

Three-Part Phrasal Verbs in English

Practice Worksheet with Answer Key • B2–C1

Instructions: Complete the exercises using the three-part phrasal verbs from the lesson. Pay attention to tense, form, and prepositions. Some answers may need an -ing form after the preposition.

Word bank

check up on catch up with come down with	get away with get on with get rid of	look down on look forward to look up to
come up with cut down on drop out of	get round to go in for go through with	own up to put up with run out of
feel up to fit in with get along with	grow out of keep up with live up to	stand up for think back on walk out on

Exercise 1. Match the phrasal verb to its meaning.

Phrasal verb	Meaning
1. come up with	a. to admire and respect someone
2. get away with	b. to become ill with something
3. look up to	c. to think of an idea or plan
4. put up with	d. to avoid punishment after doing something wrong
5. run out of	e. to have no more of something left
6. come down with	f. to tolerate something unpleasant
7. stand up for	g. to defend or support someone
8. get round to	h. to finally find time to do something
9. grow out of	i. to stop doing or liking something as you get older
10. look down on	j. to think you are better than someone else

Exercise 2. Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb from the box.

Use each phrasal verb once: cut down on • get rid of • fit in with • go through with • keep up with • own up to • think back on • walk out on

1. After months of planning, they decided to _____ the wedding after all.
2. It is getting harder to _____ all the changes in technology.
3. He refused to _____ his mistake, even when everyone knew the truth.
4. We need to _____ old files we no longer use.
5. When I _____ my childhood, I remember long summers at my grandparents' house.
6. Her new working hours do not really _____ the rest of the team's schedule.
7. The doctor told him to _____ coffee and fizzy drinks.
8. You cannot simply _____ your responsibilities when things become difficult.

Exercise 3. Complete each sentence with the correct form of the phrasal verb in brackets.

1. I'm really looking forward to _____ you again next month. (look forward to / see)
2. She didn't feel up to _____ to the party after such a long day. (feel up to / go)
3. The little boy finally owned up to _____ the window. (own up to / break)
4. We need to get on with _____ the report before the deadline. (get on with / finish)
5. He dropped out of _____ the course after only three weeks. (drop out of / do)
6. I couldn't get round to _____ your message until late last night. (get round to / answer)

Exercise 4. Choose the best answer.

1. I don't really _____ my new neighbour yet, but she seems nice. a) get away with b) get along with c) run out of
2. She has always _____ her grandmother because she is wise and kind. a) looked up to b) looked down on c) gone in for
3. Are you _____ the B2 First exam this summer? a) going through with b) going in for c) cutting down on
4. The film was so good that it really _____ the hype. a) lived up to b) checked up on c) came down with
5. I need a quiet weekend because I think I'm _____ a cold. a) dropping out of b) coming down with c) putting up with
6. The teacher asked the class to _____ the student who was being mocked. a) stand up for b) catch up with c) walk out on
7. Let's meet this weekend and _____ properly. a) cut down on b) catch up with c) think back on

8. She was too exhausted to _____ cooking, so they ordered takeaway. a) feel up to b) look down on c) get rid of

Exercise 5. Each sentence contains one mistake. Rewrite it correctly.

1. We're looking forward to see you next week.

2. He got away with to cheat in the test.

3. I don't usually look down people who make grammar mistakes.

4. She came up a brilliant idea with during the meeting.

5. I finally got around answering all my emails.

6. They ran out from petrol on the motorway.

Exercise 6. Write your own answers.

1. Write a sentence using look forward to + -ing.

2. Write a sentence about someone you look up to.

3. Write a sentence using cut down on.

4. Write a sentence using come up with.

5. Write a sentence using put up with.

Answer Key

Exercise 1

1-c
2-d
3-a
4-f
5-e
6-b
7-g
8-h
9-i
10-j

Exercise 2

1. go through with
2. keep up with
3. own up to
4. get rid of
5. think back on
6. fit in with
7. cut down on
8. walk out on

Exercise 3

1. seeing
2. going
3. breaking
4. finishing
5. doing
6. answering

Exercise 4

1. b

2. a
3. b
4. a
5. b
6. a
7. b
8. a

Exercise 5

1. We're looking forward to seeing you next week.
2. He got away with cheating in the test.
3. I don't usually look down on people who make grammar mistakes.
4. She came up with a brilliant idea during the meeting.
5. I finally got around to answering all my emails.
6. They ran out of petrol on the motorway.

Teacher's note: Exercise 6 is open-ended. Accept any grammatically correct sentence that uses the target phrasal verb naturally.