

Lesson 5: Multiple meanings of SET

Exercise 1:

Complete each sentence with the correct expression.

all set	set in the future	set reminders
set a date	set it free	set role
set a good example	set it in motion	set the table
set fire	set of silverware	sunset

- I always _____ on my digital calendar so that I don't forget about appointments.
- We have some friends coming over for dinner, so you'll need to _____ for six people.
- They still haven't _____ for the conference, so nobody can make travel arrangements yet.
- Lightning struck a tree, which then _____ to the whole forest.
- No one in the company has a _____ - everyone just sort of works on whatever they want.
- The fish I caught was too small for a meal, so I _____.
- I like science fiction movies that are _____.
- There were several reasons my business failed, but the rising price of rent was what _____.
- They gave us a really fancy _____ for our wedding.
- We try to _____ for our kids by eating lots of fruits and vegetables, not junk food.

11. I have my sunglasses, towel, book, water bottle, and sunscreen - I think I'm _____ to go to the beach.
12. _____ There aren't any street lights in my neighborhood, so it gets really dark after _____.

Exercise 2:

Complete each sentence with the correct expression. Careful, two are not used!

dead set	set in his ways	set out
set aside	set in stone	set the record straight
set foot in	set it apart	set the stage
set him off	set me back	set up

- After I asked him three times, he finally _____ his book and listened to me.
- He's very ambitious; he's _____ on becoming president of the country someday.
- My kids typically follow a schedule, but it's not _____ - sometimes we do spontaneous things.
- I loved that hotel - the amazing breakfast buffet really _____ from everywhere else we've stayed.
- John says he won't _____ his sister's house again after she treated him rudely the last time.

6. My dad helped me _____ the tables and chairs for our family reunion in the park.
7. The persistent economic problems in the country _____ for weeks of protests.
8. They were making so many outrageous claims about my home country that I just had to _____.
9. Whatever you do, don't mention his favorite sports team losing the championship... that'll _____.
10. I failed a few classes and had to repeat them, so that _____ a little bit in college.

Answers – Exercise 1:

1. set reminders
2. set the table
3. set a date
4. set fire
5. set role
6. set it free
7. set in the future
8. set it in motion
9. set of silverware
10. set a good example
11. all set
12. sunset

Answers – Exercise 2:

1. set aside
2. dead set
3. set in stone
4. set it apart
5. set foot in
6. set up
7. set the stage
8. set the record straight
9. set him off
10. set me back