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Sentences For Anki | Lesson 10

FRONT

For tomorrow's lesson <u>find out</u> who sculpted the famous Art Deco sculpture of Jesus Christ, called Christ the Redeemer, in Rio de Janeiro.

BACK

find out = to get information after trying to discover it through study or research or by chance

In this case the teacher is instructing the students to do research (to find out information) in preparation for a class.

FRONT

You're all insisting on a family ski trip to Switzerland but has anyone bothered to <u>find out</u> how much it will cost us?

BACK

find out = to get information after trying to discover it through study or research or by chance

In this sentence the fact that the family has not done any research (has not found out the price of an expensive overseas holiday) is a problem for the dad.

FRONT

I <u>found out</u> by chance who my biological mother was when I visited the dentist's rooms and saw an older version of myself sitting at the switchboard!

BACK

find out = to get information after trying to discover it through study or research or by chance

In this third sentence information is discovered (found out) by chance, i.e. accidentally.

BACK

During my trip to Brazil I <u>found out</u> that Brazilian Portuguese is incredibly musical.

FRONT

find out = to get information after trying to discover it through study or research or by chance

Sometimes learning from experience is as valuable as learning from books. Travel is a great tutor! During his stay in Brazil this young man <u>found out</u> more about the language. He learned more about the language of Brazil through experience.

FRONT

Read the leaflet to <u>find out</u> what side effects this medication has.

BACK

find out = to get information after trying to discover it through study or research or by chance

It is important to be informed about the potential side effects of medicine. One way to find out what the effects are is to read the leaflet inserted into the packaging of the medication.

FRONT

Please <u>find out</u> if the CEO is available for an urgent meeting on Friday.

BACK

find out = to get information after trying to discover it through study or research or by chance

Many people spend a great deal of their working day looking for information - finding out. Information is power.

FRONT

If you can <u>find out</u> who authorized the deal, you'll know who is responsible for the fraudulent transactions.

BACK

find out = to get information after trying to discover it through study or research or by chance

Sometimes one has to look below the surface to find the information one needs.

FRONT

It did not take long before the dishonest secretary was <u>found out</u>. She had been stealing from the petty cash box.

BACK

find out = to catch in an offense

We normally use this form of "find out" in its passive voice form - found out. If you are found out, someone has discovered that you have done something illegal, dishonest or wrong. This secretary was found out because she stole money.

FRONT

Believe me, you will be <u>found out</u>! Honesty is the best policy.

BACK

find out = to catch in an offense

People believe they can get away with dishonesty, but one way or another they are <u>found out</u>.

FRONT

Several very wealthy people who tried to hide money illegally in off-shore entities were <u>found out</u> when damning documents were leaked online.

BACK

find out = to catch in an offense

Tax evasion attempts are as old as taxation systems. However, as we have just established "honesty is the best policy". These millionaires and billionaires were left with a lot of egg on their faces and many will have to face the music. And there we have covered two idioms in addition to covering the phrasal verb "found out"! The rich people were embarrassed (the egg idiom) and many will have to face the consequences (the music idiom) after having been found out. Some will be investigated and prosecuted.

FRONT

Once Alexander Fleming had <u>figured out</u> that the penicillin mold in one of his petri dishes could kill bacteria, he was on his way to developing the world's first antibiotic.

BACK

figure out = to understand something or to find the solution to a problem after a lot of thought

Fleming went on a summer holiday in 1928 and when he came back on 3 September he started sorting through his petri dishes containing staphylococcus colonies. Staphylococcus bacteria can give you anything from a sore throat, to crusty, weepy rashes, to pneumonia. On one of the petri dishes Fleming saw that a piece of penicillin mold had started growing and that around the mold the staphylococcus had died. He soon figured out that his "mold juice" could kill a range of harmful bacteria. Fleming's ability to <u>figure</u> that <u>out</u> changed the world and saved millions of lives!

FRONT

Just give me time and I will <u>figure out</u> how to fix this phone.

BACK

figure out = to understand something or to find the solution to a problem after a lot of thought

This is what one calls trouble-shooting - tracing and correcting faults through trial and error and a lot of thought. Also called "figuring it out".

FRONT

Early humans <u>figured out</u> how to make controlled fires.

BACK

figure out = to understand something or to find the solution to a problem after a lot of thought

Today it may seem obvious that fire could be tamed for warming and cooking, but at the dawn of civilization the benevolent use of fire, which can be so destructive, probably required a lot of thought.

FRONT

The first human who <u>figured out</u> that you could cook meat over a fire started a food revolution.

