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Practice: Phrasal Verbs

Collocations are **word combinations** that **sound natural** to a native speaker. In the exercise below, find a phrasal verb that collocates with the nouns in **green**. For each number, the correct answer will be a phrasal verb that collocates with all the sentences in the series. Write your answer in the infinitive or base infinitive form of the verb (e.g. "fill out" or "to fill out"). **Do not conjugate your answers.**

1.

I'm _____ **patience**. If they don't make me a better offer soon, I'm leaving.

We were _____ **gas**, so we pulled over and filled the tank.

Tim is _____ **time**. If he doesn't hurry up, he's not going to meet the deadline.

(The answer is a three-word phrasal verb.)

2.

I slept through my alarm and had to _____ an **excuse** about why I was late for work.

How do you _____ **lies** like that off the top of your head?

I took Friday afternoon off. I'm going to _____ the **time** by working late on Monday afternoon.

3.

Don't _____ **hope** yet. We can still win this game.

I'm trying to _____ **smoking**, but it's been really difficult to do cold turkey.

4.

Steve _____ some **weight** when he injured his knee. He was on crutches and not exercising much.

Let me just _____ my **shoes** and a jacket, and I'll run out to the car.

5.

They are late on their mortgage and the bank might repossess their house. If they don't _____ the **money** soon, they're in trouble.
Let's try to _____ some new **ideas** for our new ad campaign.
(The answer is a three-word phrasal verb.)

6.

I _____ the **bus** and walked to my house.
Text me when you _____ the **plane**. When I get your text, I'll start driving to the airport to pick you up.
Shirley _____ the **train** and looked for her friends.

7.

I think I'm _____ a **cold**. My nose is all runny.
Harold _____ the **flu** last month. He missed four days of work and almost had to go to the hospital.
(The answer is a three-word phrasal verb.)

8.

Can you believe he _____ the **agreement** at the last minute? That's not like him at all.
We have a deal. We both signed the papers. You can't _____ the **deal** now.
John _____ his **driveway** and put the car in drive.
(The answer is a three-word phrasal verb.)

9.

As the receptionist, it's important that you _____ your **coworkers** and be friendly.
Kevin doesn't _____ his **parents**, but his sister is very close with both her mom and her dad.
(The answer is a three-word phrasal verb.)

10.

How did I _____ this **mess**? I didn't even want to get involved.
I _____ **trouble** a few times when I was in high school. I was a bit of a rebel.

11.

One of our top software developers _____ his **resignation** today. We need to find someone to replace her ASAP.

In college, I _____ a few **assignments** late. It hurt my GPA.

12.

Our staff would like a cappuccino machine in the break room, but we're trying to _____ **costs** right now and it's not going to happen.

I'm trying to get into shape right now. I'm _____ **carbs** and **alcohol**.
(There are two possible answers here. Both possible answers are three-word phrasal verbs.)

13.

This is an **issue** that has _____ many times at our meetings.

I was trying to avoid talking about it, but the **subject** _____ at dinner.

14.

_____ the **phone** and let's go to lunch.

You can _____ your **coat** on the coat rack over there.

15.

The Caldwells _____ a second **mortgage** so they could pay for their son's education.

Have you thought about _____ a **loan** from the bank?

16.

How could you _____ that **offer**? The job was perfect for you and the salary was great.

I was worried they would _____ my **request**, but they empathized with my situation and said yes.

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