

Common Phrasal Verbs

give up, look after, find out, put off...

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

Phrasal verb = verb + particle. The particle changes the meaning: give up = quit, pick up = learn/catch.

1 Match meaning: give up / look after

EASY

Choose the correct meaning.

1. 'give up' means:

3. 'find out' means:

5. 'She gave up smoking.' Meaning:

7. 'I'll find out what time it leaves.'

9. 'Don't give up, nearly there!'

2. 'look after' means:

4. 'put off' means:

6. 'He looks after his siblings.' Meaning:

8. 'They put off the meeting.' Meaning:

10. 'Can you look after my cat?'

2 Match: turn on/off / pick up / carry on

MEDIUM

Choose the correct meaning.

1. 'turn on' means:

3. 'carry on' means:

5. 'turn off' means:

7. 'carry on with your work' means:

9. 'pick up some milk on the way':

2. 'pick up' (learn) means:

4. 'set up' means:

6. 'pick up a cold' means:

8. 'set up a fundraising event' means:

10. 'turn on the heating' means:

3 Choose the right phrasal verb

HARD

Choose the correct phrasal verb.

1. He decided to ____ his bad habits.

3. I need to ____ more about the course.

5. She ____ three languages while travelling.

7. Don't ____, the finish line is just ahead!

9. She ____ the oven before she left.

2. Can you ____ the children while I cook?

4. The match was ____ due to bad weather.

6. Government ____ new rules to cut pollution.

8. Please ____ your work, back in 5 minutes.

10. He ____ a cough from someone at office.

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Mixed phrasal verbs in context

HARDER

Choose the correct phrasal verb.

1. She ____ her dream of becoming a doctor.
3. Have you ____ where the party is yet?
5. She ____ a small business from her bedroom.
7. The kids ____ some bad language at school.
9. She ____ a charity to help homeless people.
2. Could you ____ my plants while on holiday?
4. The concert has been ____ until further notice.
6. Despite difficulties, he ____ and finished.
8. Don't forget to ____ all the lights when leaving.
10. I ____ that my flight had been cancelled.

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Meanings

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 quit / stop | 6 Takes care of them |
| 2 take care of | 7 Discover the time |
| 3 discover | 8 They postponed it |
| 4 postpone | 9 Don't stop trying |
| 5 She quit smoking | 10 Take care of it |

2 Exercise 2 Meanings

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| 1 switch on | 6 catch a cold |
| 2 learn informally | 7 continue working |
| 3 continue | 8 organise the event |
| 4 establish | 9 buy milk on the way |
| 5 switch off | 10 activate the heating |

3 Exercise 3 Phrasal verbs

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| 1 give up | 6 set up |
| 2 look after | 7 give up |
| 3 find out | 8 carry on with |
| 4 put off | 9 turned off |
| 5 picked up | 10 picked up |

4 Exercise 4 Phrasal verbs

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| 1 gave up | 6 carried on |
| 2 look after | 7 picked up |
| 3 found out | 8 turn off |
| 4 put off | 9 set up |
| 5 set up | 10 found out |