

Seminar practice – Phrasal verbs

1. Complete each sentence with a suitable phrasal verb + a pronoun if necessary

*cope with look for break into get on with turn on let down fill in look after
put off put up with turn down put on bring up take off rely on*

1. What shall I do with this form? – Just _____ and send it to the address at the top.
2. Was the meeting cancelled? – No, it has been _____ till next week.
3. What are you _____? – My keys. Have you seen them anywhere?
4. I find it hard to _____ stress. There's just too much work these days and I don't have enough time to relax.
5. You are old enough to _____ yourself and be independent.
6. Can you _____ your shoes, please? I've just cleaned the floor.
7. Go and tell your brother to _____ the stereo. It's far too loud.
8. Good friends do not normally _____ when you are in trouble.
9. Can you _____ the heating? It's quite cold here.
10. I can't _____ with your rudeness any more, leave the room.
11. How do you _____ your sister? – Quite well, she is my best friend.
12. When his parents died, he was _____ by his aunt.
13. The thieves _____ the warehouse and stole goods worth £ 20,000.
14. I _____ you to help me, so don't let me down, please.
15. She looks different. – Yes, I think she has _____ some weight.

2. Add the correct particle, e.g. up, on, out, with, off, after, etc.

1. Why did you drop _____ of university after just one term? What are you going to do?
2. She told Tom _____ because he hit his sister.
3. He was fired when the boss found _____ that he had been stealing money from the company's accounts.
4. She crossed _____ the mistake and wrote the correct word.
5. Do you believe her story? – No, she made it _____.
6. He turned _____ the light and went to bed.
7. His daughter doesn't take _____ him at all. He's blond and she has black hair.
8. Wait a moment. I'll find a piece of paper and put it _____.
9. The singer fell ill, so the concert had to be called _____.
10. How is your son getting _____ at school? – Very well.
11. We need to sort _____ the problem today.
12. Look _____! There's a car coming.
13. Don't walk so fast. I can't keep _____ with you.
14. Are you looking _____ to the party next week? – Not really.
15. I can't hear you. Can you speak _____, please?
16. You can leave this word _____, it is not necessary in this sentence.

3. Choose the correct phrasal verb:

1. We have *run out of* / *got out of* coffee. Can you buy some?
2. He has an extra job. He *gives off* / *gives out* leaflets in front of a shopping centre.
3. I need a calculator. I can't *work it out* / *work it on* in my head.
4. She *took on* / *put on* her coat and went out.
5. The alarm *went out* / *went off* when we entered the building.
6. The *car fell down* / *broke down* and I had to phone for help.
7. He *came up with* / *worked up with* some interesting ideas during the discussion.
8. I waited at the airport until the plane *left on* / *took off*.
9. We *set on* / *set off* very early to avoid the traffic.
10. I was surprised to hear that Jane and Paul *broke up* / *finished up*. They were such a nice couple.

4. Explain the meaning of the following phrasal verbs:

1. I usually use Google or Wikipedia to *look up* information.
2. For most people it is quite hard to *give up* smoking.
3. With a few buckets of water we managed to *put out* the fire.
4. I can't concentrate. I could *do with* a holiday.
5. *Carry on* singing, you have a beautiful voice.
6. The sign said: *Keep off* the grass.
7. Some people just cannot *do without* their mobile.
8. You'll have to *dress up* for the meeting if you want to make a good impression.
9. I *came across* these old photos when I was tidying the drawers.
10. Jason always *gets away with* cheating in his maths tests.
11. I just *got over* the flu and now my sister has it.
12. I have to *hand in* my essay by Friday.
13. I *ran into* an old school-friend at the mall.

5. Match the phrasal verbs with their synonyms:

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| 1. leave out | a) compensate |
| 2. put off | b) match |
| 3. hand in | c) start a business |
| 4. drop in | d) respect |
| 5. go on | e) review |
| 6. go with | f) omit |
| 7. look up to | g) continue |
| 8. make up for | h) postpone |
| 9. set up | i) visit informally |
| 10. go over | j) submit |