**Lesson 3**

**to look out**: to be careful or cautious (also: to **watch out**) Both of these idioms can occur with the preposition *for*.

o "*Look out*!" Jeffrey cried as his friend almost stepped in a big hole in the ground.

o *Look out for* reckless drivers whenever you cross the street. o Small children should always *watch out for* strangers offering candy.

**to get over**: to recover from an illness; to accept a loss or sorrow o It took me over a month to *get over* my cold, but I'm finally well now. o It seems that Mr. Mason will never *get over* the death of his wife.

**to make up one's mind**: to reach a decision, to decide finally o Sally is considering several colleges to attend, but she hasn't *made up*

*her mind* yet. o When are you going to *make up your mind* about your vacation plans?

**for the time being**: temporarily (also: for now) o *For the time being*, Janet is working as a waitress, but she really hopes

to become an actress soon. o We're living in an apartment *for now*, but soon we'll be looking for a

house to buy.

**for good**: permanently, forever

o Ruth has returned to Canada *for good*. She won't ever live in the United States again.

o Are you finished with school *for good*, or will you continue your studies some day?

**to call off**: to cancel (**S**) o The referee *called off* the soccer game because of the darkness. o The president *called* the meeting *off* because she had to leave town.

**to put off**: to postpone (**S**) o Many student's *put off* doing their assignments until the last minute. o Let's *put* the party *off* until next weekend, okay?

**to hang up**: to place clothes on a hook or hanger (**S**); to replace the receiver on the phone at the end of a conversation (**S**)

o Would you like me to *hang up* your coat for you in the closet? o The operator told me to *hang* the phone *up* and call the number again.

**to count on**: to trust someone in time of need (also: **to depend on**) o I can *count on* my parents to help me in an emergency. o Don't *depend on* Frank to lend you any money; he doesn't have any.

**to look over**: to examine, to inspect closely (also: **to go over**, **to read over**, **to check over**) (**S**) *Go over* is different from the other forms because it is not separable.

o I want to *look* my homework *over* again before I give it to the teacher. o The politician *went over* his speech before the important presentation. o You should never sign any legal paper without *checking* it *over* first.

**to go on**: to happen; to resume, to continue (also: **to keep on**) o Many people gathered near the accident to see what was *going on*. o I didn't mean to interrupt you. Please *go on*. o The speaker *kept on* talking even though most of the audience had left.