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[set] *n*

1. 1) комплект, набор; коллекция

in sets - в комплектах, в наборах

a set of surgical instruments [of weights] - набор хирургических инструментов [гирь]

a set of exchange - *ком.* комплект экземпляров переводного векселя

a set of chessmen - шахматы

a set of stamps - комплект марок

a set of teeth - а) зубы, ряд зубов; б) вставные зубы, вставная челюсть

a set of sails - *мор.* комплект парусов

well-chosen [valuable] set - хорошо подобранная [ценная] коллекция

they are sold in sets of five - они продаются по пяти штук

2) сервис

a set of china - фарфоровый сервис

a fine set of silver plate - прекрасный серебряный (столовый) сервис

3) гарнитур

a set of furniture - гарнитур мебели

4) прибор

toilet /dressing-table/ set - туалетный прибор

writing /desk/ set - письменный прибор

razor set - бритвенный прибор

5) (полный) комплект издания

a set of Pravda - комплект «Правды»

a set of Dickens - (полное) собрание сочинений Диккенса

2. 1) серия, ряд

a set of houses - ряд домов

a set of lectures - цикл лекций

a set of rules - список правил

a (special) set of circumstances - (особое) стечение обстоятельств

a set of assumptions - ряд допущений /предположений/

a set of questions - ряд вопросов

2) совокупность

a set of observations - совокупность наблюдений

3. 1) группа (*лиц*); состав

a set of men - группа людей

a poor set of players - плохая команда, плохие игроки

four sets of dancers /partners/ - четыре пары танцоров

a new set of customers - новый круг покупателей /клиентов/

2) набор, состав (*учащихся, студентов и т. п.*)

a very satisfactory set of new girls - хороший новый состав учениц

3) компания, круг

the political [the literary] set - политические [литературные] круги

the smart /the fashionable/ set - а) законодатели мод; б) фешенебельное общество

gambling set - картёжники, завсегда и игорных домов

they have got into a bad set - они попали в плохую компанию

he belonged to the best set in the college - в колледже он принадлежал к числу избранных

he is not in their set, he does not belong to their set - он не принадлежит к их кругу [*см. тж.* 4)]

4) банда, шайка

a set of hooligans - банда хулиганов

a set of thieves - шайка воров

he is not in their set, he does not belong to their set - он не из их шайки [*см. тж.* 3)]

4. 1) *театр.*, *кино* декорация

set designer - художник по декорациям; художник кинофильма

set dresser - *кино* декоратор

2) *кино* съёмочная площадка

on the set - на съёмочной площадке

5. *спец.* прибор, аппарат, установка, агрегат

6. приёмник

radio set - радиоприёмник

TV set - телевизор

7. фигура (*в танце*); последовательность фигур

a set of quadrilles - (все) фигуры кадрили

we danced three or four sets of quadrilles - мы протанцевали три или четыре кадрили

8. завивка и укладка волос

9. сюита духовной музыки (*месса и т. п.*)

10. *редк.* меблированная квартира

11. *дор.* брусчатка, каменная шашка

12. *спорт.*

- 1) партия (*часть матча*)
- 2) сет (*теннис*)
13. *спорт.* расстановка игроков
14. *геол.* свита (*пород*)
15. *горн.* оклад крепи
16. *мат.* множество
theory of sets - теория множеств
17. *мат.* семейство (*кривых*)
18. *полигр.* гарнитура шрифта
19. *полигр.* набор
20. *карт.* недобор взяток (*бридж*)

II

1. [set] n

1. *мк. sing* общие очертания, линия
the set of the drapery - линия драпировки
the set of his back [of his shoulders] - линия спины [плеч]
the set of the hills - линия /очертание/ гор
I knew him by the set of his hat - я узнал его по манере носить шляпу
2. строение; конфигурация, (тело)сложение
a set of the features - черты лица
the set of smb.'s head - посадка головы
of a manly set - мужественного телосложения
he is of a big and broad set - он крупный и широкоплечий мужчина
3. *мк. sing*
- 1) направление
the set of a tide [of a current, of wind] - направление прилива [течения реки, ветра]
- 2) направленность; тенденция
the set of his mind is towards intolerance - он отличается нетерпимостью
the set of public opinion /of public feeling/ - тенденция общественного мнения
a set towards mathematics - склонность к математике; математический склад ума
- 3) *психол.* направленность, установка (*на принятие наркотика*)
- 4) наклон, отклонение
a set to the right - отклонение /наклон/ вправо
4. *мк. sing поэт.* заход, закат (*солнца*)
at the set of sun - на заходе солнца
the set of day - конец дня
at the set of life - на склоне лет
5. музыкальный вечер (*особ. джазовой музыки*)
6. *сад.* молодой побег (*растения*); завязь (*плода*)
a set of blackthorn - побег терна
7. *с.-х.*
- 1) = set onion
- 2) посадочный материал (*клубни картофеля и т. п.*)
8. *охот.* стойка
9. *тех.* разводка для пил, развод зубьев пилы, ширина развода
10. *стр.* осадка (*сооружений*)
11. *тех.* остаточная деформация
12. *тех.* обжимка, державка
13. *полигр.* толщина (*литеры*)
◇ to be at a dead set - завязнуть, застрять
to make a dead set at smb. - а) обрушиваться /нападать/ на кого-л.; резко критиковать кого-л.; ≅ вцепиться в кого-л. зубами и когтями; б) делать всё возможное, чтобы завоевать кого-л. /завоевать чью-л. любовь, дружбу, доверие *и т. п.*/; в) вешаться кому-л. на шею, навязывать свою любовь, пытаться влюбить в себя (*обыкн. о женщине*); г) *охот.* делать стойку (*о собаке*)

2. [set] a

1. неподвижный; застывший
set smile - застывшая улыбка
set stare - неподвижный взор
set glassy eyes - остановившиеся стеклянные глаза
with a set face /countenance/ - с каменным лицом
his movements were set - в его движениях чувствовалась скованность
2. 1) определённый, твёрдо установленный, постоянный
set wage - твёрдый оклад, постоянная заработная плата
set price - твёрдая цена
set hand - установившийся почерк
the hall holds a set number of people - зал вмещает определённое количество людей
- 2) неизменный, постоянный, незыблемый
set pattern - штамп
set programme - постоянная /неизменная/ программа

a very set creed - крайний догматизм

set rules - незыблемые правила

set style - постоянный стиль (*теннис*)

to dine at a set hour - обедать в определённые часы /в одно и то же время/ [*ср. тж.* 4]

to be set in one's ways [ideas] - никогда не изменять своим привычкам [взглядам]

3) шаблонный, стереотипный

set phrase - клише

in set terms /phrases/ - в шаблонных /избитых/ выражениях, казённым /официальным/ языком

3. установленный (*законом, традицией*)

a set form of oath - установленная форма присяги

4. заранее установленный, оговорённый

set arrangements - заранее обусловленные обязательства

at a set time - в (заранее) назначенное время

at set hours - в установленные часы [*ср. тж.* 2, 2)]

set subject - обязательная тема (*для сочинения и т. п.*)

set speech - заранее подготовленная речь

set task - (заранее) определённая задача

everyone has his own set task - каждому дано своё задание

set visit - визит (*официального лица*) по предварительной договорённости

5. упрямый, настойчивый, упорный

set defiance - упорное неповиновение

set rains - непрекращающиеся /упорные/ дожди

set mouth - упрямо сжатый рот

a man of set opinions - человек, упорно придерживающийся /не меняющий/ своих взглядов

his jaw looked too square and set - \cong его лицо выражало упрямство

6. умышленный, преднамеренный

of set purpose - с умыслом

on set purpose - *уст.* нарочно

7. *разг.* готовый, горящий желанием (*сделать что-л.*)

all set - *шутл.* \cong в полной боевой готовности

all set to do smth. - горящий желанием сделать что-л.

we were set for an early morning start - мы подготовились к тому, чтобы выступить рано утром

is everyone set? - все готовы?

