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Sentences for Anki | Lesson 18

FRONT

Men, I am sure you will carry out this task with the bravery and fearlessness that I have come to associate with you.

BACK

carry out = to execute/to do

The commander is sure that his men will execute the task fearlessly and bravely.

FRONT

It is important to carry out a self-evaluation before you try to help others.

BACK

carry out = to execute/to do

In this sentence "carry out" means to do. It is important to know yourself well before you try to help others because very often people's own psychological baggage interferes with an ability to help others objectively.

FRONT

My friend, who is an ecologist, makes sure that environmental plans are carried out in line with conservation regulations.

BACK

carry out = execute or do

In this case the plan that has to be executed is an environmental plan, aimed at protecting and conserving the environment.

FRONT

What happens if a developer does not carry out an authorized environmental plan according to regulations?

BACK

carry out = to execute or do

The answer to the question above is that the developer could be forced to halt the project and could be fined a huge amount of money.

FRONT

They carried out a survey to find out if the people in the old age home were satisfied with the food.

BACK

carry out = to execute or do

When you carry out a survey, you do a survey. A survey usually contains questions that people have to answer. The answers are then analyzed statistically.

FRONT

Professor Delgado is carrying out research about sea water desalination.

BACK

carry out = to execute or do

Desalination is a process in which you extract clean, drinkable water from salty or brackish water.

FRONT

A kiln is a large oven in which an artist fires pottery or sculptures. It is important to carry out the instructions for firing the sculptures correctly.

BACK

carry out = to follow or obey

In this sentence we are not dealing with a plan but with instructions, which have to be followed. You may have noticed that when “carry out” is used in the sense of “obey” or “follow”, there is usually a methodical process at stake.

FRONT

What happens if the potter does not carry out the sculptor’s instructions for firing a sculpture?

BACK

carry out = to follow or obey

The sculpture may be overfired or underfired. In extreme cases it may explode in the kiln. It is all about cause and effect.

FRONT

If they do not carry out my instructions, I’ll never hire them again.

BACK

carry out = to follow or obey

Ignore the instructions instead of carrying them out and suffer the consequence. In this case the consequence is losing business.

FRONT

The little girl carried out her grandmother’s request without asking any questions.

BACK

carry out = to follow or obey

The little girl obeyed her grandmother. She did what her grandmother asked.

FRONT

The executor has to carry out all the stipulations in a will meticulously.

BACK

carry out = to follow or obey

A person’s will is binding. The executor is the person responsible for making sure that the stipulations (conditions) of the will are obeyed or followed. In this sentence “carry out” can

also mean "execute" so the sentence combines both meanings of "carry out".

FRONT

The two of them always seek out restaurants or pubs where they can dance.

BACK

seek out = to search or look for someone or something with determination

They specifically look for restaurants that offer a dance floor and music to which they can dance.

FRONT

Our family always seeks out holidays that offer some form of physical activity and a bit of adventure.

BACK

seek out = to search or look for someone or something with determination.

This family wants to be active when they are on holiday. They make an effort to search for such holidays.

FRONT

When they travel they invariably seek out places of cultural or historic interest.

BACK

seek out = to search or look for someone or something with determination

These people are the kind of people who put the ancient ruins of Angkor Watt in Cambodia or the remains of the Inca city Machu Picchu in Peru on their bucket list.

FRONT

She sought out friends who shared her passion for long-distance running.

BACK

seek out = to search or look for someone or something with determination

People often search for friends who share their interests.

FRONT

That museum is often sought out by scholars interested in ancient Mayan history.

BACK

seek out = to search or look for someone or something with determination

The scholars specifically look for a museum that contains artefacts from ancient Mayan culture.

FRONT

In her twenties she sought out her biological parents. She loved her adoptive parents but she still had the urge to know who her biological parents were.

BACK

seek out = to search or look for someone or something with determination

This woman determinedly looked for her biological parents. Notice that the past tense of "seek out" is "sought out".

FRONT

Like-minded people seek one another out.

BACK

seek out = to search or look for someone or something with determination

People often search for other people who are like them. The idiom is: Birds of a feather flock together.

FRONT

She made an effort to seek out the counsel of wise men and women.

BACK

seek out = to search or look for someone or something with determination

She deliberately searched for or looked for wise people so she could learn from them.

FRONT

Every January she seeks out post-Christmas bargains at half-price sales.

BACK

seek out = to search or look for someone or something with determination

This woman is the ultimate bargain hunter. Perhaps you know someone like this? She determinedly looks for special deals!

FRONT

In winter the cat always seeks out the sunniest spot in the garden.

BACK

seek out = to search or look for someone or something with determination

The cat looks for the warmest spot.

FRONT

Make me an offer I cannot turn down!

BACK

turn down = to refuse (an offer, a request or an application)

This person wants an offer that he or she cannot refuse. Mmm, maybe a trip to an idyllic island in French Polynesia?

FRONT

I turned down the offer to ride Frangelica because I prefer riding Ebony Lady. She is a stronger horse and a better jumper.

BACK

turn down = to refuse (an offer, a request or an application)

This person refused the offer to ride one horse because she prefers riding the other horse.

FRONT

I turned down the high-paying job in the city because I prefer the lifestyle in the country.

BACK

turn down = to refuse (an offer, a request or an application)

This person prefers fresh air and tranquility so he refused a lucrative job offer.

FRONT

Most of the companies turned down our request for donations, so our charity is struggling.

BACK

turn down = to refuse (an offer, a request or an application)

This charity approached several companies with a request for donations but their requests were turned down. Now they do not have enough money.

FRONT

When you turn down a candidate, the following sentence is useful: "We regret to inform you that we have chosen another candidate."

BACK

turn down = to refuse (an offer, a request or an application)

Yes, companies and colleges usually turn down applications as politely as possible.

FRONT

Turn down the music, please. I am trying to concentrate here!

BACK

turn down = to reduce the intensity of things such sound or heat by adjusting a device

This person thinks the music is too loud and states that it interferes with her concentration. She wants the volume of the music to be reduced.

FRONT

Would you mind turning down the television? It is so loud I cannot sleep.

BACK

turn down = to reduce the intensity of things such sound or heat by adjusting a device

The speaker requests that the volume of the TV be reduced.

FRONT

Please turn down the heat. It is boiling in here.

BACK

turn down = to reduce the intensity of things such sound or heat by adjusting a device

In this case the room is too hot and the person requests that the heat be reduced. The speaker prefers a room that is cooler. He wants the central heating or the heater to be turned down.

FRONT

Please turn down the sarcasm. I realize you are upset but there is no need to be so biting.

BACK

turn down = to reduce the intensity of things such sound or heat by adjusting a device

In this sentence "turn down" is used metaphorically. Using less sarcasm is compared with

turning down heat or sound.

FRONT

Hotels offer a nightly “turn-down service” in which they turn down the beds and put a chocolate or a mint on the pillow.

BACK

turn down = to prepare a bed

Turning down a bed usually involves folding back the sheet and blanket at an angle to show that the bed is ready for use, as well as placing a small mint or chocolate on the pillow. The room is often tidied and freshened up during the turn-down service.