Lesson 21

amount to at (the) most be broke come to an end deal with either A or B fall short of in need (of) or so pay back

amount to = total

All of the money we collected amounts to two hundred dollars.

Sales during the Christmas season amount to half of the store's yearly profits.

A: All our work today doesn't seem to amount to much.

B: Yeah. I don't think we'll ever finish painting this house!

The liet amounts to twelve dollars

LIST!

PEENS 41

MILE 42

- YOU'S 42

- YOU'S 42

- TOTAL

TOTAL

at (the) most = a certain amount and no more

I plan to study for two hours at the most. At most, the boat can hold ten people.

A: How long will this flight take?

B: Four hours at the most.



I can only drink, at most, 4 or 5 shots of whiskey before I get sick.

□ be broke = not have any money

He was broke, so he borrowed money from his roommate. How can you be broke already? You just got paid!

A: Hey, let's go out to eat tonight.

B: I can't. I'm broke.



He couldn't go to the movies because he was broke.

☐ come to an end = end; finish

We left before the movie came to an end.

The war came to an end soon after the bomb was dropped.

A: It's been raining for a week! I'm going crazy!

B: Don't worry. It will come to an end tomorrow.

When the party came to an end, there was a big mess to clean up.

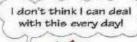


deal with = handle; interact with

How do you deal with all the stress at work? She is avoiding him because she doesn't want to deal with him.

A: I can't deal with all this noise!

B: Maybe you should get a different job.





□ either A or B = one of; not both

I will go to either Mexico or Canada for my vacation. You can have either cheese or sour cream on your baked potato.

A: You can either ride with me or with your mother.

B: I'll go with Mom. She's a better driver!

With any main dish, you can choose either soup or salad on the side.





☐ fall short of = not achieve a result or meet an expectation

The movie really fell short of my expectations.

Although the runner's time was good, it fell short of the world record.

A: Business is not as good this year.

B: Yes. We fell short of our goal of selling 1000 pizzas.

The team fell short of their dream of winning the championship.



in need (of) = needing; suffering without

This apartment is in need of a good cleaning.

Our club is in need of a new president because the old one quit.

A: Hey, I can see your toes!

B: I am in need of some new socks.

After trying that spicy dish, he was in need of some water.



or so = approximately

There were fifty or so people at the wedding. Cook the chicken for twenty minutes or so.

A: When will Bob arrive?

B: He'll be here in about an hour or so.

Remember to stir the spaghetti sauce every 15 minutes or so until it is ready.



pay back = return borrowed money

He still hasn't paid back the money he owes me. Thanks for the money! I'll pay you back as soon as I can.

A: Why are you working three jobs?

B: I have to pay back the money I borrowed from the bank.



Practice

Choose the best answer.

1.	All of the rain we have had this month only two inches.	6.	I thought that boring movie would never
	a. amounts to		a. come to an end
	b. is broke		b. amount to
	c. comes to an end		c. in need
2.	They are still of a few more actors for the play.	7.	She wanted an A on the test, but she by 5 points.
	a. deal with		a. fell short
	b. fall short of		b. paid back
	c. in need		c. amounted to
	c. III need		c. amounted to
3.	I am working hard tomy college loans.	8.	They plan to have two children.
	a. amount to		a. either or
	b. pay back		b. at most
	c. be broke		c. deal with
4.	That house has been abandoned	9.	Why does it have to be
	for thirty years		the other? Why can't we get both?
	a. in need		a. or so
	b. or so		b. come to an end
	c. been broke		c. either one or
5.	My brother, so I sent	10.	You need to the problem
	him some money.		now before it becomes worse.
	a. is broke		a. amount to
	b. at most		b. be broke
	c. pays back		c. deal with

Dialog

Fill in the blanks.

at most deal with either their money or amount to in need or so

At the orphanage:

Reporter: Hi! I'm from the newspaper. Do you mind if I ask you some questions about the orphanage? It will only take a minute

Volunteer: I'm just a volunteer here, but I'll try to answer your

questions.

Reporter: Great! First, how many kids do you have here?

Volunteer: I think we have about forty-five kids here now, but the

orphanage can hold sixty kids _____.

Reporter: Wow! That's a lot of kids to take care of. How do you

them all?

Volunteer: One by one.

Reporter: Is the orphanage _____ of anything? I can put that in

the article I'm writing.

Volunteer: The kids can always use extra clothes.

Reporter: Anything else?

Volunteer: Well, we would be grateful to anyone who can give

their time through donations and volunteer

work. Even a little work can _____ a big help.



Idioms in Context

Read the following story.

y parents give me money each semester for my expenses at college. I try to live for a whole semester on what my parents give me, but I usually *fall short of* my goal. Before the end of the last semester, I *was broke!* I'm sure my parents would have been happy to send more money if they had known I was *in need.* However, I didn't want to have more to *pay back.* Besides, I wanted to *deal with* the situation myself.

² First, I tried to go without lunch every day, but I was too hungry to study after that. There was only a week *or so* left before the semester *came to an end*. I thought about selling my books to make a little money. I knew my books would not *amount to* much. *At most*, I could only get twenty dollars per book, but it was better than nothing. I could *either* sell my books *or* starve. I chose to sell my books.

³ When I went to take my final exam in history, the professor said, "This test is especially difficult. If you brought your book, you can use it during the test."

⁴ Somehow I managed to get a "B" on the final exam without the book. I guess everything worked out in the end, but from now on I'm not going to sell back my books until all of my classes are over.