

Grammar Idioms 43

take up	to fill or use some space or time <i>The door-to-door salesperson promised not to () too much of her time.</i>
fit in	to be accepted by other people <i>Just be yourself, and don't worry too much about () with the other kids.</i>
reduce to	to make someone or something be in a worse condition than it was before <i>The giant earthquake () the town () rubble.</i>
see through	to realize what someone or something is really like <i>She was able to () his façade and see who he really was.</i>
dispense with	to stop using something <i>Let's () the formalities and get down to business</i>
set off	to make an alarm start ringing <i>The thief () the alarm when she entered the store.</i>
go through with	to do something that you have talked about or thought about doing <i>Hannah decided at the last minute that she couldn't () dying her hair purple.</i>
ask after	to ask how someone or something is doing <i>When Calvin saw Jack and Jill at the store, he () their son.</i>
identify with	to think that something is the same as something else <i>He argued that it is a mistake to () being rich () being successful.</i>
settle down	to become quiet and calm <i>Once everyone (), I'll start the lecture.</i>