

1. **get down to business** → _____

Example A: *Alright, class, time to **get down to business**.*

Example B: *I can't **get down to business** until I've had some coffee.*

2. **[be] down to earth** → _____

Example A: Ron: *Gil is a dreamer, unlike his father, who is **down-to-earth**.*

Example B: *The boss supported Ted's plan, because it was more **down to earth** than the others.*

Preposition study: [verb] + DOWN TO

3. **talk down to** → _____

Example A: *The teacher treated students as equals and never **talked down to** them.*

Example B: *I hate it when I hear managers **talking down to** staff.*

4. **come down to** → _____

Example A: *You can try all kinds of food in Kyoto. It all **comes down to** what you like.*

Example B: *That tennis match was a real nail-biter. It **came down to** the last set.*

5. **boil down to** → _____

Example A: *The problems at work **boil down to** one thing: a lack of money.*

Example B: *What it all **boils down to** is a lack of communication.*
