

Phrasal Verbs C1

Advanced Phrasal Verbs, 4 exercises + answer key

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DATE _____

KEY RULE:

boil down to · draw on · fall back on · iron out · live up to · phase out · single out · stand up for · bring to light · grapple with

1 Exercise 1**EASY**

Fill in the blank with the correct phrasal verb.

1. It all ____ lack of trust.

3. She ____ her experience.

5. I never ____ calling back.

7. It didn't ____ the hype.

9. She was ____ for her work.

2. She is ____ the diagnosis.

4. We can ____ the old plan.

6. We need to ____ the details.

8. They are ____ old methods.

10. The probe ____ many errors.

2 Exercise 2**MEDIUM**

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

1. It ____ planning. (boil down to)

3. He ____ past experience. (draw on)

5. I ____ replying. (get round to)

7. It didn't _____. (live up to)

9. She was _____. (single out)

2. She ____ the loss. (come to terms)

4. Try to _____. (fall back on)

6. Let's ____ the issues. (iron out)

8. They're ____ plastics. (phase out)

10. It ____ errors. (bring to light)

3 Exercise 3**MEDIUM**

Write the meaning of each phrasal verb.

1. boil down to = _____

3. draw on = _____

5. get round to = _____

7. live up to = _____

9. single out = _____

2. come to terms with = _____

4. fall back on = _____

6. iron out = _____

8. phase out = _____

10. grapple with = _____

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Exercise 4

HARD

Complete with a phrasal verb in the correct form.

1. The issue ____ one of trust.

3. She ____ years of research.

5. I never ____ sorting that.

7. It didn't ____ expectations.

9. He was ____ for excellence.

2. She's slowly ____ it.

4. We'll ____ our old plan.

6. They ____ the details fast.

8. They are ____ old packaging.

10. The audit ____ the truth.

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy, fill in the blank

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| 1 boils down to | 6 iron out |
| 2 coming to terms with | 7 live up to |
| 3 drew on | 8 phasing out |
| 4 fall back on | 9 singled out |
| 5 got round to | 10 brought to light |

2 Exercise 2 Medium, correct form

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| 1 boiled down to | 6 iron out |
| 2 come to terms with | 7 live up to |
| 3 drew on | 8 phasing out |
| 4 fall back on | 9 singled out |
| 5 got round to | 10 brought to light |

3 Exercise 3 Medium, write the meaning

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| 1 to be essentially about | 6 to resolve small difficulties |
| 2 to accept something difficult | 7 to be |
| 3 to use knowledge/experience | 8 to gradually stop using |
| 4 to use when other options fail | 9 to choose one from a group |
| 5 to find time for something | 10 to struggle with a problem |

4 Exercise 4 Hard, correct form

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| 1 boils down to | 6 ironed out |
| 2 coming to terms with | 7 live up to |
| 3 drew on | 8 phasing out |
| 4 fall back on | 9 singled out |
| 5 got round to | 10 brought to light |