

I. Read these paragraphs and tell what the words in bold print mean. Explain in your own words the meaning of the paragraph.

We should get **underway** early tomorrow. The trip to Houston takes a little less than three hours, depending on the traffic. Could I see a **show of hands** of everyone who intends to ride in my van?

Joseph: Can you help me move my furniture into my apartment on Saturday?

Jason: **By all means**. I'd be happy to help you. You were the only person who helped me when I moved. I am happy to **return the favor**. I will have to bring my son with me, but don't worry, he won't **get in the way**. I'll bring some games and he can entertain himself.

I saw Rob this weekend. He said to say hello. **By the way** did you know he and his wife are expecting? She is **due** in September. They are very excited about the **prospect** of a little one around the house. They are doing some **renovations** to get the house prepared.

We are having an important meeting at the office today. On my way to work I stopped at the **delicatessen** and picked up some **deli** items. I bought some **salami** and other **sandwich meats**. I also picked up some fancy mustards and jams and some imported cheeses. I'll put everything out on the table in the conference room a little before noon. That way we don't have to leave the office for lunch. We can get more accomplished.

I spent last Saturday at a **flea market**. I wouldn't **spend my time** at flea markets **by choice**. But my wife loves them, so I **tag along** to keep her company. **By chance**, I made a real find in one booth. It is an old book printed in the early nineteenth century. I believe it might be quite valuable. You just never know what will turn up at these **secondhand** markets. You know what they say, "**One man's trash is another man's treasure.**"

I am trying to learn measurement words in English. For example, lettuce is sold **by the head**, but gasoline is sold **by the gallon**. I usually buy milk **by the quart**. My wife buys eggs **by the dozen**. Yesterday, I picked up a **carton** of ice cream and a **jug** of lemonade for the twins birthday party. My wife bought **packs** of gum as **party favors**. She needed a **stalk** of celery, a **clove** of garlic and several **ears** of corn for a recipe.

Maria wants to get married. I love Maria, but I also enjoy being single. She tells me I can't **have it both ways**. She wants a **commitment**. I suppose she's right. But I'm used to my own **way of life**. I really enjoy being by myself a **good deal of the time**. I'm just not sure I'd be happy living with someone **24/7**.

II. Write a sentence using these expressions. Read your sentence to the group.

on the way: on a route to some place

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keep out of the way: avoid interfering with others

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by and large: usually

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by the hour: at each hour

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day by day: something that happens gradually, on a daily basis

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stand by: wait and remain ready (used as a verb)

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standby: something kept in readiness to serve as a substitute (used as a noun)

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*III. Name something:*

1. you are getting better at by the day
2. that you should keep away from
3. that is a big commitment (not including marriage)
4. you spend your time doing
5. that you value, but others might think was trash
6. that you never do by yourself