

Phrasal Verbs

EXERCISE 1. Choose the correct alternative to complete each sentence:

1. I must go on a diet. Ia lot of weight while I was on holiday.
A held up B put on C settled down D weighed up
2. I try to be friendly but it's hard to some of my colleagues.
A come up with B get by C get on with D speak out
3. One of them was injured so the team had to the competition.
A back away from B drop out of C get back at D get behind with
4. The plane should have at eleven but it was delayed.
A set up B taken off C let on D opened out
5. It was such a bad foul that the referee ,
A sent him off B did him up C cut him up D used him up
6. The champion had a crowd of supporters to
A bring her round B do her down C give her up D cheer her on
7. Maggie has been her game and you can see a definite improvement.
A working on B sitting for C checking in D trying on

EXERCISE 2. Complete each pair of sentences by using one verb and one noun or adjective from the list below.

Pass by / passer-by
Bring up / upbringing
Break down / breakdown
Work out / work-out
Stand out / outstanding
Drop out / dropout
Put off / off-putting

1. Because of all the stress Silvia and had to go into hospital.
Because of all the stress Silvia had a nervous and went into hospital.
2. Those who of university were looked down on by the others.
Any university were looked down on by the other students.
3. A nurse was the scene of the accident, and she gave first aid.
One of the was a nurse, and she gave first aid.
4. I keep fit by in the gym every day.
To keep fit I have a in the gym every day.
5. I fell down so many times on my skiing holiday that it me ever going on one again.
After such an experience, I'll never go on a skiing holiday again!
6. Her parents her to be able to cope with difficult situation.
Her had given her the skills to cope with difficult situations.
7. Dee's one of the best. She as one of the greatest nuclear physicists.
Dee's fantastic – one of the nuclear physicist of this country.

EXERCISE 3. Complete the sentences by using one of the following verbs.
take go is keep look turn

1. I'm sure this milk.....off. Here, you smell it.
2. They like to up with the latest news.
3. Why did that alarm..... off?
4. We usually..... on extra staff in summer.
5. They normally down any applicants who are under thirty.
6. Remember to up any words you don't know.
7. Well done! up the good work.
8. Don't stop. Pleaseon working.
9. He didn't up although he'd promised to come.
10. OK. Time up. Can I have your answer, please?
11. With that red hair they after their mother.
12. They are snobs. They.....down on students from my school.

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