



PHRASAL VERBS

1) Complete the sentences 1 – 4 with a suitable phrasal verb in the correct form.

- look forward to
- take up
- run out of
- look up

- 1 Sorry, but I'veall ideas.
- 2 Could you.....the numberin the telephone directory?
- 3 We arehearing from you soon.
- 4 Peter decided to.....Spanish this year.

2) In sentences 5 – 10 the phrasal verbs (in bold) have been mixed up. Try to correct the sentences.

- 5 Could you **let me down** from the station?
- 6 Teenagers find it difficult to **give up** with their parents.
- 7 Can you **get over** my dog next weekend?
- 8 People with heart disease should **get along** smoking.
- 9 Don't **pick me up** - I count on you.
- 10 He'll never **look after** his grandmother's death.

A survey of phrasal verbs from exercises 1 and 2:

Phrasal verbs	Meanings/Czech equivalents
■ look st. up	
■ look after sb./st.	
■ look forward to sb./st.	
■ run out of st.	
■ get over st.	
■ pick sb. up	
■ give up st.	
■ take up st.	
■ get along with sb.	
■ let sb. down	

3) Fill in the gaps with phrasal verbs from the box which mean the same as the verbs in brackets.

care for	carry on	cut down	fill in	put off
ring up	set off	take in	turn down	turn up

I had been doing the same job for years and I didn't really **care for** (*like*) (1) it any more but it was extremely well paid. Then one day I decided to look for another job, realising I would need to (*reduce*) (2) what I spent on luxuries.

I (*completed*) (3) lots of forms but all my applications were (*rejected*) (4). I (*continued*) (5) looking for a job but nothing suitable (*appeared*) (6) so I booked a holiday. The day before I was due to (*leave*) (7) I was (*telephoned*) (8) by a TV company who asked me to go for an interview the next day. I (*postponed*) (9) my holiday immediately. It was the job of my dreams. I could hardly (*absorb*) (10) the news when they offered it to me. And I never went on that holiday.

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A list of phrasal verbs from exercise 3:

VERBS	MODEL SENTENCES showing the correct word order.
■ care for sth.	He didn't care for her friends.
■ carry on (with sth./doing st.)	Carry on with your work while I'm away. He carried on reading the newspaper.
■ cut sth. down; cut down (on) sth.	We need to cut the article down to 1 000 words. The doctor told him to cut down on his drinking .
■ fill sth. in	To order, fill in the coupon on page 54.
■ put sth. off	Let's put the meeting off until next Friday.
■ ring sb. up	You should ring him up as soon as you can.
■ set off (for a place)	We set off for London just after ten.
■ take sth. in	Halfway through the chapter I realized I hadn't taken anything in .
■ turn sb./sth. down	He asked her to marry him but she turned him down . Unfortunately, she turned my invitation down .
■ turn up	We arranged to meet at 7.30, but she never turned up .