

PHRASAL VERBS EXERCISE

Use the correct phrasal verb to fill the gaps. Choose among the following verbs and put them in the correct tense. (Say if they are type 1,2 or 3).

switch on	get away with	put away	chill out	hand in	take down
sum up	let someone in	get up	look for	click on	live up to
sit down	give up	take off	fall over	close down	go away
get over	get someone down				

- 1) We want to _____ for the weekend. We'll probably go to Cuenca.
- 2) I have finished all my exams. After all that stress I need to _____. (relax)
- 3) We can _____ the situation _____ in one word, chaos. (summarize).
- 4) I slipped on the ground and _____. I sprained my ankle and I had to go to hospital.
- 5) He has broken the law, so we must make sure he doesn't _____ it.
- 6) _____ the printer icon when you want to print.
- 7) I _____ smoking two years ago. I feel much healthier now.
- 8) My sister broke up with her boyfriend a year ago and she _____ it really quickly. She is quite happy now.
- 9) I don't _____ normally before 9.00 am at weekends.
- 10) Your room is a mess. _____ all your toys and clothes immediately.
- 11) They are _____ a lot of shops because of the economy crisis.
- 12) The English teacher said that we had to _____ the essay _____ the following day.
- 13) Please, _____ and relax. I'll bring you a cup of tea.
- 14) _____ the light. It is getting really dark. I can't see the blackboard.
- 15) What are you doing? - I'm _____ my contact lenses. I was sure I had them in my bag and now I can't find them.
- 16) British weather always _____ me _____. It's always cloudy and raining.
- 17) _____ your coat _____ ! It's really warm in here.
- 18) I'll _____ you _____ this time but don't be late again because you will have to go away.
- 19) Christmas is finished so we have to _____ the Christmas tree _____.
- 20) The concert didn't _____ my expectations. I expected something much better.

ANSWER KEY

- 1) We want to **GO AWAY** for the weekend. We'll probably go to Cuenca.
- 2) I have finished all my exams. After all that stress I need to **CHILL OUT**. (relax)
- 3) We can **SUM** the situation **UP** in one word, chaos. (summarize).
- 4) I slipped on the ground and **FELL OVER**. I sprained my ankle and I had to go to hospital.
- 5) He has broken the law, so we must make sure he doesn't **GET AWAY WITH** it.
- 6) **CLICK ON** the printer icon when you want to print.
- 7) I **GAVE UP** smoking two years ago. I feel much healthier now.
- 8) My sister broke up with her boyfriend a year ago and she **GOT OVER** it really quickly. She is quite happy now.
- 9) I don't **GET UP** normally before 9.00 am at weekends.
- 10) Your room is a mess. **PUT AWAY** all your toys and clothes immediately.
- 11) They are **CLOSING DOWN** a lot of shops because of the economy crisis.
- 12) The English teacher said that we had to **HAND** the essay **IN** the following day.
- 13) Please, **SIT DOWN** and relax. I'll bring you a cup of tea.
- 14) **SWITCH ON** the light. It is getting really dark. I can't see the blackboard.
- 15) What are you doing? - I'm **LOOKING FOR** my contact lenses. I was sure I had them in my bag and now I can't find them.
- 16) British weather always **GETS** me **DOWN**. It's always cloudy and raining.
- 17) **TAKE** your coat **OFF!** It's really warm in here.
- 18) I'll **LET** you **IN** this time but don't be late again because you will have to go away.
- 19) Christmas is finished so we have to **TAKE** the Christmas tree **DOWN**.
- 20) The concert didn't **LIVE UP TO** my expectations. I expected something much better.

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box!

get along	give away	step down
make up	ring back	find out
cut off	carry out	take over
fall over	give up	hold up
go off	make out	sort out

- I have all the information that you need but I'm busy. Can I _____ you _____ in half an hour?
- The Prime Minister has decided to _____ after 10 years in office.
- We heard the bomb _____ from the hotel where we checked in.
- Large companies sometimes _____ smaller ones.
- My brother and I _____ very well most of the time, but occasionally we do have a fight.
- I _____ playing football a long time ago because of a knee injury.
- Don't worry, we'll try to _____ the problems and find a solution for everyone.
- That story cannot be true. You have surely _____ it _____.
- After browsing the internet for some time, we finally _____ where he lived.
- I had no use for the books so I _____ them _____ to the library.
- I can't _____ if it's a woman or a man, because the person is too far away.
- The pavement is very icy so be careful you don't _____.
- There have been a number of robberies, but up to now the police don't know who _____ them _____.
- The traffic on the motorway was _____ by construction work.
- The energy company _____ our electricity because we didn't pay.