8. встроенный, прикреплённый

◇ set affair - вечеринка с очень хорошим угощением

set dinner - а) званый обед; б) обед за общим столом (*в ресторане*); в) общий обед, не включающий порционные блюда (*в ресторане*)

to be keen set on - страстно желать (*чего-л.*)

to be hard set - находиться в затруднительном положении /в стеснённых обстоятельствах/

to be hard set for money - крайне нуждаться в деньгах

to be sharp set - быть голодным, проголодаться

to get set - толстеть, терять стройность

3. [set] v (set)

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1. 1) ставить, помещать, класть; положить, поставить

to set a cup [a glass, a dish] (down) on the table - (по)ставить чашку [стакан, блюдо] на стол

to set the suitcase down - опустить чемодан (на землю)

to set smth. in its place again - поставить /положить/ что-л. на своё место

to set the books back - положить книги на место

to set a chair at /by/ the table - поставить стул около стола /к столу/

to set chairs for visitors - (по)ставить /расставить/ стулья для гостей

to set flowers in water - (по)ставить цветы в воду

to set one's hand on smb.'s shoulder - класть /положить/ руку на чьё-л. плечо

to set a trap /snare/ - поставить силки

to set poison for rats - положить отраву для крыс

to set an ambush - *воен.* устроить засаду

to set a crown on smb.'s head - возложить корону на чью-л. голову

to set smb. on a pedestal - возвести кого-л. на пьедестал

he took off his hat and set it on the floor - он снял шляпу и положил её на пол

2) ставить на какое-л. место; придавать (*то или иное*) значение

to set Vergil before Homer - ставить /считать/ Вергилия выше Гомера

to set smb. among the great writers - считать кого-л. одним из великих писателей

to set smb., smth. at naught - а) ни во что не ставить, презирать кого-л., что-л.; to set smb.'s good advice at naught - пренебречь чьим-л. разумным советом; б) издеваться над кем-л., чем-л.

to set much /a great deal/ on smth. - придавать чему-л. большое значение

he sets a great deal by daily exercise - он придаёт большое значение ежедневным упражнениям

to set little on smth. - придавать чему-л. мало значения

I don't set myself up to be better than you - я не считаю себя лучше /выше/ вас

2. *обыкн. pass* помещаться, располагаться

a house set in a beautiful garden - дом, стоящий в прекрасном саду
a little town set north of London - маленький городок, расположенный к северу от Лондона
a little door set in a wall - маленькая дверь в стене
blue eyes set deep in a white face - голубые, глубоко посаженные глаза на бледном лице
the second act is set in a street - место действия второго акта - улица
the pudding sets heavily on the stomach - пудинг тяжело ложится на желудок

3. сажать, усаживать

to set smb. by the fire - усадить кого-л. у камина /у костра/
to set smb. on horseback - посадить кого-л. на лошадь
to set a king on a throne - посадить /возвести/ короля на трон

4. насаживать, надевать

to set the wheel on the axle - насадить колесо на ось
to set a butterfly - наколоть бабочку на булавку

5. (in) вставлять

to set glass in a window - вставлять стекло (в окно)
to set one's foot in the stirrup - вложить ногу в стремя

6. 1) направлять; поворачивать

to set one's face towards the sun - повернуться лицом к солнцу
to set a map - ориентировать карту
to set against the wind - идти против ветра
to set smb. on the right [wrong] track - направить кого-л. по правильному [ложному] следу
to set the police after a criminal - направить полицию по следам преступника

2) иметь (то или иное) направление, (ту или иную) тенденцию

public opinion is setting with [against] him - общественное мнение за [против] него, общественное мнение складывается в [не в] его пользу

7. подготавливать; снаряжать; приводить в состояние готовности

to set a palette - подготовить палитру
to set a piano - настроить пианино
to set the sails (of a ship) - ставить паруса (корабля)
to set the scene - описать (в общих чертах) обстановку /положение/
to set the stage - а) расставлять декорации; б) (под)готовить почву (для чего-л.)
to set the stage for the application of a new method of therapy - подготовить почву для нового метода лечения
to be set for smth. - быть готовым к чему-л.
it was all set now - теперь всё было готово /подготовлено/
it /the stage/ was all set for a first-class row - всё предвещало первостатейный скандал
I was all set for the talk - я готовился к этому разговору; я знал, что меня ждёт /мне предстоит/ этот разговор
he was all set for a brilliant career - перед ним открывалась блестящая карьера, его ждала блестящая карьера
set! - **спорт.** внимание!, приготовиться!

8. устанавливать, определять, назначать

to set standards - устанавливать нормы
to set requirements - определять требования
to set a limit /boundary/ - устанавливать границы /пределы/
to set a limit to smth. - установить предел чему-л., пресечь что-л.
to set bounds to smth. - ограничивать что-л.
to set the pace - а) устанавливать скорость шага /бега/; б) служить образцом, примером; [см. тж. 10]
to set a precedent - создавать прецедент
to set the style /tone/ - задавать тон
to set the course - **спорт.** измерить дистанцию
to set a course on a chart - назначить курс корабля по карте
to set a time [a date] - назначить время [дату]
to set a wedding day - назначать день свадьбы
to set a price - назначать цену
to set a price on smb.'s head /on smb.'s life/ - оценивать чью-л. голову /жизнь/, назначать сумму вознаграждения за поимку кого-л.
to set a fine - установить сумму штрафа
he sets no limit to his ambitions - его честолюбие безгранично /не знает пределов/
the time and date of the meeting have not yet been set - время и день собрания ещё не назначены
then it's all set for Thursday at my place - значит решено - в четверг у меня

9. 1) диал., часто ирон. идти, быть к лицу

do you think this bonnet sets me? - как вы думаете, идёт мне эта шляпка?

2) редк. сидеть (о платье)

to set well /badly/ - хорошо [плохо] сидеть (на ком-л.)
the jacket sets badly - жакет плохо сидит

10. тех. устанавливать, регулировать

to set a tool - устанавливать резец
to set the camera lens to infinity - **фото** устанавливать объектив на бесконечность
to set the spark-gap - **авт.** отрегулировать искровой промежуток
to set the pace - регулировать скорость [см. тж. 8]

11. мор. пеленговать

12. стр. производить кладку

1. садиться, заходить (о небесных светилах)

the sun is setting - солнце заходит

his star has /is/ set - **образн.** его звезда закатилась

the glory of Troy had set - слава Трои померкла

2. ставить (стрелку, часы и т. п.)

to set a clock /a watch/, to set the hands of a clock - (по)ставить часы (правильно)

to set one's watch by the town clock [by the time-signal] - ставить свои часы по городским [по сигналу поверки времени]

to set an alarm-clock - поставить /завести/ будильник

to set a thermostat at seventy - поставить стрелку термостата на семьдесят

to set the speedometer to zero - **авт.** установить спидометр на нуль

I want you to set your watch by mine - я хочу, чтобы вы поставили свои часы по моим

3. 1) ставить (задачи, цели и т. п.)

to set a goal - поставить цель

to set a task - поставить задачу

to set oneself an ideal - создавать себе идеал

2) задавать (уроки, вопросы и т. п.)

to set a sum - задать задачу

to set the lessons for tomorrow - задать уроки на завтра

the teacher set his boys a difficult problem - учитель задал ученикам трудную задачу

what questions were set in the examination? - какие вопросы задавали на экзамене?

4. подавать (пример)

to set good [bad] examples - подавать хорошие [дурные] примеры

he has set a good example for me to follow - он подаёт мне хороший пример

5. 1) вводить (моду)

to set the fashion - быть законодателем мод

2) вводить, внедрять (модель и т. п.)

to set a new model - внедрять новую модель /-ый образец/

6. 1) стискивать, сжимать (зубы, губы)

to set one's teeth - а) стискивать зубы

he set his teeth doggedly [hard] - он упрямо [крепко] стиснул зубы; б) принять твёрдое решение; упрямо стоять на своём, заупрямиться

with jaws set in an effort to control himself - стиснув зубы, он пытался овладеть собой

his lips were firmly set - губы его были плотно сжаты

2) сжиматься (о губах, зубах)

his lips set stubbornly - его губы упрямо сжались

7. застывать, становиться неподвижным (о лице, глазах и т. п.)

his face set - его лицо окаменело

he was sitting there his face set - он сидел с каменным лицом

8. 1) твердеть (о гипсе)

2) **стр.** схватываться (о цементе, бетоне)

the mortar joining these bricks hasn't set yet - известковый раствор, скрепляющий эти кирпичи, ещё не затвердел

3) застывать (о желе, креме)

the jelly has set - желе застыло

4) заставлять твердеть или застывать (известь и т. п.)

