

Live Phrases B2

Upper-Intermediate Expressions, 4 exercises + answer key

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DATE _____

KEY RULE:

for what it's worth · having said that · all things considered · more often than not · up in the air · touch base · in the long run · for

1 Exercise 1 EASY Fill in with the correct expression.

1. ____, you made the right call.

2. ____, it still worked out.

3. ____, the plan looks fine.

4. The date is still ____, open.

5. ____, it's the best approach.

6. Let's ____ next week.

7. This pays off ____.

8. ____, let's keep the old system.

9. It's pricey. ____, it's great.

10. ____, find what he really means.

2 Exercise 2 MEDIUM Write the expression. Use the hint.

1. ____, my view (4 words)

2. ____, despite this (3 words)

3. ____, in total (3 words)

4. ____, usually (4 words)

5. ____, apparently (5 words)

6. ____, hidden meaning (4 words)

7. ____, uncertain (4 words)

8. ____, check in (2 words)

9. ____, eventually (4 words)

10. ____, for now (4 words)

3 Exercise 3 MEDIUM Write the meaning of each expression.

1. for what it's worth = _____

2. having said that = _____

3. all things considered = _____

4. more often than not = _____

5. on the face of it = _____

6. read between lines = _____

7. up in the air = _____

8. touch base = _____

9. in the long run = _____

10. for the time being = _____

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Exercise 4

HARD

Complete with the correct expression.

1. ____, your input was valuable.

3. ____, the launch went smoothly.

5. ____, the deal looks promising.

7. The venue is still ____.

9. Patience pays off ____.

2. Tough week. ____, we succeeded.

4. ____, the direct route is best.

6. Look deeper, ____ his reply.

8. Let's ____ on Monday to review.

10. ____, use the backup process.

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy, fill in the blank

1 For what it's worth

2 All things considered

3 On the face of it

4 up in the air

5 More often than not

6 touch base

7 in the long run

8 For the time being

9 Having said that

10 read between the lines

2 Exercise 2 Medium, write the expression

1 For what it's worth

2 Having said that

3 All things considered

4 More often than not

5 On the face of it

6 Read between the lines

7 Up in the air

8 Touch base

9 In the long run

10 For the time being

3 Exercise 3 Medium, write the meaning

1 my opinion may not matter, but...

2 despite what was just said

3 taking everything into account

4 usually / in most cases

5 at first glance / apparently

6 understand hidden meaning

7 uncertain / not yet decided

8 briefly make contact / check in

9 over a long period / eventually

10 for now / temporarily

4 Exercise 4 Hard, mixed practice

1 For what it's worth

2 Having said that

3 All things considered

4 More often than not

5 On the face of it

6 read between the lines

7 up in the air

8 touch base

9 in the long run

10 For the time being