

English Vocabulary: SET

It is believed that the word 'set' has more meanings than any other word in the English language! Even more than the word 'get'!

As a verb, it is irregular: **to set / set / set.**

A) Adjectives

- 1) specific The book is written in a **set** language, being English.
- 2) defined The telephonist always answers the phone using a **set** phrase.
- 3) ready A: Are you **set**? Can we go now? B: Yes, I'm all **set**!

B) Nouns

- 1) collection Look at my enormous **set** of stamps!
- 2) matching pieces I love my new chess **set**.
I bought a new tea **set** yesterday.
I need a new **set** of tyres for my car.
- 3) apparatus We each have our own chemistry **set** in the classroom.
- 4) scenario John is unavailable to talk, because he is on the film **set**.
- 5) tennis Bob beat John by 3 **sets** to 0; 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

C) Verbs

- 1) prepare Can you please **set** the table?
- 2) put Please **set** the books on the table.
- 3) arm I need to **set** my alarm for tomorrow morning.
- 4) alter The technician **set** the electricity meter to zero.
- 5) schedule Let's **set** a date for our wedding!
- 6) assign I will **set** you a sales target for this year.
First, let's **set** the variable 'X' to '2'.
- 7) give The teacher will **set** a lot of work for the class next week.
- 8) apply The school system **sets** many academic tests for teenagers.
- 9) fix The doctor will **set** my arm today, because I broke it yesterday.
- 10) glamorize I need to **set** my hair today – it's a mess!
- 11) go down The sun will **set** at 8:30 tonight
- 12) solidify The jelly needs 20 minutes to **set**.
The concrete will **set** in 12 hours.

D) Phrasal verbs

- 1) **set about** to start I'm going to **set about** learning the guitar.
- 2) **set against** to compare When you **set** English **against** Chinese, it's not difficult!
to alienate Jealousy has **set** the brothers **against** each other.
to deduct We can **set** our expenses **against** tax.
- 3) **set ahead** to change Summer time starts tomorrow; let's **set** our clocks **ahead**.
- 4) **set apart** to distinguish I can't **set** the twins **apart**. They are truly identical!
- 5) **set aside** to save If I **set** some money **aside** every month, I could buy a car.
to leave You can **set** that problem **aside** – it's not important.
- 6) **set back** to delay This problem has **set** me **back** a week.
to cost This book **set** me **back** \$20.
- 7) **set down** to write I need to **set** these lyrics **down**, before I forget them.
to put down I need to **set** these bags **down** – they are so heavy.
- 8) **set in** to establish The apples are two weeks old. Rot has **set in**.
- 9) **set off** to trigger The dog **set** the alarm **off** when it entered the house.
to leave The terrorist **set** the bomb **off** under the bridge.
We will **set off** tomorrow after breakfast.

10) set on	to launch	They set the dogs on the prisoner when he ran.
11) set out	to arrange to explain to plan to leave	Let's set out the pieces on the table, before we start. He set out five simple steps to avoid danger. He has set out to become a doctor. He loves medicine. We will set out tomorrow after breakfast.
12) set up	to connect to create/form to schedule to establish to frame to trick/fool	Let's set up the new computer. I want to set up a new company. Let's set up a team for the new project. I set up a meeting with Pedro at 6pm. Let's set up camp here. We need to rest for the night. I am innocent. Somebody set me up . They set their boss up with all the fake reports.

E) Expressions

to be set in your ways	inflexible	He is really set in his ways . He will never change.
to be set on something	determined	He is really set on becoming a doctor.
to be dead set against	100% against	He is dead set against my proposal.
to set free	to liberate	I set the bird free . I hate caged animals.
to set your mind at rest	to make calm	Please set my mind at rest – did you pass the test?
to set something in motion	to start	I've set the new project in motion .
to set right	to correct	I've set the situation right . I explained everything.
to set thinking	to make think	I set John thinking yesterday, when I told him that
to set fire to	to light	He set fire to his sofa with a cigarette.
to set on fire	to light	He set his sofa on fire with a cigarette.
to set an example	to be a model	A father should always set an example to his kids.
to set a precedent (legal)	to be a new model	This case will set a precedent for future cases.
to set rules	to define rules	We need to set some rules for the event.
to set a record	to exceed the best	Peter has set a record for the 100m race.
to set to music	to create a score	I want to set these words to music .
to be set somewhere	to take place	The film was set in Scotland .

F) Other Vocabulary

settings	configurations	You need to adjust the clock in the settings menu.
setback (noun)	problem	This problem has created a big setback in our plans.
set menu (noun)	fixed menu	We operate only with a set menu . (restaurant)
setsquare (noun)	tool	I need to buy a set square for my maths project.
set-to (noun)	fight	They are having a big set-to . Should we call the police?
set-up (adjective)	installation	The set-up process of this software is very complicated.
setup (noun)	installation	The setup is complicated.
setter (noun)	breed of dog	I love setters . (origin: " to be set on hunting ")
reset (verb)	zero	Please reset the clock.
reset (adjective)	restart	Please press the reset button.
sunset (noun)	dusk	I love watching the sunset in the summer.
outset (noun)	beginning	He has complained about the project from the outset .
upset (adjective)	nervous painful	He is really upset today. He might lose his job. I have an upset stomach.
upset (verb)	make sad drop complicate	Do you know what has upset him? He is very quiet. Be careful! You nearly upset the biscuits. You have really upset the plan by losing your passport.
upset (noun)	problem	He suffered an upset today. He lost his job.