Key

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1. I have all the information that you need but I'm busy. Can I ring you back in half an hour?
2. The Prime Minister has decided to step down after 10 years in office.
3. We heard the bomb go off from the hotel where we checked in.
4. Large companies sometimes take over smaller ones.
5. My brother and I get along very well most of the time, but occasionally we do have a fight.
6. I gave up playing football a long time ago because of a knee injury.
7. Don't worry, we'll try to sort out the problems and find a solution for everyone.
8. That story cannot be true. You have surely made it up.
9. After browsing the internet for some time, we finally found out where he lived.
10. I had no use for the books so I gave them away to the library.
11. I can't make out if it's a woman or a man, because the person is too far away.
12. The pavement is very icy so be careful you don't fall over.
13. There have been a number of robberies, but up to now the police don't know who carried them out.
14. The traffic on the motorway was held up by construction work.
15. The energy company cut off our electricity because we didn't pay.

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box.

- Betty _____ the door and sat down at our table.
- If you are going to a fancy restaurant you'd better _____ yourself _____.
- She needs to find a blouse that _____ her new skirt.
- Tomorrow we are going to leave Madrid and _____ Paris.
- I _____ working hard and making money.
- It was difficult for the woman to _____ after her husband had died.
- The governor said she's _____ our support.
- Nancy tried calling him last night but she didn't _____.
- Mary _____ to the house every night.
- These old shoes are starting to _____ completely.
- I had no idea how to _____ starting a restaurant, so I read a book about it.
- I bought Suzy some new shoes a few months ago but she's already _____ of them.

believe in
 carry on
 come over
 come through
 count on
 fall apart
 fix up
 get through
 go about
 go with
 grow out
 head for

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box.

- The bus stopped and I _____.
- Sally borrowed my blue sweater and I _____ it _____ today.
- I found some money in the street and I _____ over to the police.
- The soup is cold. You can _____ it _____ in the microwave.
- The taxi driver didn't understand me so we _____ in High Street instead of Main Street.
- The children have to stay on the merry-go-round until it stops _____.
- The terrorists were killed when the bomb _____ by accident.
- He has been _____ the house all day and he doesn't know what to do.
- The stock market _____ very well but closed badly.
- Don't _____ too late. Tomorrow's a school day.
- He should _____ the car _____ carefully before he buys it.
- If you're mad at your boss you shouldn't _____ it _____ your wife or husband.

bring back
 end up
 get off
 go around
 go off
 hand over
 hang around
 look over
 start out
 stay up
 take out on
 warm up

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box.

1. Betty **came through** the door and sat down at our table.
2. If you are going to a fancy restaurant you'd better **fix** yourself **up**.
3. She needs to find a blouse that **goes with** her new skirt.
4. Tomorrow we are going to leave Madrid and **head for** Paris.
5. I **believe in** working hard and making money.
6. It was difficult for the woman to **carry on** after her husband had died.
7. The governor said she's **counting on** our support.
8. Nancy tried calling him last night but she didn't **get through**.
9. Mary **comes over** to the house every night.
10. These old shoes are starting to **fall apart** completely.
11. I had no idea how to **go about** starting a restaurant, so I read a book about it.
12. I bought Suzy some new shoes a few months ago but she's already **grown out** of them.

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box.

1. The bus stopped and I **got off**.
2. Sally borrowed my blue sweater and I **brought** it **back** today.
3. I found some money in the street and I **handed** it **over** to the police.
4. The soup is cold. You can **warm** it **up** in the microwave.
5. The taxi driver didn't understand me so we **ended up** in High Street instead of Main Street.
6. The children have to stay on the merry-go-round until it stops **going around**.
7. The terrorists were killed when the bomb **went off** by accident.
8. He has been **hanging around** the house all day and he doesn't know what to do.
9. The stock market **started out** very well but closed badly.
10. Don't **stay up** too late. Tomorrow's a school day.
11. He should **look** the car **over** carefully before he buys it.
12. If you're mad at your boss you shouldn't **take** it **out on** your wife or husband.

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box.

1. He _____ Nancy and asked her if she would go to the dance with him.
2. The building was very old so they had to _____ it _____.
3. The police have been looking for him every since he _____ of the prison.
4. We left an hour earlier but we drove so fast that we were able to _____ with him.
5. I've been trying to _____ smoking but I simply can't do it.
6. Timmy never _____ anything. He just leaves it on the floor.
7. Maria _____ the job application and gave it to the secretary.
8. The president has decided to _____ his peace plan.
9. You are acting like a child. When will you _____?
10. The teacher _____ the test books to the class.
11. I wouldn't be surprised if the company _____ my electricity. I haven't paid the bills for three months.
12. Can you _____ me _____ at the train station on your way back?

break out
catch up with
cut off
drop off
fill in
give up
go ahead with
grow up
hand out
hang up
ring up
tear down

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box.

