

# Lesson 25

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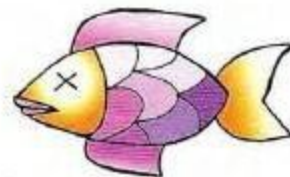
keep one's word  
lay off  
live up to  
see eye to eye  
settle down

□ **anything but** = all others except

I can watch anything but horror movies.  
He said he would do anything but go out dancing tonight.

A: What do you want to listen to?  
B: Anything but jazz.

I can eat anything but fish.



□ **go Dutch** = each pay for himself/herself

We went out to dinner last night, but it wasn't a date.  
We went Dutch.  
I hate to go Dutch. I'll pay this time. You pay next time.

A: Thanks for dinner. Let my pay.  
B: How about we go Dutch?

They decided to go Dutch on their date.



□ **hang out** = spend time some place

Teenagers like to hang out at the park.  
I usually hang out at my friend's house after school.

A: Hey Joe, what are you doing tonight?  
B: I'm just going to hang out at Kevin's house.

They always hung out at the mall.



□ **in accordance with** = following; matching

The new laws are not in accordance with the old laws.  
The company completed all work in accordance with its contract.

A: Why is your hair so short?  
B: I had to cut it in accordance with army rules.



□ **in terms of** = comparing with; by the standard of

In terms of cheap vacations, this is one of the best deals you will find.  
The book was not very useful in terms of teaching grammar.

A: Which car is better?  
B: In terms of speed, the BMW is much better than the Ford.

The manual was not helpful in terms of finding the problem.



□ **keep one's word** = fulfill one's promise

She promised to call me, but she did not keep her word.  
It drives me crazy when people don't keep their word.

A: Remember, you promised to wash the car.  
B: Don't worry. I'll keep my word.



He always keeps his word.



❑ **lay off** = quit; stop

Lay off those drums! I'm trying to sleep!  
When are you going to lay off smoking? It's bad for you.

A: Oh, no! I've gained six pounds!

B: Why don't you lay off snacks for a while?



❑ **live up to** = meet one's expectations

The movie did not live up to all the good reviews.  
The hotel really lives up to its reputation. It's excellent.

A: Why did you change universities?

B: Clown College really didn't live up to my expectations.

He was worried about living up to his family's expectations.



❑ **see eye to eye** = agree; from the same point of view

They saw eye to eye on almost every part of the project, so it was approved.

She doesn't always see eye to eye with her husband about money.

A: I guess we don't see eye to eye on the price.

B: No, we don't. You're asking too much.



❑ **settle down** = become still or relaxed

The children did not settle down and go to sleep until after midnight.

Settle down! It's just a little spider!

A: I can't get to sleep. Why don't those dogs settle down?

B: Maybe they are barking at a burglar!



## Practice

Choose the best answer.

1. I'll do \_\_\_\_\_ wash the dishes.  
Let me cook instead.  
a. anything but  
b. eye to eye  
c. in accordance with
2. The money will be given to charity  
\_\_\_\_\_ his wishes before he  
died.  
a. in terms of  
b. anything but  
c. in accordance with
3. The president's son had a lot to  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
a. live up to  
b. go Dutch  
c. settle down
4. Do you mind if we \_\_\_\_\_ when  
we go to the movie tonight?  
a. go Dutch  
b. lay off  
c. live up to
5. I have to \_\_\_\_\_ jogging for a  
while. My knee is bothering me.  
a. lay off  
b. go Dutch  
c. keep my word
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ and paid the full  
cost of the damage just like she  
promised.  
a. hung out  
b. went Dutch  
c. kept her word
7. The movie was not bad \_\_\_\_\_  
special effects.  
a. eye to eye  
b. in terms of  
c. anything but
8. Her parents told her not to  
\_\_\_\_\_ with those bad kids.  
a. live up to  
b. hang out  
c. go Dutch
9. We don't really see \_\_\_\_\_ on  
this problem.  
a. in accordance with  
b. eye to eye  
c. in terms of
10. What is wrong with the dog? It  
won't \_\_\_\_\_ and go to sleep  
like it usually does.  
a. keep its word  
b. settle down  
c. give in

## Dialog

Fill in the blanks.

in accordance with  
keeping my word

go Dutch  
lay off

in terms of  
lives up to

### In a restaurant:

- Bob: This place really \_\_\_\_\_ its reputation. Everything was delicious!
- Lisa: It sure was. And \_\_\_\_\_ the price, it's not that expensive either.
- Bob: How much is the bill?
- Lisa: Never mind. I'm paying.
- Bob: Oh no! You're not paying. I'm paying. Give me the bill.
- Lisa: I've got it. Don't worry.
- Bob: Give it to me!
- Lisa: \_\_\_\_\_, Bob. I'm paying. I was the one who promised to take you out for your birthday, so I'm just \_\_\_\_\_.
- Bob: OK. I'll let you pay this time \_\_\_\_\_ the following condition.
- Lisa: What condition?
- Bob: Next time I get to pay.
- Lisa: Next time we can \_\_\_\_\_ so there won't be any argument over the bill.





## Idioms in Context

Read the following story.

**M**y friend and I don't really *see eye to eye* with regard to music. He thinks that rock and punk music are great, and most other kinds of popular music are OK. In fact, he listens to *anything but* classical music. On the other hand, I love classical music.

<sup>2</sup> A while ago, we were *hanging out* at a music store when my friend saw a poster. His favorite punk band was coming for a concert. He said that we should go together. At first I told him, "No way!" But he wouldn't *lay off* begging me to go with him. Finally, I gave in and said I would go if he promised me one thing. He had to promise to go to an orchestra concert with me.

<sup>3</sup> We saw the punk band first. I must admit that, *in terms of* musical talent, the band we saw wasn't bad.

<sup>4</sup> Then it was his turn to see the orchestra. I was a little worried that my friend would not *keep his word*. But he did. Usually my friend and I *go Dutch* when we go out together. However, I knew he would never pay to see an orchestra so I bought his ticket. *In accordance with* our deal, I took my friend to see the symphony orchestra perform a night of Mozart.

<sup>5</sup> I had heard this orchestra was superb, and they certainly *lived up to* my high expectations. They were great! At first my friend seemed restless. It was dark in the concert hall, but I could feel him moving around in his seat. Soon, however, he *settled down* and was very still.

<sup>6</sup> After the concert was over and the lights came back on, I asked my friend what he thought. He said, "I heard Mozart speaking to me in the music."

<sup>7</sup> I was surprised and said, "Really?"

"Yeah," my friend said. "He kept saying, 'Go to sleep. Go to sleep.' So I did."

