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# PUT something TO ... (Phrases)

Put/set something to work (poner a trabajar/dar uso – etwas arbeiten lassen)

When something is 'put to work', we mean that it is made use of.

- They **put** me to **work** making photocopies.
- We **put** our experience **to work** to show that we know exactly what's going to work.

## Put something to bed (poner fin a / etwas zu Ende bringen)

to finish dealing with something, or solve a problem successfully.

- The minister is hoping to finally **put** this issue **to bed.**
- The band want to **put** the rumours about their separation **to bed** this week.

### Put something to (good) use (dar (buen) uso a / von etwas Gebrauch machen)

to use something for some purpose

- He promised to **put** the money **to good use**.
- Digital boards are being **put to use** in every classroom.

#### Put/lay something to rest (desmentir/acallar - etwas ruhen lassen)

to finally show that something is not true - Formal

- The president was determined to put to rest the rumours that the company was in financial trouble.
- A new piece of evidence arrived, finally **putting to rest** the horrible accusation.

#### Put something to the test (poner a prueba / etwas auf die probe stellen)

To find out how useful sth is by using it/to show how strong or durable sth is.

- A child throwing a tantrum can put any mom's patience to the test.
- When in Paris, we got lost and I had to **put** my French **to the test,** asking for directions.

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