1. Jim _____ his girl friend _____ to dinner yesterday.
2. I _____ at 3 in the morning and couldn't get back to sleep again.
3. The marriage didn't _____ so they were divorced after two years.
4. Tom _____ when he saw that the man had a gun.
5. By 1910 millions of immigrants had _____ the ocean to the New World.
6. The teacher had some posters _____ in her new classroom.
7. The game has been _____ because of rain.
8. The President asked the members of the Cabinet to _____ their letters of resignation.
9. The bus driver _____ her _____ at the corner.
10. At Jane's costume party everyone has to _____ as a clown.
11. I told you to _____ your toys before you go out.
12. I _____ all the sugar so I guess we have to buy some more.

back off
call off
come across
dress up
hand in
let off
put away
put up
take out
use up
wake up
work out

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box.

1. He **rang up** Nancy and asked her if she would go to the dance with him.
2. The building was very old so they had to **tear it down**.
3. The police have been looking for him every since he **broke out** of the prison.
4. We left an hour earlier but we drove so fast that we were able to **catch up** with him.
5. I've been trying to **give up** smoking but I simply can't do it.
6. Timmy never **hangs up** anything. He just leaves it on the floor.
7. Maria **filled in** the job application and gave it to the secretary.
8. The president has decided to **go ahead with** his peace plan.
9. You are acting like a child. When will you **grow up**?
10. The teacher **handed out** the test books to the class.
11. I wouldn't be surprised if the company **cut off** my electricity. I haven't paid the bills for three months.
12. Can you **drop me off** at the train station on your way back?

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box.

1. Jim took his girl friend out to dinner yesterday.
2. I woke up at 3 in the morning and couldn't get back to sleep again.
3. The marriage didn't work out so they were divorced after two years.
4. Tom backed off when he saw that the man had a gun.
5. By 1910 millions of immigrants had come across the ocean to the New World.
6. The teacher had some posters put up in her new classroom.
7. The game has been called off because of rain.
8. The President asked the members of the Cabinet to hand in their letters of resignation.
9. The bus driver let her off at the corner.
10. At Jane's costume party everyone has to dress up as a clown.
11. I told you to put away your toys before you go out.
12. I used up all the sugar so I guess we have to buy some more.

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box.

1. I looked for my keys everywhere but I couldn't _____ where I put them
2. I _____ you at the party but I couldn't see you.
3. Although he tried to eat less he _____ some weight during the holidays
4. I _____ Karen and her new boyfriend when I went shopping
5. Over a hundred people _____ for the news conference
6. Our plane _____ an hour late because of the fog.
7. My son drove me crazy about buying a new bike, so finally I _____.
8. Erich is very sick at the moment but I am sure he'll _____
9. She shouldn't _____ him like that. You're not his boss.
10. I understand your opinion but I have to _____ Linda on this question.
11. John told me that he didn't steal but I didn't _____ his lies.
12. Can I _____ the drinks with a credit card?

fall for
figure out
give in
go along with
look for
pay for
pull through
put on
run into
show up
take off
talk down to

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box.

1. Can you _____ the man carrying the gun?
2. Hank has been _____ his wife for years.
3. The police chief couldn't solve the case, so he wanted to _____ the FBI
4. The guard _____ my ID card _____ to me.
5. I _____ her and told her that I loved her.
6. She _____ a meeting with Jimmy and his lawyer.
7. Don't worry about the broken window. I'll _____ it one of these days.
8. I _____ the words that our teacher dictated.
9. The general showed me a satellite photo and I _____ the enemy tanks.
10. When I saw Melanie I _____ to her and gave her a hug
11. The clock is completely broken. I'll try to _____ it _____ and fix it.
12. Have you _____ a dress to wear at the party?

call in
cheat on
get around to
hand back
look at
look up
pick out
point out
point to
run over
set up
take apart

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1. I looked for my keys everywhere but I couldn't **figure out** where I put them
2. I **looked for** you at the party but I couldn't see you.
3. Although he tried to eat less he **put on** some weight during the holidays
4. I **ran into** Karen and her new boyfriend when I went shopping
5. Over a hundred people **showed up** for the news conference
6. Our plane **took off** an hour late because of the fog.
7. My son drove me crazy about buying a new bike, so finally I **gave in**.
8. Erich is very sick at the moment but I am sure he'll **pull through**
9. She shouldn't **talk down to** him like that. You're not his boss.
10. I understand your opinion but I have to **go along with** Linda on this question.
11. John told me that he didn't steal but I didn't **fall for** his lies.
12. Can I **pay for** the drinks with a credit card?

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box.

1. Can you **point to** the man carrying the gun?
2. Hank has been **cheating on** his wife for years.
3. The police chief couldn't solve the case, so he wanted to **call in** the FBI
4. The guard **handed** my ID card **back** to me.
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6. She **set up** a meeting with Jimmy and his lawyer.
7. Don't worry about the broken window. I'll **get around to** it one of these days.
8. I **looked up** the words that our teacher dictated.
9. The general showed me a satellite photo and I **pointed out** the enemy tanks.
10. When I saw Melanie I **ran over** to her and gave her a hug
11. The clock is completely broken. I'll try to **take it apart** and fix it.
12. Have you **picked out** a dress to wear at the party?