**Lesson 2**

**to pick out**: to choose, to select (**S**) o Ann *picked out* a good book to give to her brother as a graduation gift. o Johnny, if you want me to buy you a toy, then *pick* one *out* now.

**to take one's time**: to do without rush, not to hurry This idiom is often used in the imperative form. (See the first example)

o There's no need to hurry doing those exercises. *Take your time*. o William never works rapidly. He always *takes his time* in every thing

that he does.

**all** (**day**, **week**, **month**, **year**) **long**: the entire day, week, month, year o I've been working on my income tax forms *all day long*. I've hardly had

time to eat. o It's been raining *all week long*. We haven't seen the sun since last

Monday.

**on purpose**: for a reason, deliberately This idiom is usually used when someone does something wrong or unfair.

o Do you think that she didn't come to the meeting *on purpose*? o It was no accident that he broke my glasses. He did it *on purpose*.

**to get along with**: to associate or work well with; to succeed or manage in doing (also: **to get on with**)

o Terry isn't *getting along with* her new roommate; they argue constantly.

o How are you *getting on with* your students?

**to take part in**: to be involved in, to participate in (also: to be in on) o Martin was sick and could not *take part in* the meeting yesterday. o I didn't want to *be in on* their argument, so I remained silent.

**to look up**: to locate information in a directory, dictionary, book, etc. (**S**) o Ellen suggested that we *look up* Lee's telephone number in the

directory. o Students should try to understand the meaning of a new word from

context before *looking* the word *up* in the dictionary.

**at least**: a minimum of, no fewer (or less) than o I spend *at least* two hours every night on my studies. o Mike claims that he drinks *at least* a quart of water every day.

**so far**: until now, until the present time (also: **up to now**, **as of yet**) This idiom is usually used with the present perfect tense.

o *So far*, this year has been excellent for business. I hope that the good luck continues.

o How many idioms have we studied in this book *up to now*? o *As of yet*, we have not had an answer from him.

**to think over**: to consider carefully before deciding (**S**) o I'd like to *think over* your offer first. Then can we talk it over tomorrow? o You don't have to give me your decision now. *Think* it *over* for a while.

**to take place**: to occur, to happen according to plan o The regular meetings of the committee *take place* in Constitution Hall. o I thought that the celebration *was taking place* at John's house.