9. 1) загустеть; свёртываться (о крови, белке); створаживаться (о молоке)

2) сгущать (кровь и т. п.); створаживать (молоко)

10. 1) оформиться сформироваться (о фигуре, характере)

his mind and character are completely set - у него зрелый ум и вполне сложившийся характер

her figure is hardly set yet - у неё ещё не оформилась фигура

2) формировать (характер и т. п.); развивать (мускулатуру)

too much exercise sets a boy's muscles prematurely - от чрезмерного увлечения гимнастикой мускулы подростка развиваются слишком быстро (*опережая рост*)

11. ставить (рекорд)

he set a record for the half mile - он установил рекорд (в беге) на полмили

12. накрывать (на стол)

he quickly set the table (for three) - он быстро накрыл стол (на три персоны)

the table was set for dinner - стол был накрыт к обеду

the hostess ordered to have a place set for the guest - хозяйка распорядилась поставить прибор для (нового) гостя

13. 1) вправлять (кости, суставы)

to set a bone - вправить кость

to set a broken leg [arm, a dislocated joint] - вправить ногу [руку, вывихнутый сустав]

2) сростаться (о кости)

14. вставлять в оправу (драгоценные камни)

to set diamonds - вставлять в оправу /опрavлять/ бриллианты

a ring set with rubies - кольцо с рубинами

a ruby set in gold - рубин в золотой оправе

15. приводить в порядок, поправлять (шляпу, платок, галстук, волосы)

to set one's cap - поправить кепку

set your hat straight - поправьте вашу шляпу

16. укладывать (*волосы*); сделать укладку
to set one's hair - делать причёску, укладывать волосы
17. 1) положить (*слова на музыку или музыку на слова*)
to set a song to music - класть песню на музыку
to set music to words - писать музыку на слова
- 2) *муз.* аранжировать
to set a piece of music for the violin - переложить музыкальную пьесу для скрипки
to set a melody half a tone higher - транспонировать мелодию на полтона выше
18. подавать (*сигнал*)
19. точить (*нож, бритву и т. п.*)
to set a razor - править бритву
to set a saw - разводиться пилу
20. выставлять (*часовых и т. п.*)
to set the guard - *воен.* выставлять караул
to set guards [sentries, watches] - расставить караульных [часовых, стражу]
to set a guard at the door - ставить часового у двери
to set pickets around the camp - выставить дозорных вокруг лагеря
21. высаживать (*на берег, остров и т. п.; тж. set ashore*)
to set smb., smth. ashore - а) высаживать кого-л. на берег; б) выгружать что-л. на берег
to set troops on shore - высаживать войска на берег
22. возлагать (*надежды*)
to set one's hopes on smb. - возлагать надежды на кого-л.
23. накладывать (*запрет, наказание и т. п.*)
to set a veto on smth. - наложить запрет на что-л.
to set a punishment [a fine] - накладывать взыскание [штраф]
24. ставить, прикладывать (*печать*)
to set a seal - а) поставить печать; б) наложить отпечаток
it set a seal on all his life - это наложило отпечаток на всю его жизнь
25. сажать (*растения, семена*)
to set seed [plants, fruit-trees] - сажать семена [растения, фруктовые деревья]
the young plants should be set (out) at intervals of six inches - молодые растения следует высаживать на расстоянии шести дюймов друг от друга
26. 1) приниматься (*о деревьях*)
- 2) *бот.* завязываться, образовывать завязи (*о плодах, цветах*)
fruit sets - плоды завязываются
27. разрабатывать, составлять (*экзаменационные материалы*)
they had to set fresh papers - им пришлось составлять новую письменную работу
to set an examination paper - составлять письменную экзаменационную работу
to set questions in an examination - составлять вопросы для экзаменационной работы
to set a book - включить какую-л. книгу в учебную программу
28. 1) определиться (*о направлении ветра, течения и т. п.*)
the tide sets to the west - течение идёт на запад
the wind sets from the south - ветер дует с юга
the tide has set in his favour - его акции поднимаются
- 2) заставлять двигаться (*в каком-л. направлении*)
the current set them northward - течение понесло их на север
29. делать стойку (*об охотничьих собаках*)
30. 1) сажать (*наседку на яйца*)
- 2) подкладывать (*яйца под наседку*)
31. сажать в печь (*хлебные изделия*)
32. *редк.* устанавливаться (*о погоде*)
33. *слец.* растягивать (*кожу*)
34. закрепить (*краску*)
35. *полигр.* набирать (*шрифт; тж. set up*)
to set close [wide] - набирать плотно [свободно]
the editorial was set in boldface type - передовая была набрана жирным шрифтом
36. налаживать (*станок*)
37. *тех.* осаживать (*заклёпку*)
38. *школ.* распределять учеников по параллельным классам или группам в зависимости от способностей
- II Б
1. 1) *to set about (doing) smth.* приниматься за что-л., начинать делать что-л., приступать к чему-л.
to set about one's work - взяться /приняться/ за работу
to set about one's packing [getting dinner ready] - начинать упаковывать вещи [готовить обед]
to set about stamp-collecting [learning the German language] - взяться за собирание марок [изучение немецкого языка]
I don't know how to set about it - я не знаю, как взяться за это дело /как подступиться к этому/
- 2) *to set smb. about (doing) smth.* засадить кого-л. за какую-л. работу, заставить кого-л. приняться за что-л., начать что-л.
to set smb. about a task - заставить кого-л. приступить к выполнению задания
2. 1) *to set to do /doing/ smth.* приниматься за что-л., начинать делать что-л.
to set to work - приступить к работе, приниматься за работу
to set to one's packing - приниматься за укладку вещей

