

Phrasal Verbs B2

Upper-Intermediate Phrasal Verbs, 4 exercises + answer key

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DATE _____

KEY RULE:

come up with · cut back on · fall through · get rid of · let down · make out · rule out · stand for · take on · break down

1 Exercise 1**EASY**

Fill in the blank with the correct phrasal verb.

1. She ____ a brilliant plan.

3. We must ____ on spending.

5. I won't ____ the team.

7. We can't ____ this option.

9. They ____ ten new staff.

2. The deal ____ last minute.

4. It's time to ____ old files.

6. I couldn't ____ the text.

8. "UN" ____ United Nations.

10. The car ____ on the road.

2 Exercise 2**MEDIUM**

Write the phrasal verb in the correct form. Use the hint.

1. She ____ a plan. (come up with)

3. We need to ____ waste. (get rid)

5. I couldn't ____ it. (make out)

7. The engine _____. (break down)

9. Explain _____. (account for)

2. The deal _____. (fall through)

4. He ____ the team. (let down)

6. We ____ that option. (rule out)

8. It ____ big change. (bring about)

10. The firm ____ staff. (take on)

3 Exercise 3**MEDIUM**

Write the meaning of each phrasal verb.

1. come up with = _____

3. fall through = _____

5. let down = _____

7. rule out = _____

9. take on = _____

2. cut back on = _____

4. get rid of = _____

6. make out = _____

8. stand for = _____

10. break down = _____

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Exercise 4

HARD

Complete with a phrasal verb in the correct form.

1. Nobody ____ a solution.

3. ____ the old equipment.

5. He ____ us badly.

7. We can't ____ that theory.

9. It ____ major changes.

2. The event ____ last week.

4. She ____ on expenses.

6. I ____ the handwriting.

8. They ____ 30 new graduates.

10. How do you ____ the errors?

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy, fill in the blank

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| 1 came up with | 6 make out |
| 2 fell through | 7 rule out |
| 3 cut back on | 8 stands for |
| 4 get rid of | 9 took on |
| 5 let down | 10 broke down |

2 Exercise 2 Medium, correct form

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 came up with | 6 ruled out |
| 2 fell through | 7 broke down |
| 3 get rid of | 8 brought about |
| 4 let down | 9 account for |
| 5 make out | 10 took on |

3 Exercise 3 Medium, write the meaning

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 to think of an idea | 6 to see/understand with difficulty |
| 2 to reduce the amount | 7 to exclude a possibility |
| 3 to fail to happen | 8 to represent / tolerate |
| 4 to remove or throw away | 9 to accept responsibility |
| 5 to disappoint someone | 10 to stop working |

4 Exercise 4 Hard, correct form

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 came up with | 6 made out |
| 2 fell through | 7 rule out |
| 3 get rid of | 8 took on |
| 4 cut back on | 9 brought about |
| 5 let down | 10 account for |