

Unit 01

- 1
 - “Poof” went his dreams.
 - Boring beyond belief would probably be a good way to describe his lectures.
 - Right you are!
 - Suspicious of her motives he certainly is; and justifiably so.
 - And on their merry way they went.

[Note that some of these are modeled after the model in the box (<adj.>+V+S), and others are modeled after the examples shown (<adj.>+S+V)]
- 2
 - I'll bet you he'll leave just before it's time to start cleaning up!
 - = I'll bet you that he'll leave just before it's time to start cleaning up!
 - I wouldn't bet on things changing any time soon.
- 3
 - Even though he's an odd person, you can still learn a lot from him.
 - = Even if he's an odd person, you can still learn a lot from him.

[Note that these are not always equivalent! Observe:

 - Even though it was quite cold outside, he wore a T-shirt!
 - ...the following...
 - Even if it was quite cold outside,...
 - ...is not the same. However...
 - Even if it is quite cold outside, he will wear a T-shirt!
 - ...is OK. The use of 'if' in this instance does work when talking about the future.]
- 4
 - Why not give Japanese food a try?
 - = Why don't you give Japanese food a try?
 - = How about giving Japanese food a try?
 - = What about giving Japanese food a try?
 - Why not invite your cousin Vinnie to the party?
 - = Why don't you invite your cousin Vinnie to the party?
 - = How about inviting your cousin Vinnie to the party?
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- 5 • The investors have every reason to pull their funding from this project.
 = The investors have good reason to pull their funding from this project.
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 [Note: Also...]
 = The investors have every good reason to pull their funding from this project.
- 6 • Stay clear. The explosives are about to go off.
 = Stay clear. The explosives are to go off any minute.
 = Stay clear. The explosives are going to go off any minute.
 [Note that the form “about to + V” implies that the event is occurring soon. the other forms shown in this model *don't have this meaning*, so they'll need additional time words (e.g., “any minute”) if you want that sense of the event occurring soon.]
- 7 • His foot swelled up as big as a softball.
 • He looked at me as kindly as my grandmother.
 • I'm not as stupid as I look!
 • He didn't do as well as he expected.
- 8 • There are lots of family reasons he should apply himself in school, but most of all, he really needs to succeed at his studies if he wants to find work in research.
 = There are lots of family reasons he should apply himself in school, but most important of all, he really needs to succeed at his studies if he wants to find work in research.
 • Best of all, the rent is low.
 • Worst of all, I'll have to quit my job, after working so hard to find one I really liked.

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- He was so disappointed. He had pictured himself becoming a high-rolling, successful businessman.
 - Since he hadn't seen her in years, he was surprised to find her married, pregnant, and living in a small flat in the center of town.
 - I'm sorry to have kept you waiting. Please follow me.
 - Our chief competitor caught us at a complete disadvantage, and we failed to get the contract.
 - He was caught snoozing on the job, and got fired.
 - After bluntly informing him about his father's accident, she turned on her heel and walked away, leaving the poor guy standing there with his mouth hanging open in shock and disbelief.
- 10
- It's time for him to decide where he wants to go from here.
 - = It's time he decided where he wants to go from here.
 - = It's time he should decide where he wants to go from here.
 - It's high time for him to decide where he wants to go from here.
 - = It's high time he decided where he wants to go from here.
 - = It's high time he should decide where he wants to go from here.
 - It's time for dinner.
 - It's high time for dinner.

Unit 02

- 1
- He never behaves like a typical tourist. For example, he usually fails to bring a camera.
 - = He never behaves like a typical tourist. For instance, he usually fails to bring a camera.
 - He behaves like a typical tourist, for example, by wearing wildly colored floral shirts and always having a camera hanging around his neck.
 - = He behaves like a typical tourist, for instance, by wearing wildly colored floral shirts and always having a camera hanging around his neck.
- 2
- Seeking affirmation from others is fairly normal behavior, if not exactly a mark of maturity.
 - = To seek affirmation from others is fairly normal behavior, if not exactly a mark of maturity.

- 3
- We used to see them about once a week, but since they had their kid they've been too busy to visit.
 - I'm used his selfish ways. I don't get angry about it, but I also let him know it's not the best way to gain my respect.
 - It used to bother them a lot, but they're used to the odd smell from the steel mill now. [Note this one sentence uses two senses of "used to"]
 - Strange to think, but one of the waste products of photographic film production is used to make a dough conditioner for industrial bread production!
- 4
- This new process makes waste wood chips into inexpensive panels which can be used to make low-cost housing.
= These inexpensive panels are made from waste wood chips, using a new process. The panels can then be used to make low-cost housing.
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 - The lessons are made up of small, individual sessions involving excerpts from period music.
 - Our three-day presentation is made up of a number of short presentations given by our staff in 50-minute segments.
- 5
- They celebrated his first big sale with Champaign.
= They celebrated his first big sale by opening a bottle of Champaign.
- 6
- They're holding an auction next week to sell off his estate.
= The auction to sell of his estate will be held next week.
= The auction to sell of his estate will take place next week.
= The auction to sell of his estate will happen next week.
= The auction to sell of his estate will occur next week.

- 7
- Our brothers have a lot in common. They're both deeply passionate about jazz music, collect comic books, and distrust banks.
 - Our brothers have some things in common, but that doesn't guarantee they'll hit it off.
 - Our brothers have one thing in common: They both have nothing in common with me.
 - Our brothers have little in common. I'm not expecting them to strike up an enduring friendship.
 - Our brothers have nothing in common. That's why I'm stunned to hear they're planning a road trip together!
- 8
- I used to think my brother was just being picky, but now you I hear you saying the same thing as he did about my favorite restaurant.
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