- they set to fighting [arguing] они стали драться [спорить]
I set to work to wake up the boys - я принялся будить мальчиков
- 2) **to set smb. (on) to (do) smth.** заставить кого-л. приняться за что-л.; поставить кого-л. на какую-л. работу
to set smb. to work [to dictation] - усадить кого-л. за работу [за диктант]
to set smb. to saw wood [to dig a field] - заставить кого-л. пилить дрова [вскапывать поле]
to set the class to sums - дать классу (решать) задачи
who(m) did you set to do this? - кому вы поручили сделать это?
she would do what she was set to do with great thoroughness - она тщательно выполняла то, что ей поручали
3. **to set oneself to smth., to set oneself to do /doing/ smth.** энергично взяться за что-л.; твёрдо решить сделать что-л.
he set himself to study biology - он принялся упорно изучать биологию
he set himself to amusing me - он старался изо всех сил развлечь меня
she set herself to put him at his ease - она делала всё возможное, чтобы он чувствовал себя свободно
it is no pleasant task but let us set ourselves to it - это не очень приятное задание, но давайте приступим к его выполнению
4. 1) **to be set to do smth.** быть готовым что-л. сделать
we are all set to go - мы уже готовы (идти)
he was (all) set to go when I came - он уже был (совсем) готов (идти), когда я пришёл
- 2) **to be set on doing smth.** твёрдо решить сделать что-л.
we're absolutely all set on going there - мы твёрдо решили пойти туда
she was set on going on the stage - она твёрдо решила пойти на сцену
Bill was set on finding him - Билл поставил себе целью отыскать его
5. **to be set (up) on smth.** очень хотеть чего-л.; поставить себе целью добиться чего-л.
to be dead set on smth. - упорно /страстно/ желать чего-л.
we didn't much like the idea of his going back to New York but he was set on it - мы не очень одобряли его план вернуться в Нью-Йорк, но он твёрдо решил сделать это
6. **to be set against (doing) smth., to set oneself against (doing) smth.** быть категорически против чего-л., противиться чему-л.
he set himself against my proposal - он заупрямился и отказался принять моё предложение
the mother was violently set against the match - мать была категорически против этого брака
he (himself) was set against going there - он (сам) упорно отказывался идти туда
7. 1) **to set about /at, (up)on/ smb.** нападать, напускаться на кого-л.
to set upon smb. with blows - наброситься на кого-л. с кулаками
to set upon smb. with arguments - атаковать кого-л. доводами
they set upon me like a pack of dogs - они набросились на меня, как свора собак
they set about each other at once - они сразу же начали драться
I'd set about you myself if I could - если бы я мог, я бы сам отколотил тебя
- 2) **to set smb. at /on, against/ smb.** натравить, напустить кого-л. на кого-л.
to set the dog on /at/ smb. - натравить на кого-л. собаку
to set detectives on smb. /on smb.'s tracks/ - установить за кем-л. слежку
to set a friend against friend - поссорить друзей
he is trying to set you against me - он старается восстановить вас против меня
he has set everyone against me - он всех восстановил против меня
- 3) **to set smb. on to do smth.** подбить (на **что-л.**); подтолкнуть (к **чему-л.**)
to set smb. on to commit a crime - толкнуть кого-л. на преступление
8. **to set smth. against smth.** **книжн.**
1) противопоставлять что-л. чему-л., сравнивать что-л. с чем-л.
when theory is set against practice - когда теорию противопоставляют практике
when we set one language against another - когда мы сравниваем один язык с другим
against the cost of a new car, you can set the considerable saving on repairs and servicing - покупка нового автомобиля стоит денег, но, с другой стороны, это даёт экономию на ремонте и обслуживании
- 2) опираться чем-л. обо что-л., упираться
he set a hand against the door and shoved it - он упёрся рукой в дверь и толкнул её
9. **to set smb. (up) over smb.** возвысить кого-л., дать кому-л. власть над кем-л.
to set smb. (up) over a people - посадить кого-л. на трон, сделать кого-л. королём, дать кому-л. власть над народом
he was set up over his rivals - его ставили выше соперников
10. **to set oneself down as smb.**
1) выдавать себя за кого-л.
2) зарегистрироваться, записаться (в **гостинице**)
11. **to set smb. down for smb.** принимать кого-л. за кого-л.
to set smb. down for an actor - принять кого-л. за актёра
he set her down for forty - он считал, что ей лет сорок
12. **to set up for smth.** выдавать себя за кого-л.
to set up for a professional [for a scholar] - выдавать себя за профессионала [за учёного]
to set oneself up for an atheist - объявлять себя атеистом
don't set up for a scientist - я не претендую на большую учёность
I don't set up for an angel - я не причисляю себя к святым
13. **to set smth. in motion** привести что-л. в движение
to set a chain reaction in motion - **физ.** привести в действие цепную реакцию
14. **to set smth. with smth.**
1) осыпать, усеивать что-л. чем-л.; украшать что-л. чем-л.
to set the top of wall with broken glass - утыкать верхнюю часть стены битым стеклом

tables set with flowers - столы, украшенные цветами
the sky set with stars - небо, усеянное звёздами
a coast set with modern resorts - побережье со множеством современных курортов

2) засеивать что-л. чем-л.

to set a bed with flowers - засадить клумбу цветами

15. to be set to smth. иметь склонность к чему-л.

a soul that is set to melancholy - душа, склонная к печали

16. to set smth. to smth. подносить, прикладывать, приставлять что-л. к чему-л.; приближать что-л. к чему-л.

to set a match [a lighter] to a cigarette - поднести спичку [зажигалку] к сигарете

to set one's lips to a glass, to set a glass to one's lips - поднести стакан ко рту

to set one's shoulder to the door - налечь плечом на дверь

to set one's hand /one's name, one's signature, one's seal/ to a document - подписать документ

to set pen to paper - взяться за перо, начать писать

to set spurs to a horse - пришпорить лошадь

17. to set smth. apart /aside/ for smb., smth. отводить, предназначать, откладывать что-л. для кого-л., чего-л.

to set apart funds for some purpose - выделять фонды для какой-л. цели

to set some food apart for further use - откладывать часть продуктов на будущее

I shall set these books apart (for you) - я отложу эти книги (для вас)

the rooms set apart for the children were large and beautiful - комнаты, отведённые для детей, были просторны и красивы

18. to set smth. before smb. излагать что-л. кому-л.

to set a plan [facts] before smb. - излагать /представлять на рассмотрение/ кому-л. план [факты]

he set his plan before the council - он изложил /представил/ совету свой план

III A

1. в сочетании с последующим прилагательным, наречием или предложным оборотом означает приведение в какое-л. состояние :

to set free - освободить

to set a prisoner free /at liberty/ - освободить арестованного

to set the dog loose - спустить собаку

to set the window open - открыть окно

to set afloat - а) **мор.** спускать на воду; б) приводить в движение; дать (чему-л.) ход

to set a rumour afloat - пустить слух

to set afloat the latent fears - разбудить дремлющие страхи

anger set afloat all his inner grievances - гнев всколыхнул затаённые обиды

to set smb. wrong - вводить кого-л. в заблуждение

he set me at ease at once - мне сразу стало с ним легко

set your mind at ease! - не беспокойтесь!

to set smb.'s mind at rest - успокоить кого-л.

to set one's mind at rest - успокоиться

to set a question /affair/ at rest - разрешить какой-л. вопрос, покончить с каким-л. вопросом

that sets all my doubts at rest - это разрешает все мои сомнения

to set smb.'s fears at rest - рассеять чьи-л. опасения

to set smb.'s curiosity agog - возбудить /вызвать/ чьё-л. любопытство

to set smb. on the alert - заставить кого-л. насторожиться

to set at ready - **воен.** приводить в готовность

to set one's affairs [papers, room] in order - приводить свои дела [бумаги, комнату] в порядок

2. в сочетании с герундием или предложным оборотом означает

1) приведение в движение:

to set going - а) запускать (машину и т. п.); to set machinery going - приводить в действие механизм; б) пускать в ход, в действие

we must set things going - нужно начинать действовать

to set on foot = to set going б)

to set a top spinning - (за)пустить волчок

2) побуждение к какому-л. действию:

to set smb. laughing [in a roar] - рассмешить, заставить кого-л. смеяться [покатиться со смеху]

to set the company laughing - вызвать всеобщий смех

his jokes set the whole room [the table] laughing - все, кто был в комнате [кто сидел за столом], до упаду смеялись над его шутками

to set smb. (off) thinking, to set smb. to thinking - заставить кого-л. призадуматься

to set smb. wondering - вызывать у кого-л. удивление

to set smb. flying - обратить кого-л. в бегство

to set one's heart beating - заставить сердце забиться

to set tongues wagging - вызывать толки, давать пищу для сплетен

this incident set everybody's tongue wagging - этот инцидент наделал много шума

the smoke set her coughing - от дыма она начала кашлять

to set the company talking - а) развязать языки; б) дать пищу злым языкам

I set him talking about the new discovery - я навёл его на разговор о новом открытии

to set bells ringing - зазвонить в колокола



to set foot somewhere - ходить куда-л., появляться где-л.

he was forbidden to set foot there - ему запретили туда ходить
 not to set foot in smb.'s house - не переступать порога чьего-л. дома
 to set foot on shore - ступить на землю /на берег/
 to set one's feet on the path - пуститься в путь /дорогу/
 to set one's heart on smth. - стремиться к чему-л., страстно желать чего-л.
 to set one's heart on doing smth. - стремиться сделать что-л.
 he set his heart on going to the South - он очень хотел /твёрдо решил/ поехать на юг
 he has set his heart on seeing Moscow - его заветной мечтой было повидать Москву
 why should it be that man she has set her heart upon? - почему она полюбила именно этого человека?
 to set one's wits to smb.'s (wits) - поспорить /помериться силами/ с кем-л.
 to set one's wits to smth. - пытаться (раз)решить что-л.; ≅ шевелить мозгами
 to set one's wits to work - ломать себе голову над чем-л.
 to set people by the ears /at variance, at loggerheads/ - ссорить, натравливать людей друг на друга
 he likes to set people by the ears - он любит ссорить людей между собой
 to set (one's life) on a chance - ставить (жизнь) на карту
 to set the axe to - приниматься за уничтожение (чего-л.)
 to set smth. on fire, to set fire /a light/ to smth. - сжечь /поджечь, зажечь/ что-л.
 to have smb. set - схватить кого-л. за горло, прижать кого-л. к стенке
 to set the law [smb.] at defiance - бросать вызов закону [кому-л.]
 the scene was set for the tragedy - всё предвещало трагедию

set

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set [set sets setting] verb, noun, adjective BrE [set] ^u NAmE [set] ^u
 verb (set-ting, set, set)

PUT/START

1. **transitive** ~ **sth/sb + adv./prep.** to put sth/sb in a particular place or position

- She set a tray down on the table.
- They ate everything that was set in front of them.
- The house is set (= located) in fifty acres of parkland.

