

MÓDULO 01 - END UP

DEFINITION

END UP - to reach or come to a place, condition or situation that was not planned or expected
END UP is intransitive (no direct object) and inseparable (cannot be separated)
END is a regular verb (END - ENDED - ENDED)

EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

1. Present tense + frequency adverbs

Even though we always plan to leave **on time** so that we don't rush, we always *end up* leaving **at the last minute!**

- on time = punctual
 - o The train is scheduled to leave on time.
- in time = before it was too late
 - o I hope I make it to the airport in time to catch my flight. (to make it = to arrive or to survive)
- at the last minute = waiting until there's no time left
 - o You do everything at the last minute!

2. Present continuous + future (going to)

Márcia isn't studying very much. She's *going to end up* **failing**.

- very much = a lot
- failing = not passing (getting an F)

3. Past simple

My friend had planned to travel this holiday but *ended up* staying home **to take care of** his mother.

- take care of = another phrasal verb that means "keep (someone/something) safe" OR "deal with (a problem, an issue, etc.)"
 - o I'm looking for someone to take care of my plants while I'm on vacation.

4. Past simple + past continuous

Clayton and his wife left **in a hurry** and *ended up* forgetting to take a map. They were driving in circles for hours!

- in a hurry = in a rush (running late)
 - o "I'm in a hurry!" / "I'm in a rush!"
 - o Hurry! can only be used in the imperative (as a command) to say, "Go faster!" (NOT "rush")
 - o Rush hour = the time of day when everyone is in their car trying to get home as fast as they can

5. Used to + past simple

My grandchildren used to complain a lot about my cooking, but they always *ended up* eating everything.

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6. Future (going to) + conditionals

Gustavo *is going to end up* getting sick if he keeps **pulling all-nighters** like this.

- to pull an all-nighter = stay up all night (working, studying etc.)
 - o I pulled an all-nighter last night studying for this test.

7. Past simple + present perfect + present continuous

Clayton called. They've *ended up* getting lost, and he's asking us to **pick them up**.

- pick (someone/something) up – a phrasal verb that means fetch, get or lift from the ground.
 - o Can you pick me up from the airport?
 - o Please pick up your toys. This room is a mess.
 - o Daddy, pick me up!

8. Past perfect continuous + simple past

Clayton and his wife had been driving for five hours when they finally *ended up* at a gas station that let them use their phone.

9. Conditionals (first conditional)

If we *end up* getting married, let's have a simple **wedding**, okay?

- You get married TO someone (not "with").
 - o Sandra is married to Marcos.

WEDDING X MARRIAGE

- wedding = ceremony and party.
 - o We had so much fun at the wedding last night.
- marriage = the union between the two people
 - o My parents are celebrating 40 years of marriage.

10. Modals (might)

Marjory doesn't really like parties, but she *might end up* going if her friends are there.

■ PRACTICE

Q. What did you end up doing this week that you hadn't planned on doing?

Examples:

- I ended up grabbing coffee with my friends at the last minute.
- I ended up missing my flight because I got stuck in traffic.

* Remember to use the gerund after END UP!