

1. It's a [positive adj.] day to [do] / for (something)**Usage:** Describing a fun activity to do, often due to weather.**Grammar:** "It's" can be changed to "This is". Common adj. are perfect, good, fine, nice, great, etc.**Example A:** This is a perfect day for a beer in the park.**Example B:** It's a nice day to exercise outside.**Variations:** A day like this calls for (something)**2. (someone) ended up [doing]****Usage:** Explaining what a person did instead of doing what they originally planned.**Grammar:** Often preceded by (someone) "wanted to", "was going to", "was planning on" etc.**Example A:** We both wanted to go hiking, but we ended up staying in and watching movies.**Example B:** I was planning on finishing my report tonight, but I ended up only getting half of it done.**Variations:** i) (someone) [did] in the end ii) (someone) wound up [doing]**3. (someone) has been [doing/something] for most/all of (something/duration)****Usage:** Describing how long someone has been doing something, often a job or hobby.**Grammar:** Nouns are commonly used for jobs (e.g. an artist) or verbs for activities (e.g. been painting). The duration of time can be long or short.**Example A:** He has been an engineer and technology enthusiast all of his life.**Example B:** She has been doodling in her notebook for most of the class.**Variations:** (someone) has spent (duration) [doing]**4. (someone) bet (someone) (a price/something) that [something will happen].****Usage:** Predicting what will or won't happen in the future and showing confidence in your belief.

Large amounts of money or valuables can be used to show further confidence.

Grammar: The 'price' is commonly omitted entirely (e.g. "I bet you that ...")**Example A:** My friend bet me lunch that he'd get a better score on the test than me. He owes me lunch.**Example B:** I bet my brother £20 that Frank was going to forget about the party on Friday.**Variations:** i) (someone) said [something will happen] or (I would) [do/give something].**Story using the four patterns from this lesson**

Apparently, it was going to be nice and sunny today, **a perfect day to** be outside and maybe read a book. It always rains on my days off though. **I bet** my wife \$1000 **that** it would rain, and it did rain. I'm glad we were just joking, because I would need to *really* give her a \$1000. Anyway, I wanted to read a book in the park, but **I ended up** reading at home. It doesn't really matter where I read, because **I have been reading** in my free time **most of** my life. I could read anywhere.