2. **transitive** to cause sb/sth to be in a particular state; to start sth happening

- ~ **sb/sth + adv./prep.** Her manner immediately **set** everyone **at** their **ease** .
- He pulled the lever and **set** the machine **in motion** .
- The new leader has set the party on the road to success .
- ~ **sb/sth + adj.** The hijackers **set** the hostages **free** .
- ~ **sb/sth doing sth** Her remarks set me thinking.

PLAY/BOOK/MOVIE

3. **transitive, usually passive** ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to place the action of a play, novel or film/movie in a particular place, time, etc

- The novel is set in London in the 1960s.

CLOCK/MACHINE

4. **transitive** ~ **sth (+ adv./prep.)** to prepare or arrange sth so that it is ready for use or in position

- She set the camera on automatic.
- I set my watch by (= make it show the same time as) the TV.
- Set the alarm for 7 o'clock.

TABLE

5. **transitive** ~ **a/the table (for sb/sth)** to arrange knives, forks, etc. on a table for a meal

- Could you set the table for dinner?
- The table was set for six guests.

JEWELLERY

6. **transitive, usually passive** to put a ↑precious stone into a piece of jewellery

- ~ **A in B** She had the sapphire set in a gold ring.
- ~ **B with A** Her bracelet was set with emeralds.

ARRANGE

7. **transitive** ~ **sth** to arrange or fix sth; to decide on sth

- They haven't **set a date** for their wedding yet.
- The government has set strict limits on public spending this year.

EXAMPLE/STANDARD, ETC.

8. **transitive** ~ **sth** to fix sth so that others copy it or try to achieve it

- This could **set a** new **fashion** .
- They **set high standards** of customer service.
- I am unwilling to **set a precedent** .
- She **set a** new world **record** for the high jump.
- I rely on you to **set a good example** .

WORK/TASK

- 9. transitive ~ sth (for sb) | ~ sb (to do sth)** to give sb a piece of work, a task, etc
- ~ **sth** Who will be setting (= writing the questions for) the French exam?
 - ~ **sth for sth** What books have been set (= are to be studied) for the English course?
 - ~ **sth for sb/yourself** She's set a difficult task for herself.
 - ~ **sb/yourself sth** She's set herself a difficult task.
 - ~ **sb/yourself to do sth** I've set myself to finish the job by the end of the month.

BECOME FIRM

- 10. intransitive** to become firm or hard
- Leave the concrete to set for a few hours.
 - + **adj.** The glue had set hard.

FACE

- 11. transitive, usually passive ~ sth** to fix your face into a firm expression
- Her jaw was set in a determined manner.

HAIR

- 12. transitive ~ sth** to arrange sb's hair while it is wet so that it dries in a particular style
- She had her hair washed and set.

BONE

- 13. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to put a broken bone into a fixed position and hold it there, so that it will heal; to heal in this way
- The surgeon set her broken arm.

FOR PRINTING

- 14. transitive ~ sth (technical)** to use a machine or computer to arrange writing and images on pages in order to prepare a book, newspaper, etc. for printing
- see also** ↑typesetter

WORDS TO MUSIC

- 15. transitive ~ sth (to sth)** to write music to go with words
- Schubert set many poems to music.

OF SUN/MOON

- 16. intransitive** to go down below the ↑horizon
- We sat and watched the sun setting.

see also ↑sunset, **Opp:** ↑rise

Rem: Idioms containing set are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example set the pace is at pace n.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	set
	BrE /set/
	NAme /set/
he / she / it	sets
	BrE /sets/
	NAme /sets/
past simple, past participle	set
	BrE /set/
	NAme /set/
-ing form	setting
	BrE /'setɪŋ/
	NAme /'setɪŋ/

Word Origin:

v. Old English settan Germanic Dutch **zetten** German **setzen** ↑sit

n. late Middle English Old French **sette** Latin **secta** 'sect' ↑set

adj. late Old English ↑set

Thesaurus:

set verb

1. T (always used with an adverb or preposition)

- She set the tray down on the table.

put • • lay • • place • • position • • settle • • plant • |informal **stick** • |especially BrE, informal **pop** •

set/put/lay/place/position/stick/pop sth **on sth**

set/put/place/stick/pop sth **in/into sth**

set/put/lay sth **down**

2. T

- Her manner set everyone at ease.

put • • place •

set/put/place sb/sth **at ease/in motion**

3. T

- Have they set a date for the wedding?

fix • • **schedule** • • **book** • |especially BrE **timetable** •

set/fix/schedule/book/timetable sb/sth **to do sth**

set/fix/schedule/book a **time/date/day**

set/fix/schedule/timetable a **meeting**

4. T

- She's set herself a difficult task.

allocate • • **assign** • • **allot** •

set/allocate/assign/allot sth **for sth**

set/allocate/assign **work**

set/assign **homework**

Example Bank:

- Have they set a date for their wedding?
- Her manner immediately set everyone at ease.
- Set a time limit for your studying each night.
- She's set herself a difficult task.
- The first students are set to arrive in September.
- The hijackers set the hostages free.
- The house is set in fifty acres of parkland.
- The movie is set in Los Angeles in the year 2019.
- What books have been set for the English course?
- When she fell he picked her up and set her on her feet again.
- Who will be setting the French exam?

Idioms: ↑set against against doing something ▪ ↑set on on doing something

Derived ↑set about doing something ▪ ↑set about somebody ▪ ↑set about something ▪ ↑set forth ▪ ↑set in ▪ ↑set off ▪ ↑set on somebody ▪ ↑set out ▪ ↑set somebody against somebody ▪ ↑set somebody apart ▪ ↑set somebody back ▪ ↑set somebody back something ▪ ↑set somebody down ▪ ↑set somebody off ▪ ↑set somebody on somebody ▪ ↑set somebody up ▪ ↑set something against something ▪ ↑set something apart ▪ ↑set something aside ▪ ↑set something back ▪ ↑set something down ▪ ↑set something forth ▪ ↑set something in something ▪ ↑set something off ▪ ↑set something out ▪ ↑set something up ▪ ↑set to ▪ ↑set up

noun

GROUP

1. countable ~ (of sth) a group of similar things that belong together in some way

- a set of six chairs
- a complete set of her novels
- a set of false teeth
- a new set of rules to learn
- You can borrow my keys— I have a spare set.

see also ↑tea set

2. countable a group of objects used together, for example for playing a game

- a chess set

3. countable + singular or plural verb (sometimes disapproving) a group of people who have similar interests and spend a lot of time together socially

- the smart set (= rich, fashionable people)
- Dublin's literary set

see also ↑jet set

TV/RADIO

4. countable a piece of equipment for receiving television or radio signals

FOR PLAY/MOVIE

5. countable the ↑scenery used for a play, film/movie, etc

- We need volunteers to help build and paint the set.

6. countable, uncountable a place where a play is performed or part of a film/movie is filmed

- The cast must all be on (the) set by 7 in the morning.

IN SPORT

7. countable one section of a match in games such as ↑tennis or ↑volleyball

- She won **in straight sets** (= without losing a set) .

