

## Upper- Intermediate

### Lexical exercises on phrases with 'life', 'time' and phrasal verbs with 'off'.

#### 1. Match the phrasal verbs below to the words in bold with a similar meaning.

set off   put off   wear off   cross off   shrug off   fend off   cut off   laugh off

1. The medicine will **become weaker** the day after you take it.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Jo and Greg always **make a joke of** the suggestion that they will get married.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. He wants to **delay** going to the dentist until his toothache gets worse.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. I had to **remove** Helen from my invitation list after we had an argument.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Many elderly people feel **isolated** from the rest of society. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Shall we **depart** for the airport at eight o'clock tomorrow morning?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. The team **reject** the possibility that they will lose the match.  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. We must **fight** the proposal to cut our salaries. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Match the phrases (1–8) to the definitions (A–H).

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|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| 1. live a charmed life        | A | a significant event                      |
| 2. shelf life                 | B | the chance to live better                |
| 3. the prime of life          | C | something very serious                   |
| 4. every walk of life         | D | give energy to something                 |
| 5. a milestone in life        | E | the amount of time something can be used |
| 6. breathe life into          | F | the best stage in life                   |
| 7. a new lease of life        | G | people from all occupations              |
| 8. a matter of life and death | H | be lucky in life                         |

#### 3. Complete the text with one of the words below.

*all the time   from time to time   behind the times   at the same time   in the nick of time*

1. My brother and I have a very close relationship. That said, we do argue  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Her mother knows everything about technology, but when it comes to fashion,  
she's really \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Geoff turned the stove off \_\_\_\_\_. He's an awful cook, but he  
hasn't burned the house down yet!
4. We don't feel that we have any privacy. My husband's parents are here  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. I'm so fed up of having to do so many things \_\_\_\_\_.