

# MÓDULO 06 - FIGURE OUT

## DEFINITION

Figure out = to come to a solution after putting in a lot of effort

- FIGURE OUT is SEPARABLE
- FIGURE is REGULAR

FIGURE – FIGURED – FIGURED

## EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

### 1. Present tense

These problems are really hard to *figure out*.

### 2. Present continuous

Shh, don't **bother** her. She's trying to *figure out* the puzzle.

- to bother = to inconvenience; to annoy
  - o Stop bothering me. I'm trying to work.
  - o I'm sorry to bother you, but could I ask you a quick question?

### 3. Past simple

The detective **figured out** that the murderer was the victim's best friend.

FIGURE OUT X FIND OUT

- Figure out = discover a solution after much effort
- Found out = discover information without much effort

### 4. Past continuous

We were trying to *figure out* the math problems.

### 5. Used to

Anna is used to *figuring out* her friend's **handwriting**.

- handwriting – writing that you create with your hand
  - o You have such beautiful handwriting!

### 6. Future (going to)

I'm going to *figure this out* **if it kills me**!

- "if it kills me" = am expression that means "I'm never going to give up"

### 7. Present perfect

The siblings *have figured* the answer *out*, don't worry.

### 8. Past perfect

They *had figured* the answer *out* **long before** you.

- Long before .... = a long time before...
  - o Dinosaurs roamed the earth long before humans.

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## 9. Conditionals

If John *can't figure* this *out*, we'll have to think of something else.

## 10. Modals

Leila can *figure* this issue *out*. We should ask her.

## ■ PRACTICE

Tell me about a time in which, after a lot of effort and time, you finally figured something out.

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