

Getting Along in One's Schoolwork

Tom Jackson and Dave Page were heading for the library. Lee Choy and Pedro Garcia caught up with them.

"Are you going after a book?" Lee asked Tom.

"Yes," said Tom. "I need to look for another book about airplanes. I was checking my paper over, and I found out that I had put in some wrong information."

"I have to look up an article," Dave added. "My history teacher asked us to read through a long article. Keeping up with that course is difficult for me. I'm always falling behind. That's because I put off doing my assignments."

"So do I," said Pedro. "Right now I'm writing a paper for my science class. I tore the first paper up because it was bad. Now I have several new ideas, and I've been trying them out on my friend Maria. I have to hand the paper in on Monday. I also need to brush up on my mathematics, but I can't figure out the meanings of some of those strange-looking signs."

"I know what you mean," Dave told him. "I don't know what some of the signs stand for, either."

"I need to make up a test," Tom said. "I missed it when I was sick. But I'll wait until I have turned in my paper on airplanes. I keep a list of things I should do, and I cross them off one by one I do them."

"You're so systematic, Tom," Dave said, smiling. "You always plan everything. I should put together a list, too, but it would be too long. I would just give up."

"I sometimes want to give up, too," said Tom, "but then I think that I'll pull through somehow. Studying so much is hard, but usually we get along rather well. We just have to keep at it."

"Yes," Lee said, "we do. But sometimes I'd like to get away from it all."

head for 朝…进发; < 非正 > 引向好 [坏] 结果; 奔; 走向;

catch up with 追上; 赶上; 和…算旧账; 使…最终尝到苦果;

go after 追逐, 追求; 跟随; 鸱;

look for 寻找 (某人或某物); < 口 > 找 (麻烦); 找 (苦头) 吃; 希望得到;

check sth. over 核对, 仔细检查;

find out 发现; 使发作; 使受惩罚; 通过探询 [访问] 获悉 (某人) 不在;

read through 仔细阅读; 通读;

keep up with 跟上, 保持同步;

fall behind 不能按时完成 (工作);

put off 推迟…, 使…延期;

tear sth. up 撕成碎片; 挖开 (地面等); 撕掉; 撕毁;

try sb. out on sth. 在…… (某事) 上测试/试验某人

hand sth. in 交上; 递交; 呈送; 把…扶上车;

brush up on 温习, 复习;

figure out 弄懂; 弄清楚; 弄明白;

stand for 代表; 为…而奋斗; 拥护; < 口 > 容忍;

make up 构成; 形成; 编造; 化妆; 凑足;

turn in 上床睡觉; 上交; 归还; 面向内;

cross sb. off 划掉;

one by one 依次地, 一个接一个地;

put together 组成整体; 综; 缀合; 拼;

give up 放弃; 投降;

pull through < 非正 > 恢复健康, 精神状况转好, 情绪转好; 渡;

get along 相处; 进展; 前进; 离去;

keep at 坚持; 督促; 备有; 耽搁;

get away 离开, 脱身; 逃掉; 抽身; 拔身;

Getting Up with the Jacksons

The alarm clock in Mr. and Mrs. Jackson's bedroom goes off at 6:30 A.M. Sleepily, Mr. Jackson reaches toward it to turn it off. He gives up trying to reach it and lets it run down.

By now Mrs. Jackson is awake. She turns on the light beside the bed and shakes her husband. "It's time to get up, George," she tells him.

"Aw-don't-" he mutters. But she keeps on shaking him until he too is awake. He sits up, but his eyes are still closed. Finally he stands up.

Mrs. Jackson puts on a bathrobe. Mr. Jackson goes in to take a shower and, awake at last, goes downstairs to set the table. In the kitchen Mrs. Jackson plugs in the coffee maker. She wants to boil eggs but remembers that they used up the eggs yesterday. She puts bread into the toaster and waits for it to pop up. Mr. Jackson puts cereal, milk, and juice on the table.

Then Mrs. Jackson lets out the cat. She calls the sixteen-year-old twins. "Breakfast!" she shouts. "Jim! Jane!"

In a few minutes all four are at the table. "What in the world do you have on?" Jim asks Jane.

"I forgot to wash out my clothes last night, so this morning I hunted up these things to wear."

"I thought you had given those old things away long ago," Jim tells her. "They look shabby."

"Leave me alone!" she says angrily.

"Children," Mrs. Jackson begs, "please don't get into a fight. I'm running out of patience with both of you. I don't feel like listening to another argument. Tom did not often argue before he left for college. Jane, you should put your clothes away. Then you could find something better to wear. I've told both of you again and again, 'Please hang up your clothes.'"

George Jackson is reading the newspaper. He laughs softly. "If you come across something funny or even interesting, you might let us in on it," his wife says.

"I'm just looking at the sports pages, Edna," he tells her. "You usually don't care for professional sports."

She goes to see about the cat and lets it in. The twins pick up their schoolbooks and go to school. George puts his coat on. As he sets out for work, he says to his wife, "Have a good day, Edna."

go off 失去对…的兴趣; 爆炸, 开火; (电器设备) 停止运转; 进行, 进展; 变质, 腐败;

turn off (把…) 关掉; 完成; 解雇; 转向;

give up 放弃; 投降;

run down 撞倒; 走下坡路; 谤谤; (使) 虚弱;

turn on 打开 (水、电视、收音机、灯、煤气等); (使) 感兴趣; (使) 兴奋; 动发;

get up (使) 起床; 安排; 举起; 站起来;

keep on 继续雇用; 继续前进; 继续穿着; 重复;

sit up (使) 端坐; 晚睡; 熬夜;<口> 引起注意;

stand up 起立; 竖立; 经久耐用;<非正> 失约;

go in 进去; 进入; 开始; 攻击;

plug in 插上电源的插头; 堵住…上的洞;

use up vt. vi. 用完, 耗尽; 用光;

pop up 突然出现, 冒出来;

let out 使 (水、空气等) 通过; 发出 (声音); 加宽 (衣服); 泄露;

have on 穿着; 戴着; 计划好; 约定;

wash out v. 破产, 淘汰; 刷洗; 冲掉;

hunt up (在报纸上、书上等) 找到 (资料等);

give sth. away 泄露; 失去; 赠送; (在婚礼仪式中) 将新娘交给新郎;

get into 进入; 陷入; 养成;

run out of v. 用完; 耗尽; 从…跑出;

feel like 摸起来像是…, 有…的感觉; 想要…;

put sth. away 收起来; 放好; 储存; 打消;

hung up 挂上; 挂住; 使等候; 将电话筒挂上;

come across 偶然发现, 偶然遇见;

let sb. in on <非正> 让…知道 [参与];

look at 查看; 思考; 考虑; 研究;

care for 喜欢; 照料; 愿意;

see about 查看; 处理; 考虑;

let sth. in 容许; 加进; 让…进入; 把…降下;

pick up 拿起; 提起; 捡起; 取走; 学会; (身体) 恢复, 好转;

put on 表演 (节目), 举办, 展出, 增加 (体重);

set out 出发; 启程; (怀着目标) 开始工作;