

Common Phrasal Verbs for B2 First

Worksheet based on the lesson on everyday phrasal verbs, meanings, and exam use

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Level: B2 First

Focus: meanings, use, and exam practice

In this worksheet you will practise 20 useful phrasal verbs for B2 First through matching, gap-fill, multiple choice, sentence transformation, and short writing.

Exercise 1. Match the phrasal verbs to their meanings

Write the correct letter (A–J) next to each phrasal verb.

	Phrasal verb		Meaning
1.	carry on	A.	start a hobby or activity
2.	find out	B.	discover information
3.	look after	C.	continue doing something
4.	come up with	D.	have no more of something
5.	run out of	E.	postpone something
6.	turn down	F.	think of an idea or plan
7.	take up	G.	handle a problem or situation
8.	put off	H.	learn something informally / collect someone
9.	pick up	I.	take care of someone or something
10.	deal with	J.	refuse or reduce

Exercise 2. Complete the sentences with the correct phrasal verbs

Use the words in the box. Change the tense if necessary. There is one extra phrasal verb.

bring up	get on with	go on	set up	turn up	work out
give up	take off	look for	calm down	find out	carry on

- We still need to _____ how much the trip will cost before we book anything.
- Please _____ your work while I speak to the head teacher for a minute.
- When the band did not _____ on time, the audience started to get impatient.
- My aunt helped me _____ a small online shop last summer.
- I do not _____ one of my classmates very well, but we are polite to each other.
- Can you stop shouting and _____ for a second?
- She wants to _____ photography because she loves taking pictures.
- I was trying to _____ my passport all morning and nearly missed the train.
- During the meeting, nobody wanted to _____ the problem of low attendance.
- What is _____ here? Everyone looks worried.

Exercise 3. Choose the best meaning

Circle or highlight the correct answer.

1. If you run out of time, you... a) arrive late b) have no time left c) continue for longer
2. If you put off a meeting, you... a) postpone it b) organise it c) cancel it forever
3. If a plane takes off, it... a) lands b) leaves the ground c) turns around
4. If you turn down an offer, you... a) accept it happily b) refuse it c) forget it
5. If a business picks up, it... a) improves b) closes c) becomes smaller
6. If you come up with an idea, you... a) reject it b) think of it c) explain it

Exercise 4. Rewrite the sentence using the phrasal verb in brackets

Keep the meaning the same. Do not change the word in brackets.

1. We discovered that the museum was closed. (find out)
We _____ that the museum was closed.
2. She postponed the lesson until Monday. (put off)
She _____ until Monday.
3. Please take care of my dog this weekend. (look after)
Please _____ this weekend.
4. He stopped playing tennis last year. (give up)
He _____ last year.
5. Can you collect me from the station at six? (pick up)
Can you _____ at six?
6. In the end, everything ended successfully. (work out)
In the end, everything _____.

Exercise 5. Find and correct the mistake

Each sentence contains one phrasal-verb mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. I am looking after my keys, but I cannot find them anywhere.
Correct sentence: _____
2. We ran out from milk, so I went to the shop.
Correct sentence: _____
3. She came up a brilliant idea for the school magazine.
Correct sentence: _____
4. He does not get on to his brother very well.
Correct sentence: _____
5. Please turn up the music; it is far too loud.
Correct sentence: _____
6. They set on a new company in 2025.
Correct sentence: _____

Exercise 6. Short writing task

Write 80–100 words about study, work, or daily life. Use at least five phrasal verbs from the lesson.

You may write about one of these topics:

- a difficult week when you had a problem to deal with
- a hobby you took up recently
- a time you found out surprising news
- a day when something did not work out as planned

Write here: _____

Answer key

Suggested answers

Exercise 1

- 1 C
- 2 B
- 3 I
- 4 F
- 5 D
- 6 J
- 7 A
- 8 E
- 9 H
- 10 G

Exercise 2

- 1 work out
- 2 carry on
- 3 turn up
- 4 set up
- 5 get on with
- 6 calm down
- 7 take up
- 8 look for
- 9 bring up
- 10 going on

Exercise 3

- 1 b
- 2 a
- 3 b
- 4 b
- 5 a
- 6 b

Exercise 4

- 1 We found out that the museum was closed.
- 2 She put off the lesson until Monday.
- 3 Please look after my dog this weekend.
- 4 He gave up playing tennis last year.
- 5 Can you pick me up from the station at six?
- 6 In the end, everything worked out.

Exercise 5

- 1 I am looking for my keys, but I cannot find them anywhere.
- 2 We ran out of milk, so I went to the shop.
- 3 She came up with a brilliant idea for the school magazine.
- 4 He does not get on with his brother very well.
- 5 Please turn down the music; it is far too loud.
- 6 They set up a new company in 2025.

Exercise 6

Answers will vary. Check that the learner has used at least five phrasal verbs correctly and in context.