

Some words in English are always together in groups, just like good friends. We call these word groups *fixed expressions*. At the end of certain lessons, we will list the fixed expressions you learned. This activity will help you learn to write and speak English in a natural way. Here are some of the fixed expressions you learned in Lesson 1.

To vote for (“Please vote for me for student council president. Here’s my flier.” “Thanks, Samantha.”)

To get along with (“I just can’t get along with Doug.” “Really? He’s a great guy. We get along just fine.”)

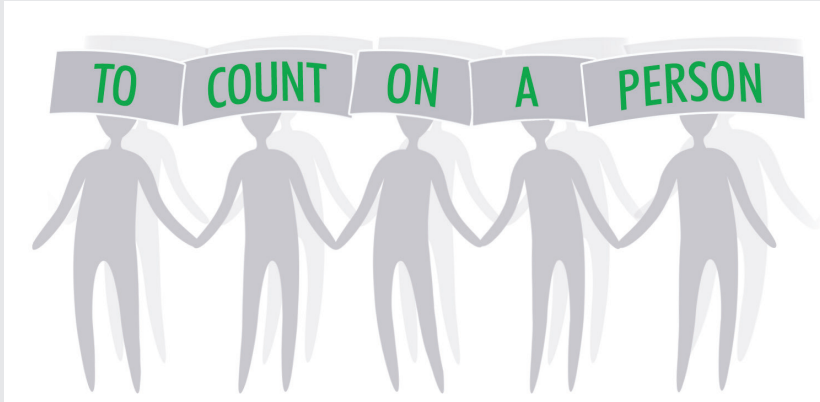
no more (“Can I watch just one more show, Mom?” “No more TV for you, dear. It’s time for bed.”)

on one’s own (“Does Angela live with her parents?” “No, she lives on her own now in an apartment in the city.”)

To give a person a hand (“Can you give me a hand in the garden, dear?” “Sure, I love to help out.”)

## LESSON 5

### *fixed* expressions



You know that some words in English are always together in groups, just like good friends. Remember that we call these word groups *fixed expressions*. Here are some fixed expressions you learned in Lesson 5.

To go out (“It’s really dark in here, Mom. What happened?” “The lights went out, honey. Don’t worry.”)

To bend down (Children like it when their parents bend down to talk to them.)

To count a person (people) out (“We’re going to have a birthday party for Grandma Pat on Sunday afternoon.” “Count me and Uncle Bill out; he’s going to help me study for my math test on Sunday afternoon.”)

To count on a person (Samantha is so helpful. We can always count on her to help out around the office.)

To blow off a person or thing/To blow a person or thing off (Yesterday Max blew off his best friend to go to a party.) (After lunch, Mariah and Kevin blew off work and went to the beach.) (“I can’t believe you blew me off on my birthday to hang out with your boyfriend.” “I’m sorry, Emily!”) (Sarah always blows her chores off to watch TV.)