MATHEMATICS

8. countable a group of things that have a shared quality

- set theory

POP MUSIC

9. countable a series of songs or pieces of music that a musician or group performs at a concert

- a stunning solo set of ten songs

CLASS

10. **countable** (BrE) a group of school students with a similar ability in a particular subject

- She's in the top set for French.

OF FACE/BODY

11. **singular** ~ **of sth** the way in which sb's face or body is fixed in a particular expression, especially one showing determination

- She admired the firm set of his jaw.

HAIR

12. **singular** an act of arranging hair in a particular style while it is wet

- A **shampoo and set** costs £15.

BECOMING FIRM

13. **singular** the state of becoming firm or solid

- To be sure of a good set when making the jam, use preserving sugar with added pectin.

ANIMAL'S HOME

14. **countable** = ↑**sett**

PLANT

15. **countable** a young plant, ↑**shoot** etc. for planting

- onion sets

Word Origin:

v. Old English settan Germanic Dutch **zetten** German **setzen** ↑**sit**

n. late Middle English Old French **sette** Latin **secta** '**sect'** ↑**set**

adj. late Old English ↑**set**

Thesaurus:

set noun C

- a set of six matching chairs

group • • **collection** • • **cluster** • • **bunch** • • **clump** •

a set/group/collection/cluster/bunch/clump **of sth**

in a set/group/cluster/bunch/clump

form a set/group/cluster/clump

divide sth into sets/groups/clusters

Example Bank:

- A grammatical choice is drawn from a closed set of options.
- All the cast are on the set throughout.
- Nadal won in straight sets= his opponent won none.
- Off set, the two actors became close friends.
- Rusedski won in straight sets.
- She had a complete set of these dining-room chairs but it was broken up after she died.
- She had two break points to level the set.
- She won a silver medal in the long jump to complete her set.
- The crew had a lot of fun on set.
- The locations and set designs were fabulous.
- The plate is part of a set.
- The series is available in a three-DVD box set.
- There are ten pictures in the set.
- These two species share a common set of characteristics.
- This job requires a completely different skill set.
- We have a finite set of options.
- a computer's instruction set
- a necklace with a matching set of earrings
- a set of accounts/books/clothes/keys/valves
- a set of beliefs/circumstances/factors/guidelines
- a set of beliefs/ideas/standards/values
- a set of circumstances/challenges/issues/problems/questions
- a set of clothes/doors/keys/stairs/tools
- a set of conditions/guidelines/instructions/principles/rules
- a set of data/facts/figures/numbers/results
- He's 3–1 up in the third set.
- I got myself a new set of saucepans and other kitchen equipment.
- It's a favourite meeting place for Berlin's smart set.
- It's known as a playground for Scotland's rich hunting and fishing set.
- Several members of Dublin's literary set turned up for her funeral.
- She had a complete set of the author's novels.

- She is in the top set for French.
- The final went to five sets.
- There was always a new set of verbs to learn.
- a set of six matching chairs.

adjective

IN POSITION

1. in a particular position

- a house set in 40 acres of parkland
- He had close-set eyes.

PLANNED

2. usually before noun planned or fixed

- Each person was given set jobs to do.
- The school funds a set number of free places.
- Mornings in our house always follow a set pattern.
- New vehicles must comply with set safety standards.

see also ↑set book

OPINIONS/IDEAS

3. not likely to change

- **set ideas/opinions/views** on how to teach
- As people get older, they get **set in their ways** .

MEAL

4. only before noun (of a meal in a restaurant) having a fixed price and a limited choice of dishes

- a **set dinner/lunch/meal**
- Shall we have the **set menu** ?

LIKELY/READY

5. likely to do sth; ready for sth or to do sth

- ~ **for sth** The team looks set for victory.
- ~ **to do sth** Interest rates look set to rise again.
- Be set to leave by 10 o'clock.

FACE

6. usually before noun (of a person's expression) fixed; not natural

- a set smile
- His face took on a set expression.

more at on your marks, get set, go at ↑mark _{n.}

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Thesaurus:

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fixed • • **predetermined** • • **prearranged** •

set/fixed/predetermined **rules**

a set/fixed/predetermined **number/level/quantity/pattern**

a set/fixed **price**

Language Bank:

expect

Discussing predictions

- The number of people using mobile phones to purchase goods and services is **expected** ▪ / **likely** ▪ to more than double by the end of 2015.
- Experts have **predicted** ▪ / **forecast** ▪ that the number of people using their mobile phones to pay for goods and services should exceed 190 million in 2015.
- This figure **is set to** ▪ reach 200 million by 2016.
- By** ▪ 2015, 800 million mobile phone users worldwide **will** ▪ be participating in social networks via their phone.
- Sales of mobile phones in 2009 were lower **than expected** ▪ .
- The company's announcement of 1.26 billion handsets sold for the year is **in line with predictions** ▪ .

Language Banks at ↑fall, ↑illustrate, ↑increase, ↑proportion

Example Bank:

- Get set... Go!
- Her father is dead set against the marriage.
- The Italian team looks set for victory.
- The council is now set on expanding the sports centre.
- The government is now set on increasing taxes.
- The holiday homes are set in pleasant grounds.
- Their house was set back from the road.
- As people get older, they get set in their ways.
- He had very set ideas of what he wanted.
- There are restaurants nearby that offer a set meal for just a few dollars.
- We chose the set menu recommended by the head waiter.

set

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I. **set**¹ **S1 W1** /set/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* (past tense and past participle **set**, present participle **setting**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: settan]

1. **PUT** [transitive always + adverb/preposition] *written* to carefully put something down somewhere

set something (down) on something

- She set the tray down on a table next to his bed.
- Mark filled the pan and set it on the stove.

set something down/aside

- The workmen set the box down carefully on the floor.
- Remove the mushrooms and set them aside.

2. **PUT INTO SURFACE** [T always + adv/prep, usually passive] to put something into a surface

be set into something

- Gates should be hung on sturdy posts set well into the ground.

be set into the wall/floor/ceiling etc (=be built into the surface of something so that it does not stick out)

- an alarm button set into the wall beside the door

3. **STORY** [T always + adv/prep, usually passive] if a film, play, story etc is set in a particular place or period, the action takes place there or then

be set in something

- The novel is set in France.

be set against something

- All this romance is set against a backdrop of rural Irish life.

4. **CONSIDER** [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to consider something in relation to other things

set something against/beside something

- These casualty totals have to be set against the continuing growth in traffic.
- This debate should be set in an international context.

5. **ESTABLISH SOMETHING** [transitive] to establish a way of doing something that is then copied or regarded as good

set the pattern/tone/trend etc (for something)

- Art and literature flourished and this set the pattern for the whole of Europe.
- The Prime Minister's fierce speech set the tone for the rest of the conference.
- It is important that parents set an example (=behave well).
- The outcome of the case will set a legal precedent.
- His photographs set the standard for landscapes.
- Freud's views on sexuality set the agenda for much of the century (=people paid attention to the subjects he dealt with).

6. **START SOMETHING HAPPENING** [transitive] to make something start happening or to make someone start doing something

set something in motion/progress/train

- A study by military experts was immediately set in motion.
- The chief executive will set in train the process of finding a successor.

set something on fire/alight/ablaze (also **set fire to something**) (=make something start burning)

- Protesters set fire to two buses.

set somebody/something doing something

- Her last remark has set me thinking.
- The wind set the trees rustling.

7. **DECIDE SOMETHING** [transitive] to decide and state when something will happen, how much something should cost, what should be done etc

set a date/time (for something)

- The government has still not set a date for the election.
- International companies set the price of oil.

set standards/limits/guidelines etc

- high standards of hygiene set by the Department of Health

8. **START WORKING** [intransitive and transitive] to start doing something in a determined way, or to tell someone to start doing something

set to work to do something

- They set to work to paint the outside of the building.

set (somebody) to work on something

- He's about to set to work on a second book.

set (somebody) to work doing something

The boys were set to work collecting firewood.

set somebody to do something

“ Rocard set himself to reform public sector industry.