BACK

figure out = to understand something or to find the solution to a problem after a lot of thought

The first person who cooked meat over a fire probably picked up a piece of charred animal meat after a bush fire and discovered that it tasted rather nice. Then he or she thought about it and tried it at home… Interestingly enough, cooking meat makes it more digestible and therefore unlocks energy more readily.

FRONT

She still has to <u>figure out</u> if she wants to study next year.

BACK

figure out = to understand something or to find the solution to a problem after a lot of thought

Notice that "figure out" is frequently used with conjunctions such as "whether", "if" and "that".

FRONT

Management specialists have <u>figured out</u> that the best way to create strong work teams is to encourage good interpersonal relations.

BACK

figure out = to understand something or to find the solution to a problem after a lot of thought

Notice the use of the conjunction "that" in this sentence. Figured out that …

FRONT

How on earth do you <u>figure out</u> whether a boy likes you or not?

BACK

figure out = to understand someone or understand why someone behaves in a certain way
The answer to this question is probably: figure it out by observing how he treats you and by studying his body language. Notice the use of "figure out" with the conjunction "whether". Figure out <u>whether</u>…

FRONT

It is easy for me to <u>figure out</u> extrovert people but I find it hard to <u>figure out</u> introverts because they reveal less of themselves.

BACK

figure out = to understand someone or understand why someone behaves in a certain way
This use of "figure out" focuses on people rather than on things or problems. This is all about emotional intelligence and understanding people. Extroverts are usually more sociable than introverts because they gain energy from being with others while introverts get energy from being by themselves.

FRONT

I'll soon <u>figure that girl out</u> and once I know what makes her tick, I'll ask her out on a date.

BACK

figure out = to understand someone or understand why someone behaves in a certain way

The idiomatic construction is "to figure someone out". The phrasal verb is used with nouns, pronouns or proper nouns. To figure the boy/girl out. To figure him/her out. To figure Rebecca or Ronaldo out.

FRONT

Once you <u>figure out</u> the horse's personality, you'll be able to handle him better.

BACK

figure out = to understand someone or understand why someone behaves in a certain way

In this case the rider does not have to figure out a person out but an animal. Anyone who has ever ridden horses knows that, like people, horses have different personalities.

FRONT

No-one thought he would pass the difficult chemistry exam but my brother managed to <u>pull it off</u>.

BACK

pull off = to succeed in doing something difficult

This student manages to succeed in doing something difficult.

FRONT

No-one thought the ultra-marathon runner would finish the race before the cut-off time, after he had hurt his knee in a bad fall, but he managed to <u>pull it off</u>.

BACK

pull off = to succeed at doing something difficult

The phrasal verb "pull off" is often associated with qualities such as daring, courage or shrewd intelligence. In this case the runner had the courage and the grit to persist despite his injury. Therefore he succeeded.

FRONT

<u>Pulling that rescue off</u> was not mean feat. Few people would have the courage and the

know-how to save someone from a mountaintop in the middle of a raging storm.

BACK

pull off = to succeed at doing something difficult

The successful rescue is the result of courage, knowledge and experience.

FRONT

Mom, did you see me pull of that soccer move?! Cool, hey!?

BACK

pull off = to succeed at doing something difficult

Yes, you can pull off a challenging soccer move, a difficult violin piece or a complex karate kata if train enough.

FRONT

The thieves pulled off a daring heist during the power cut. They managed to steal millions of reals.

BACK

pull off = to succeed at doing something difficult

Not all difficult tasks are worth succeeding at. The people who pull off robberies or scams succeed at difficult tasks that are not admirable.

FRONT

He pulled off a massive scam by convincing people to buy his app, which did absolutely nothing!

BACK

pull off = to succeed at doing something difficult

Another dishonest person "successfully" defrauding others.

FRONT

Pull off immediately. I think we have a punctured tire. Can you hear that thumping sound? It sounds like loose leather flapping in the wind.

BACK

pull off = to drive a car off a road in order to stop

We all know the sickening sound of a flat tire. That would be a good reason to pull off - to drive off a road and stop. Just to clarify, this is not driving off as in "into a ditch" or "down a cliff"! Just is a gentle getting off the road and parking on the side.

FRONT

The man was assaulted after he <u>had pulled off</u> the freeway to change a tire.

BACK

pull off = to drive a car off a road in order to stop

One bad thing often leads to another.

FRONT

Never drive if you are feeling drowsy. <u>Pull off</u> and rest.

BACK

pull off = to succeed at doing something difficult

Now that is good advice. Sleepy drivers may cause not only their own deaths but also the deaths of others.