

Lesson 28

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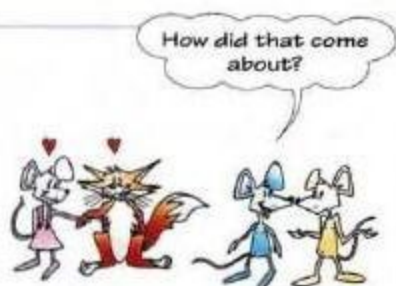
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❑ **come about** = happen

A chance like this doesn't come about every day.
I hope a solution to the problem will come about soon.

A: How did the problem with the stove come about?
B: I was trying to melt my jewelry.



❑ **do away with** = end; get rid of

The company is going to do away with paid overtime hours.

I am going to do away with all this old furniture and buy new things.

A: Why don't we sell the old piano and get a new one?
B: I could never do away with it! My grandmother gave it to me.



❑ **in advance** = before; ahead of time

You should make reservations in advance.

His girlfriend was coming, so he cleaned the house in advance.

A: It's a very popular hotel. Are you sure you can get in?

B: Don't worry. I booked a room three months in advance.



It looked like a storm was coming, so I wanted to close the windows in advance.

❑ **from scratch** = from nothing; from basic or simple ingredients

This bread was made from scratch, not from a prepared mix.

We had to start from scratch when the computer disk failed.

A: These cookies are great!

B: Thanks. I made them myself from scratch.

She made the pastry from scratch.



❑ **in the long run** = after a long time

In the long run, too much beef can cause serious health problems.

You will make more money in the long run if you go to university now.

A: Let's fix that leaky pipe right away.

B: Yes. If we do it now, we'll have less trouble in the long run.

You will have problems in the long run if you keep drinking so much.



❑ **on average** = looking at the average case

On average, the price of computers has gone down.
Most people eat fast food twice a week on average.

A: How much sleep do you get on average?

B: About seven hours a night.

On average, the cost of living in the city is higher than in the country.



❑ **set aside** = put apart; place out of the way

I set aside half of the donut to eat later.

The government has set aside money especially to deal with this problem.

A: Our trip is coming up fast.

B: You're right. Let's set aside some time to plan tomorrow night.

He set aside his book and paid attention to his son.



❑ **settle for** = accept instead of something better

There was no soda, so he settled for water.

We had to settle for the smaller apartment because it was closer to my office.

A: Sorry, we don't have any red caps.

B: That's OK. I'll settle for a green one instead.

Would you settle for a hamburger instead of a steak?



❑ **so far, so good** = everything is fine up to this time

"How is your project going?" "So far, so good."

"How is your son doing in college?" "So far, so good."

A: How's life with the new baby?

B: So far, so good.

How do you like the new job?

So far so good.



❑ **take over** = take control; take responsibility

A national bank took over the local bank last month.

If you are tired from driving, I can take over for a while.

A: I am getting tired of mowing the lawn.

B: I'll take over this week so you can have a break.

I can take over if you are tired.



Practice

Choose the best answer.

1. I wanted to make sure my friends would be home when I arrived, so I called _____.
 - a. in the long run
 - b. in advance
 - c. on average
2. It's been 2 weeks since I changed the water pipes. _____.
 - a. On average
 - b. So far, so good
 - c. From scratch
3. Every month we _____ one weekend to do something special together.
 - a. do away with
 - b. set aside
 - c. take over
4. He knew that _____, he would have to do something about his leaking roof.
 - a. come about
 - b. from scratch
 - c. in the long run
5. It would be better to _____ the old design and start again.
 - a. take over
 - b. come about
 - c. do away with
6. She wanted to find someone to _____ her position as treasurer of the club.
 - a. set aside
 - b. come about
 - c. take over
7. Some people make the sauce _____, but I prefer to buy it from the store.
 - a. from scratch
 - b. on average
 - c. so far, so good
8. This celebration could only _____ through the hard work of my wife.
 - a. come about
 - b. do away with
 - c. settle for
9. _____ we spend three hours cleaning our apartment each week.
 - a. On average
 - b. From scratch
 - c. In the long run
10. We can't afford real crab meat, so I had to _____ imitation crab made from fish.
 - a. settle for
 - b. do away with
 - c. set aside

Dialog

Fill in the blanks.

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In the kitchen:

Pat: What are you making?

Larry: I'm trying to make bread. We are all supposed to bring something to the party on Saturday. I'll be too busy on Friday, so I'm making it _____.

Pat: So how is it going?

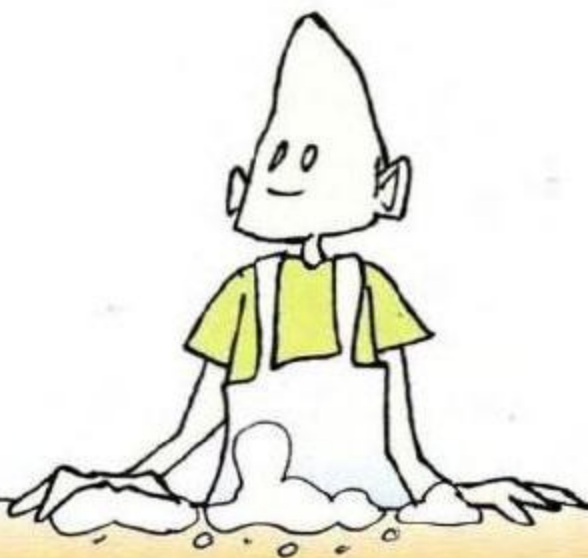
Larry: _____. I made the dough and _____ half of it to rise. But now I have to knead this half of the dough. That's a lot of work!

Pat: If you're tired, I can _____ for a while. I have some free time for an hour or two.

Larry: It's a messy job.

Pat: I don't mind. Let me try... This is hard work! Are you sure you don't want to _____ some bread from the bakery?

Larry: No way! I only eat bread made _____!



Idioms in Context

Read the following story.

My husband and I just had our first baby. For the first three months, I was breast feeding the baby. Then we decided we would **do away with** breast-feeding and give the baby formula and solid food. Part of the reason for this change was that I needed sleep. I had been feeding the baby when she woke up at night. That meant I was getting up two or three times each night **on average**. We knew the change to the new food would not **come about** easily, but we had to try. Even if it was hard at first, **in the long run** it was for the best.

² My husband likes to eat all natural food, so he wanted the baby to eat home-made food. I told him that unless he was willing to **set aside** the time to make the food himself **in advance**, he would have to **settle for** regular baby food from the store. There was no way I was going to make baby food **from scratch**!

³ After we had tried giving formula to our baby for a few nights, a friend of mine asked, "How is the new feeding schedule going?"

"**So far, so good**," I told her. "I'm getting more sleep now that my husband **took over** some of the feedings at night. But sometimes I have to push my husband out of bed because he is a heavy sleeper. Last night when the baby started to cry, I woke my husband up and said, 'She's hungry.' He looked confused and asked, 'Who?'"