9. **MACHINE/CLOCK ETC** [transitive] to move a switch on a machine, clock etc so that it will start or stop working at the time you want, or in the way you want:

“ Did you set the alarm?

“ Remember to set the video to record the film.

set something to/at/on something

“ Usually, the heating is set on 'low'.

10. **LIQUID/GLUE/CEMENT ETC** [intransitive] to become hard and solid:

“ How long does it take for the glue to set?

11. **SUN** [intransitive] when the sun sets, it moves down in the sky and disappears **OPP rise**

12. **set (somebody) a goal** (also **set (somebody) a task/challenge** *British English*) to say what you or someone else will or must try to achieve:

“ It's best to set realistic goals that you can achieve.

“ He set himself the task of learning Japanese.

13. **set your heart/mind/sights on (doing) something** to want very much to have or achieve something, or to be determined to do something:

“ Ellen has completely set her heart on that house.

“ He set his sights on crossing the Pacific by balloon.

14. **set a record** to achieve the best result in a sport, competition etc that has ever been achieved, by running fastest, jumping highest etc:

“ The Kenyan runner set a new Olympic Record in the 3,000 metres.

15. **set the table** to arrange plates, knives, cups etc on a table so that it is ready for a meal **SYN lay the table** *British English*

16. **set a trap**

a) to make a trap ready to catch an animal

b) to invent a plan to try and catch someone who is doing something wrong:

“ They decided to set a trap for him by leaving him in charge.

17. **set somebody free/loose** to allow a person or an animal to be free:

“ All the other hostages were finally set free.

18. **set somebody straight/right** to tell someone the right way to do something or the true facts about something

set somebody straight/right on

“ I set him right on a few points of procedure. ⇒ **set something right** at ↑right¹(4), ⇒ **set the record straight** at ↑record¹(10)

19. **FACE** [intransitive] *written* if your face or mouth sets into a particular expression, you start to have an angry, sad, unfriendly etc expression

set into

“ His mouth set into a rather grim line.

20. **set your jaw** to move your lower jaw forward in a way that shows your determination

21. **BONE**

a) [transitive] if a doctor sets a broken bone, he or she moves it into position so that the bone can grow together again

b) [intransitive] if a broken bone sets, it joins together again

22. **CLASS WORK** [transitive] *British English* to give a student in your class a piece of work to do

set somebody something

“ Mr Biggs has set us a 2,000-word essay.

23. **EXAMINATION** [transitive] *British English* to write the questions for an examination:

“ The head teacher sets the questions for the English exam.

24. **PRINTING** [transitive] to arrange the words and letters of a book, newspaper etc so it is ready to be printed:

“ In those days, books had to be set by hand.

25. **HAIR** [transitive] to arrange someone's hair while it is wet so that it has a particular style when it dries ⇒ **set somebody at (their) ease** at ↑ease¹(2), ⇒ **set your face against something** at ↑face¹(21), ⇒ **set something to music** at ↑music¹(1), ⇒ **set the pace** at ↑pace¹(7), ⇒ **set pen to paper** at ↑pen¹(3), ⇒ **set sail** at ↑sail²(2), ⇒ **set the scene** at ↑scene¹(9), ⇒ **set the stage for something** at ↑stage¹(7), ⇒ **set great store by/on something** at ↑store¹(6), ⇒ **set the world on fire/alight** at ↑world¹(22), ⇒ **set the world to rights** at ↑world¹(23)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 5)

■ nouns

- **set an example** (=behave well in a way that other people can copy) Parents should try to set a good example to their teenagers.
- **set a precedent** (=do something that later actions or decisions may be based on) This legislation would set a most dangerous precedent.
- **set the pattern/trend** (=do something in a way that is later repeated) That first day seemed to set the pattern for the following weeks.
- **set the tone** (=establish a general mood or feeling) The gloomy first chapter sets the tone for the rest of the novel.
- **set the standard** (=be very good, and so show how good other people or things should be) They wanted to set the standard for software.
- **set the agenda** (=establish what subjects should be discussed) We are not attempting to set the agenda for other women's groups.
- **set the pace** (=move or change quickly, so that others try to do the same) With regard to industrialization, Britain set the pace in the first half of the nineteenth century.

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 7)

nouns

- **set a date/time** No date has been set for the election.
- **set a price** We set the price at £30.
- **set standards/guidelines** (=decide on standards, rules etc) The government has set new food quality standards for all school canteens.
- **set limits** Set strict limits on your spending.

set about something/somebody *phrasal verb*

1. to start doing or dealing with something, especially something that needs a lot of time and effort:

▪ A team of volunteers set about the task with determination.

set about doing something

▪ How do senior managers set about making these decisions?

2. *literary* to attack someone by hitting and kicking them:

▪ They set about him with their fists.

set somebody/something against somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to make someone start to fight or quarrel with another person, especially a person who they had friendly relations with before:

▪ The bitter civil war set brother against brother.

2. **set yourself against (doing) something** to decide that you are opposed to doing or having something:

▪ She's set herself against going to university.

3. **set something against tax** to officially record the money you have spent on something connected with your job, in order to reduce the amount of tax you have to pay

set somebody/something apart *phrasal verb*

1. if a quality sets someone or something apart, it makes them different from or better than other people or things

set somebody/something apart from

▪ Man's ability to reason sets him apart from other animals.

2. [usually passive] to keep something, especially a particular time, for a special purpose

set somebody/something apart for

▪ Traditionally, these days were set apart for prayer and fasting.

set something ↔ aside *phrasal verb*

1. to keep something, especially money, time, or a particular area, for a special purpose

set something ↔ aside for

▪ Try to set aside some time each day for exercise.

▪ a room that had been set aside for visitors

2. to decide not to consider a particular feeling or thing because something else is more important:

▪ Both sides agreed to set aside the question of independence.

3. to officially state that a previous legal decision or agreement no longer has any effect:

▪ The judge set aside the verdict of the lower court.

4. if a farmer sets aside land, he or she agrees not to grow any crops on it, and accepts a payment from the government for this

set somebody/something back *phrasal verb*

1. **set somebody/something ↔ back** to delay the progress or development of something, or delay someone from finishing something:

▪ Environmental experts said the move would set back further research.

▪ Illness had set me back a couple of weeks.

2. *informal* to cost someone a lot of money

set somebody back \$50/£100 etc

▪ This jacket set me back over £1,000.

set something/somebody ↔ down *phrasal verb*

1. to write about something so that you have a record of it:

▪ I wanted to set my feelings down on paper.

2. to state how something should be done in an official document or set of rules:

▪ Clear guidelines have been set down for teachers.

3. *British English* to stop a car, bus etc and allow someone to get out:

▪ The driver set her down at the station.

set forth *phrasal verb*

1. **set something ↔ forth formal** to explain ideas, facts, or opinions in a clearly organized way in writing or in a speech **SYN set out:**

▪ He set forth an idealistic view of society.

2. *literary* to begin a journey:

▪ They were about to set forth on a voyage into the unknown.

set in *phrasal verb*

- if something sets in, especially something unpleasant, it begins and seems likely to continue for a long time:

▪ Winter seems to be setting in early this year.

▪ Further economic decline set in during the 1930s.

set off *phrasal verb*

1. to start to go somewhere:

▪ I'll set off early to avoid the traffic.

set off for

▪ Jerry and I set off on foot for the beach.

2. **set something ↔ off** to make something start happening, especially when you do not intend to do so:

- News that the claims might be true set off widespread panic.
- Hong Kong's stock market fell, setting off a global financial crisis.

REGISTER

In written English, people often say that something **triggers** a particular reaction or event, rather than **sets it off**, because it sounds more formal:

- This could **trigger** a global financial crisis.

3. **set something ↔ off** to make an ↑alarm start ringing:

- Smoke from a cigarette will not normally set off a smoke alarm.

4. **set something ↔ off** to make a bomb explode, or cause an explosion:

- Any movement could have set off the bomb.

5. **set something ↔ off** if a piece of clothing, colour, decoration etc sets something off, it makes it look attractive:

- The blue sundress set off her long blonde hair.

