

TOEFL

Two and Three - Part Verbs

DIRECTIONS: Each of the following sentences contains a two- or three-part verb in italics. Read the sentence and try to understand the italicized expression. Then, find the meaning of the expression in the list that follows the exercise, and write the letter of the answer on the line.

DEFINITIONS—Exercise B2	
A. take care of	F. bother
B. review; relearn	G. not let it have an effect
C. choose	H. unexpectedly find
D. get sick with	I. come and get
E. look at it briefly	J. investigate

EXERCISE B3

- _____ 1. We have some new neighbors. I think I'll *call on* them later this afternoon.
- _____ 2. The principal had to *call off* the class on Tuesday because the teacher was sick.
- _____ 3. The politician should *call for* a decrease in taxes.
- _____ 4. Why don't you *call me up* about 9:00? I'll be waiting by the phone.
- _____ 5. I don't need this bicycle any more. It's not worth too much money, so I think I'll just *give it away*.
- _____ 6. Here's the book I borrowed from you, and now I think I should *give* it *back*.
- _____ 7. I've done all I can. I just can't do anything more. I *give up*.
- _____ 8. The teacher has to *put off* the exam until next week because the students are not prepared.
- _____ 9. She has to *put on* her coat before she goes out into the cold winter weather.
- _____ 10. He's such a mean man that it's difficult to *put up with* him.

EXERCISE B4

- _____ 1. I was scared last night because someone tried to *break into* my house.
- _____ 2. He and she have been friends for more than two years, but now they've decided to *break off* their relationship.
- _____ 3. I'm really excited to be selected as master of ceremonies. I've never done this before, but I'm really going to try to *carry it off*.
- _____ 4. After her husband was killed in an accident, she tried hard to *carry on* with her life.
- _____ 5. I'm going to *hold off* taking my vacation. I was scheduled to take my vacation this week, but I'll take it next month instead.
- _____ 6. My boss told me that my work had been very good recently and that she wanted me to *keep it up*.
- _____ 7. Many of the employees of the company are worried; they've heard a rumor that the company is going to *lay off* a number of employees.
- _____ 8. While I was at the market, I was surprised to *run into* a friend I hadn't seen in months.
- _____ 9. If I didn't buy milk at the store, we would *run out of* it at breakfast in the morning.
- _____ 10. That boy has been playing baseball all day. I know he's going to *wear out* soon.

DEFINITIONS—Exercise B4	
A. postpone	F. completely use the supply of
B. succeed	G. end
C. fire	H. unexpectedly meet
D. tire	I. continue
E. unlawfully enter	J. continue

EXERCISE B5

- _____ 1. The newspapers tend to *play up* sensational stories if they want to improve their circulation.
- _____ 2. He knew that it would be difficult to win the tournament, but he worked hard to *pull it off*.
- _____ 3. She tends to *show off* a lot. She's very beautiful, and she wants everyone to notice her.
- _____ 4. He was supposed to come at 9:00, but he didn't *show up* until 10:00.
- _____ 5. Do you know when the wedding will *take place*? I heard that it would be next June.
- _____ 6. Neither my roommate nor I like to do the dishes, so we *take turns*.
- _____ 7. I don't know how to play golf, but it's a sport that I would like to *take up*.
- _____ 8. He applied for the job, but the manager decided to *turn down* his application because he was not really qualified.
- _____ 9. The students must *turn in* their papers on Thursday. The teacher has said that the papers can't be even one day late.
- _____ 10. Because I swim so many hours every day, I sometimes feel that I'm going to *turn into* a fish.

DEFINITIONS—Exercise B5

- A. try to attract attention
- B. submit
- C. happen
- D. increase the significance of
- E. arrive

- F. refuse
- G. succeed
- H. begin (a hobby)
- I. become
- J. alternate