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Sentences for Anki | Lesson 08

Front:

My mobile phone will run out of power if I don't charge it.

Back:

run out of = to use up or finish a supply of something

In this example, my cell phone battery is being drained and will soon power down if I don't plug it in.

Front:

Our family can't attend the concert, because the venue ran out of tickets.

Back:

run out of = to use up or finish a supply of something

In this case, the concert venue sold all of their available tickets before the family was able to purchase any.

Front:

The cyclist had completely run out of steam by the time he traveled ten miles.

Back:

run out of = to use up or finish a supply of something

After riding a long distance, the biker lost all of his energy and was unable to keep pedaling.

Front:

Jenny was unable to finish her English test because she ran out of time.

Back:

run out of = to use up or finish a supply of something

In this example, Jenny took a test that allowed for a limited amount of time and was unable to answer all the questions.

Front:

I won't be able to pay my bills if I run out of money this month.

Back:

run out of = to use up or finish a supply of something

In this situation, my money supply is being exhausted, and I may not be able to pay for my living

expenses.

Front:

The preacher's sermon was very short this morning; he must have run out of things to say.

Back:

run out of = to use up or finish a supply of something

Perhaps you hear a church sermon that seems very short. In this scenario, the preacher did not prepare enough material and had to end his sermon earlier than expected.

Front:

I was craving potato chips yesterday, and when I checked my pantry, I discovered that I had run out of them.

Back:

run out of = to use up or finish a supply of something

Here, I am learning that I do not have any more potato chip even though I thought I did.

Front:

It's only a matter of time before the successful gambler finally runs out of luck.

Back:

run out of = to use up or finish a supply of something

In this example, the statement is made that a gambler who has won lots of money will not be lucky forever.

Front:

Before running out of oxygen, the diver returned to the surface.

Back:

run out of = to use up or finish a supply of something

In this scenario, a scuba diver's oxygen supply is being depleted, thus he has to exit the water before drowning.

Front:

The constructions workers ran out of daylight before they were able to complete their job.

Back:

run out of = to use up or finish a supply of something

In this example, it becomes too dark outside for the construction workers to effectively do their work, and they have to stop for the day.

Front:

My apartment lease agreement ran out, so I had to move to a new place.

Back:

run out = to expire or become invalid

Contracts only last for a certain amount of time. In this case, I have to move out of my apartment, because my contract has expired.

Front:

The singer switched to a different record label, because her previous label contract had run out.

Back:

run out = to expire or become invalid

In this example, the singer's first label contract only lasted a certain amount of time and has now ended.

Front:

Pete's car insurance is running out, but he refuses to renew it.

Back:

run out = to expire or become invalid

The expiration date for Pete's car insurance is approaching, but Pete has not filled out the paperwork to make sure it stays valid.

Front:

My magazine subscription runs out this month.

Back:

run out = to expire or become invalid

In the case, I have been receiving magazines in the mail periodically; however, when the month is over, my subscription will be finished.

Front:

Larry asked for forgiveness from his wife, but her love had run out.

Back:

run out = to expire or become invalid

Larry's wife does not love him anymore and refuses to forgive him.

Front:

Our grandparents tried for years to run the mice out of their house, and they finally succeeded.

Back:

run out = to scare away or force someone or something to leave

Perhaps the grandparents were dealing with a mouse infestation in their house, and the mice finally left.

Front:

When my mother caught me stealing cookies from the cookie jar, she ran me out of the kitchen.

Back:

run out = to scare away or force someone or something to leave

In this case, my mother scolded and commanded that I leave the kitchen and not eat any more cookies.

Front:

Last night, a raccoon was eating from Steve's prized garden, so he ran it out.

Back:

run out = to scare away or force someone or something to leave

Steve had to scare away the raccoon so that it would not destroy all of his plants.

Front:

Sally's mother disliked her boyfriend so much that she ran him out of her life.

Back:

run out = to scare away or force someone or something to leave

Perhaps Sally's mother's harsh attitude towards her boyfriend scared him away.

Front:

My husband and I are trying to run out the bugs that have infested our attic.

Back:

run out = to scare away or force someone or something to leave

If you ever have bugs in your home, you'll want to get rid of them. In this example, the wife and her husband are planning on finding a way to make the bugs in their home leave.

Front:

I'm not sure where I want to go on vacation next year; let's sit down and talk this over.

Back:

talk over = to discuss something

In this situation, I'm having a dilemma about where I want to go on vacation. I'm hoping to sit down and discuss this with someone so that I can consider all of my options and make a decision.

Front:

Jade and Jonathon had a big argument yesterday, but they talked everything over.

Back:

talk over = to discuss something

Here, Jade and Jonathon had a disagreement but were able to overcome it by talking about it.

Front:

We talked over our company's plans for next year at this week's meeting.

Back:

talk over = to discuss something

In this case, a company meeting is held where plans for the new year are discussed.

Front:

At first, my father wouldn't let me go camping, but I talked him over to my side.

Back:

talk over = to persuade

In this case, I want to go camping, but my father will not allow me to. After doing my best to persuade him, he finally lets me go.

Front:

Lacey didn't want to go to the school dance with Jerry; however, he was able to talk her over.

Back:

talk over = to persuade

Jerry wants to go to a school dance with Lacey, but she doesn't want to go. Jerry does his best to convince her to go with him, and she finally does.

Front:

I had no plans on buying insurance, but after a one hour presentation, the insurance

salesman was able to talk me over.

Back:

talk over = to persuade

Salesmen are great at persuasion. In this case, an insurance salesman is able to convince me to buy insurance.

Front:

We could hear the sports broadcast as the announcer talked over the speaker system.

Back:

talk over = to use something, such as a microphone, intercom, or telephone, to talk

If you've ever attended a professional sports game, you've probably heard announcers discuss the sports game over their loud speaker system. This is exactly what happens in this example.

Front:

Our school principal talks over the intercom to give announcements each day.

Back:

talk over = to use something, such as a microphone, intercom, or telephone, to talk

Usually, schools have a speaker system over which announcements are given. Here, the principal uses this system to communicate to the entire school.

Front:

The teacher had to talk over the noisy students.

Back:

talk over = to speak and be heard amid some loud noise

In this example, a classroom is full of students who are talking very loudly. The teacher has to raise his / her voice in order to be heard.

Front:

When I ride in Michael's car, I always have to talk over his loud music.

Back:

talk over = to speak and be heard amid some loud noise

In this case, Michael's music is so loud that I have to raise the volume of my voice in order to be heard.