6. **set somebody off** to make someone start laughing, crying, or talking about something:

- Don't mention what happened – you'll only set her off again.

7. **set something off against tax** to officially record the money you have spent on something connected with your job, in order to reduce the amount of tax you have to pay:

- Some expenses can be set off against tax.

set on somebody *phrasal verb British English*

1. **set somebody/something on somebody** to make people or animals attack someone:

- The farmer threatened to set his dogs on us.

2. [**usually passive**] if you are set on by people or animals, you are suddenly attacked by them:

- A thirty-five-year-old man was set on by four youths last night.

3. **set somebody on/onto somebody** to give someone information about a person who you think has done something wrong, because you want that person to be found and caught:

- If I refuse, he'll set the police onto me.

set out *phrasal verb*

1. to start a journey, especially a long journey

set out for

- Kate set out for the house on the other side of the bay.

set out on a journey/drive/voyage etc

- The band are setting out on a European tour in March.

2. to start doing something or making plans to do something in order to achieve a particular result

set out to do something

- salesmen who deliberately set out to defraud customers

set out with the idea/purpose/intention etc of doing something

- They set out with the aim of becoming the number one team in the league.

3. **set something ↔ out** to explain ideas, facts, or opinions in a clearly organized way, in writing or in a speech:

- He set out the reasons for his decision in his report.

4. **set something ↔ out** to put a group of things down and arrange them:

- The market traders began setting out their displays.

5. **set out on something** to start doing something, especially something new, difficult, or important:

- My nephew is just setting out on a career in journalism.

set to *phrasal verb British English*

to start doing something eagerly and with determination:

- If we all set to, we'll finish the job in half an hour.

set up *phrasal verb*

1. **COMPANY/ORGANIZATION ETC** to start a company, organization, committee etc **SYN establish**

set something ↔ up

- They want to set up their own import–export business.

- new regulations for setting up political parties

set (yourself) up (as something) (=start your own business)

- John decided to set up as a graphic designer.

set up shop/set up in business (=begin operating a business)

- Now Betterware plans to set up shop elsewhere in Europe.

2. **ARRANGE/ORGANIZE set something ↔ up** to make the arrangements that are necessary for something to happen:

- I'll set up an appointment for you.

- There was a lot of work involved in setting up the festival.

3. **EQUIPMENT** to prepare the equipment that will be needed for an activity so that it is ready to be used:

- The next band was already setting up on the other stage.

set something ↔ up

- Can someone set the overhead projector up?

4. **BUILD/PUT UP set something ↔ up** to place or build something somewhere, especially something that is not permanent:

- They've set up roadblocks around the city.

5. **TRICK SOMEBODY set somebody ↔ up informal** to trick someone in order to achieve what you want, especially to make it appear that they have done something wrong or illegal:

- Cox claimed that the police had tried to set him up.

6. **PROVIDE MONEY set somebody ↔ up British English informal** to provide someone with money that they need, especially in

order to start a business:

After he qualified as a doctor, his mother set him up in a practice of his own.

Selling her share of the company has set her up for life.

7. HEALTHY/FULL OF ENERGY **set somebody up** *British English* to make you feel healthy and full of energy:

A good breakfast will set you up for the day.

8. set yourself up as something to deliberately make people believe that you have the authority and skill to do something, especially when this is not true:

politicians who set themselves up as moral authorities

9. PUT SOMEBODY IN POSITION **set somebody up** to put someone in a position in which they are able to do something, or in which something is likely to happen to them

set somebody up for

If he won the fight, it would set him up for a title shot.

Anyone with public duties sets themselves up for attack.

10. RELATIONSHIP **set somebody ↔ up** *informal* to arrange for two people to meet, because you think they might start a romantic relationship:

'How did you meet Nick?' 'A friend set us up.'

11. set up home/house (also **set up housekeeping** *American English*) to get your own home, furniture etc, especially when you leave your parents' home to live with a wife, husband, or partner:

Many parents try to help their children set up home.

12. set up a commotion/din/racket etc to start making a loud unpleasant noise:

The party guests were setting up a steady din. ⇒ **set up camp** at ↑camp¹(1)

II. **set**² **S1 W1 BrE** **AmE** **noun**

[Sense 1-2, 5-6, 8-10: Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: sette, from Latin secta; ⇒ ↑sect]

[Sense 3-4, 7, 11: Date: 1300-1400; Origin: ⇒ ↑set¹]

1. GROUP OF THINGS [countable] a group of similar things that belong together or are related in some way

set of

a set of tools

We face a new set of problems.

The older generation have a different set of values.

a chess set

2. TELEVISION/RADIO [countable] a television, or a piece of equipment for receiving radio signals:

a colour television set

3. FILM [countable] a place where a film or television programme is filmed

on set/on the set

Cruise met Kidman on the set of 'Days of Thunder'.

4. STAGE [countable] the scenery, furniture etc used on a stage in a play or in the place where a film or television show is being made

5. SPORT [countable] one part of a game such as tennis or ↑volleyball:

Nadal won the second set 6-4.

6. PEOPLE [singular] a group of people who are similar in some way and spend time together socially:

a favourite meeting place of the smart set (=rich and fashionable people)

Val got in with a wild set at college. ⇒ ↑jet set

7. the set of sb's face/jaw/shoulders etc the expression on your face or the way you hold your body, which tells people how you are feeling:

From the set of her shoulders, it was clear that Sue was exhausted.

the hard set of his face

8. MUSIC [countable] a performance by a singer, band, or ↑disc jockey:

Sasha performed a three-hour set.

9. MATHS [countable] *technical* a group of numbers, shapes etc in ↑mathematics:

The set (x, y) has two members.

10. STUDENTS [countable] *British English* a group of children who are taught a particular school subject together because they have the same level of ability in that subject **SYN stream**

top/bottom etc set

Adam's in the top set for maths.

11. ONION [countable] a small onion that you plant in order to grow bigger ones:

onion sets

III. **set**³ **BrE** **AmE** **adjective**

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Past participle of ⇒ ↑set¹]

1. PLACED [not before noun] being in the position that is mentioned

set in/on/back etc

a medieval village set high on a hill

a big house set back from the road

2. BACKGROUND used to say that something is in front of a particular background, especially in a way that is attractive

set against

a small town of white buildings, set against a background of hills

pink petals set against dark green foliage

3. FIXED [only before noun] a set amount, time etc is fixed and is never changed:

We were paid a set amount each week.

- " The evening meal is served at a set time.
 - " Small children like a set routine.
4. **READY** [not before noun] *informal* someone who is set for something is ready for it
- set for**
- " Are you all set for the trip?
- set to do something**
- " I was just set to go when the phone rang.
 - " Get set (=get ready) for a night of excitement.
 - " On your marks – get set – go (=said to start a race).
5. **set on/upon/against (doing) something** determined about something:
- " Nina's set on going to the party.
 - " The government's dead set (=completely determined) against the plan.
6. **OPINIONS/HABITS ETC** not likely to change:
- " People had very set ideas about how to bring up children.
 - " Mark was 65 and rather set in his ways (=habits).
7. **have your heart/sights set on something** to want to do something very much, or to be aiming to do something:
- " She's got her heart set on going to France this summer.
 - " Don has his sights set on a career in law.
8. **set to do something** likely to do something:
- " The weather is set to change.
 - " This issue is set to cause some embarrassment.
9. **deep-set/wide-set/close-set eyes** eyes whose position is deep in the face, far apart on the face, or close together on the face
10. **be set with gems/jewels etc** to be decorated with jewels:
- " a gold bracelet set with rubies
11. **MEAL** [only before noun] *British English* a set meal in a restaurant has a fixed price and a more limited choice than usual
- set lunch/dinner/menu**
- " The hotel does a very good set menu.
12. **set book/text etc** *British English* a book that must be studied for an examination
13. **FIXED EXPRESSION** *literary* if your face is set, it has a fixed expression on it, especially one that is angry, worried etc:
- " He stared at her, his face set.
 - " Kate's face was set in a grim expression.
- set smile/teeth/jaw**
- " 'Damn you,' he said through set teeth.

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