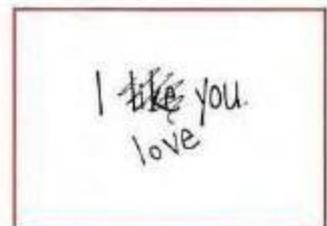
She crossed out her ex-boyfriend's name in her diary.

He crossed out the mistake in the essay.

A: Why did you cross out Kelly's number in your book?

B: That's her old phone number.

He crossed out "like" and wrote "love."



□ **get the better of** = have power to force one to do

His conscience got the better of him, so he called her to apologize.

I had to open the package. My curiosity got the better of me.

A: That guy at work is driving me crazy!

B: Don't let him get the better of you!

My curiosity got the better of me, and I opened the letter.



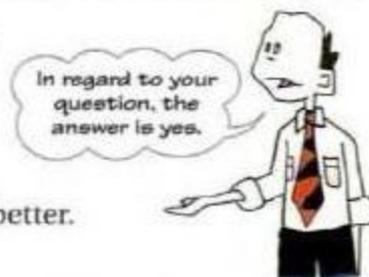
□ **in regard to** = concerning

In regard to your request, we are sending you information about our new product.

She called in regard to the job opening in the advertising department.

A: In regard to your last test, I think you could have done better.

B: I know. I will study harder next time.



□ **look over** = read or see quickly to check

Did you look over that report I left on your desk?

The teacher said he would look over our essay to give us suggestions.

A: Let's look over our travel plans again.

B: Why? We're just going to the store.



□ **name A after B** = give A the same name as B

My parents named me after my grandfather.

She named her cat after a cartoon character.

A: Why is your town called Bismarck?

B: It's named after a kind of donut.



□ **stick around** = wait

Stick around! We'll be right back!

He stuck around until his friend got off work.

A: Hey, look! Those policemen just ran into that store.

B: Let's stick around and see what happens.



Practice

Choose the best answer.

1. _____, it was a pretty good day.
 - a. All in all
 - b. In regard to
 - c. Looking over
2. My uncle was _____ the hospital he was born in.
 - a. burst out
 - b. criticize you for
 - c. named after
3. He _____ at the last minute and decided to go with her.
 - a. changed his mind
 - b. looked over
 - c. got the better of
4. How many people have called _____ the kittens we are giving away?
 - a. in regard to
 - b. stick around
 - c. all in all
5. I found the list and _____ my name.
 - a. stuck around
 - b. burst out
 - c. crossed out
6. If you _____ after the concert, you might be able to get his autograph.
 - a. criticize him for
 - b. stick around
 - c. looked over
7. My teachers in school used to _____ my bad writing.
 - a. get the better of
 - b. criticize me for
 - c. name me after
8. She _____ in the meeting, "I hate this job!"
 - a. crossed out
 - b. burst out
 - c. changed her mind
9. I _____ the memo but I didn't find any mistakes.
 - a. stuck around
 - b. looked over
 - c. burst out
10. I'm not going to let this situation _____ me.
 - a. change my mind
 - b. get the better of
 - c. stick around

Dialog

Fill in the blanks.

all in all burst out changed my mind
criticized her for name the school after stick around

At the dinner table:

Mother: How was school today?

Son: Not bad. The principal announced that he wants to _____
his favorite baseball player. And one girl in my English class
_____ crying today.

Father: What happened?

Son: The girl sitting next to her _____ wearing too much makeup.

Mother: How rude!

Son: Then the girl's friend said she wanted to fight the rude girl after
school!

Father: Did anyone stop the fight?

Son: I don't know. I was going to _____
after school to watch, but then I
_____ and came home right after
school.

Father: _____ it sounds like an eventful
day.

Son: Yeah, it wasn't bad.



Idioms in Context

Read the following story.

One Sunday morning, a puppy showed up in our yard. It **stuck around** all day, so in the evening I tried to get it to come inside the house. **All in all** it seemed like a healthy puppy. It was just a little dirty. The puppy was not wearing a collar so we had no idea who it belonged to. It stayed with us for a few days. I even **named** it "Brando" **after** my favorite movie star. But my wife **criticized** me **for** being selfish. She said, "That puppy belongs to someone and they probably want it back. You have to try and find the owner." Eventually, my conscience **got the better of** me, and I **changed my mind** about keeping the puppy. I made a sign describing the puppy and planned to put it up around the neighborhood. My wife **looked over** the sign.

"Someone who is not the owner may want the puppy. I suggest you **cross out** the description. Then you'll know the real owners because they will be able to describe the dog."

¹ I changed the sign to read, "Found: One puppy." Then I put our phone number at the bottom of the sign. That evening, we got a call. A young woman was on the phone. She said, "I'm calling **in regard to** the puppy you found." She described the puppy exactly, so we knew it was hers.

² The young woman came to our house in less than an hour. When she saw the puppy, she smiled and **burst out**, "Oh, Lucy! It's so good to see you again!"

