

Lesson 22

t a r g e t

as far as
be up to one
carry out
follow up on
get even with

in light of
no wonder
now that
up to now
use up

□ **as far as** = to the limit of something

As far as I know, she was not planning to come to the meeting.

From the top floor you can see as far as the river.

A: Can I get a ride from you?

B: Sure. I can take you as far as Chicago.



□ **be up to one** = be one's choice

"What do you want to do?" "It's up to you."

It was up to me to choose the university I wanted to attend.

A: Do you think you can leave work early?

B: It's up to my boss.



❑ **carry out** = take something out of a place

I saw him carrying out the trash this morning.
She helped him carry out the boxes.

A: The taxi will be here in a few minutes.

B: Let's carry out your luggage.

He carried out the sofa.



❑ **follow up on** = get more information about; take additional action

He decided not to follow up on the job offer.
Did you follow up on that complaint about the leaky water pipe?

A: Did you call that person who wanted to buy the house?

B: Sorry. I didn't have time to follow up on it.

Remember to follow up on the reports.



❑ **get even with** = have revenge

He wanted to get even with her for making him look foolish.
There is no point in trying to get even with anyone.
Revenge is an endless cycle.

A: What are you doing with that water balloon?

B: I'm going to get even with my sister for scratching my CD.



He wanted to get even with the fisherman.

❑ **in light of** = because of

In light of the new evidence, the judge dismissed the court case.

In light of the recent thefts, the company is increasing security.

A: Why don't you want to go out dancing?

B: In light of my recent test grade, I'd better stay home and study.

In light of the new information, he had to re-think the situation.



❑ **no wonder** = now I understand why

She was sick. No wonder she looked so bad yesterday.
No wonder the TV doesn't work! It's not plugged in.

A: Kristin just got back from her trip to Hawaii.
B: No wonder she's so tan!

There's a bowling ball in the box.
No wonder it's so heavy!



❑ **now that** = because now

Now that I have some free time, I plan to do a lot more reading.
He is going to start buying stock now that the market is low.

A: Now that I have been exercising, I feel great!
B: Really? I feel more tired.

Now that she has free time,
she can work in her garden.

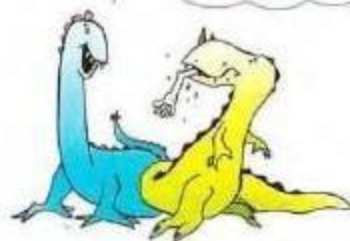


❑ **up to now** = until now

Up to now, the weather has been very warm for this time of year.
The writer has published five books up to now.

A: I made pigs foot soup! Are you hungry?
B: I was up to now.

Up to now, I always
thought you were a
vegetarian!

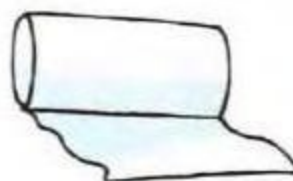


❑ **use up** = use completely; drain

If you use up the milk, please buy some more.
Who used up all the toothpaste!

A: I use up three tubes of gel every month!
B: Maybe you should get a haircut.

Who used up all of the
toilet paper?



Practice

Choose the best answer.

1. He wanted to drive _____ possible before he stopped for the night.
a. as far as
b. in light of
c. no wonder
2. How do you plan to spend your free time _____ you are retired?
a. now that
b. as far as
c. in light of
3. I don't know where we are going for vacation. It _____ my wife.
a. carries out
b. is up to
c. up to now
4. Once I _____ my sister by locking her in the closet for an hour.
a. was up to
b. followed up on
c. got even with
5. She _____ all the ink in the printer when she printed her thesis.
a. followed up
b. was up to
c. used up
6. The reporter went to the beach to _____ a rumor that there was a shark attack.
a. use up
b. follow up on
c. be up to
7. They decided to sell their dogs _____ the fact they would be moving to a big city.
a. in light of
b. now that
c. as far as
8. _____, my son has not had any problems at school.
a. Up to now
b. Now that
c. Follow up on
9. You played soccer for four hours yesterday? _____ your muscles are sore today!
a. No wonder
b. In light of
c. Now that
10. Could you help me _____ these bags to the car?
a. get even with
b. clue in
c. carry out

Dialog

Fill in the blanks.

up to now
get even with

is up to you
in light of

followed up on
no wonder

In the police station:

Sergeant: Any news on the Jones Case, detective?

Detective: I _____ an idea that one of the neighbors gave me. He told me that Mr. Jones had recently lost a lot of money in a business deal. But the money he lost was actually borrowed from a friend. Maybe this friend wanted to _____ Mr. Jones.

Sergeant: Any idea who the friend was?

Detective: _____, we have found more than eight letters from a woman named Martha Dixon. And several of the letters mention an "investment" of \$10,000.

Sergeant: Jones lost \$10,000 of Dixon's money? _____ she was mad at him!

Detective: _____ what I have learned, I think we should ask Martha Dixon some questions.

Sergeant: At her home or here in the station? It _____.

Detective: Let's visit her at home.



Idioms in Context

Read the following story.

One day a man was preparing to leave on a trip. He often traveled on business back and forth between New York and his home in Boston. His wife was **carrying out** his suitcase to the car when it suddenly opened. Inside were shorts, shirts, sandals, and a swimming suit. **In light of** the fact that her husband had packed all of his casual clothes, she started to doubt that he was going on a business trip.

² The next day, she **followed up on** her suspicion by calling the airline that her husband traveled on. She asked the man at the airline, "Can you tell me how many frequent flyer miles my husband and I have?"

³ The man looked up their account and told the woman, "**Up to now**, you have almost 100,000 miles if I include your husband's most recent flight."

The woman was surprised. She said, "That doesn't make sense. How did my husband collect so many miles flying to New York?"

⁴ The man at the airline told her, "Those miles include his flights to New York and his flight to the Bahamas."

"The Bahamas!" the woman thought. "**No wonder** I can't find the sunscreen!" The woman knew just how to **get even with** her husband. **Now that** she knew her husband was having fun without her, she would also go on vacation! She wanted to **use up** all of the frequent flyer miles by going **as far as** she could.

⁵ "I'd like to reserve a ticket for myself, please" she said, "When is your next flight?"

⁶ "There are two flights leaving this afternoon: one to Chicago and one to Paris. It's **up to you**."

"Paris would be perfect!" the woman smiled.

