

## Lesson 5: Multiple meanings of SET

### Exercise 1:

*Complete each sentence with the correct expression.*

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>all set</b>            | <b>set in the future</b> | <b>set reminders</b> |
| <b>set a date</b>         | <b>set it free</b>       | <b>set role</b>      |
| <b>set a good example</b> | <b>set it in motion</b>  | <b>set the table</b> |
| <b>set fire</b>           | <b>set of silverware</b> | <b>sunset</b>        |

1. I always \_\_\_\_\_ on my digital calendar so that I don't forget about appointments.
2. We have some friends coming over for dinner, so you'll need to \_\_\_\_\_ for six people.
3. They still haven't \_\_\_\_\_ for the conference, so nobody can make travel arrangements yet.
4. Lightning struck a tree, which then \_\_\_\_\_ to the whole forest.
5. No one in the company has a \_\_\_\_\_ - everyone just sort of works on whatever they want.
6. The fish I caught was too small for a meal, so I \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I like science fiction movies that are \_\_\_\_\_.
8. There were several reasons my business failed, but the rising price of rent was what \_\_\_\_\_.
9. They gave us a really fancy \_\_\_\_\_ for our wedding.
10. 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!*

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

1. After I asked him three times, he finally \_\_\_\_\_ his book and listened to me.
2. He's very ambitious; he's \_\_\_\_\_ on becoming president of the country someday.
3. My kids typically follow a schedule, but it's not \_\_\_\_\_ - sometimes we do spontaneous things.
4. I loved that hotel - the amazing breakfast buffet really \_\_\_\_\_ from everywhere else we've stayed.
5. 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.

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10. set a good example
11. all set
12. sunset

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