**Lesson 1**

**to get in**/**to get on**: to enter or to board a vehicle *To get in* is used for cars; *to get on* is used for all other forms of transportation.

o It's easiest *to get in* the car from the driver's side. The door on the other side doesn't work well.

o I always *get on* the bus to work at 34th Street.

**to get out of**/**to get off**: to leave or to descend from a vehicle. *To get out of* is used for cars; *to get off* is used for all other forms of transportation.

o Why don't we stop and *get out of* the car for a while? o Helen *got off* the train at the 42nd Street terminal.

**to put on**: to place on oneself (usually said of clothes) (**S**) o Mary *put on* her coat and left the room. o *Put* your hat *on* before you leave the house.

**to take off**: to remove (usually said of clothes) (**S**) o John *took off* his jacket as he entered the office. o *Take* your sweater *off*. The room is very warm.

**to call up**: to telephone (also: **to give someone a call**) (**S**) *To call* can be used instead of *to call up*, as in the first example below. o I forgot to *call up* Mr. Jones yesterday. I'd better *call* him now.

o *Call* me *up* tomorrow, Jane. We'll arrange a time to have lunch together. o I promise to *give you a call* as soon as I arrive in New York.

**right away**: very soon; immediately (also: **at once**) o Dad says that dinner will be ready *right away*, so we'd better wash our hands and set the table. o Tell Will to come to my office *right away*. I must see him immediately. o Stop playing that loud music *at once*!

**at first**: in the beginning, originally o *At first* English was difficult for him, but later he made great progress. o I thought *at first* that it was Sheila calling, but then I realized that it was Betty.

**to dress up**: to wear formal clothes, to dress very nicely o We should definitely *dress up* to go to the theater. o You don't have to *dress up* for Mike's party.

**at last**: finally, after a long time. o We waited for hours and then the train arrived *at last*. o Now that I am sixteen, *at last* I can drive my parents' car.

**as usual**: as is the general case, as is typical o George is late for class *as usual*. This seems to happen every day. o *As usual*, Dora received first prize in the swimming contest. It's the third consecutive year that she has won.

**little by little**: gradually, slowly (also: **step by step**) o Karen's health seems to be improving *little by little*. o If you study regularly each day, *step by step* your vocabulary will increase.

**to call on**: to ask for a response from; to visit (also: **to drop in on**) o Jose didn't know the answer when the teacher *called on* him. o Last night several friends *called on* us at our home. o Shy don't we *drop in on* Sally a little later?