

Phrasal verbs 4

The verbs and particles in the two boxes can be combined to make phrasal verbs, which can then be used to complete the sentences below.

Decide which phrasal verbs go into each sentence, and write the answers in the crossword grid. In many cases, you will need to change the form of the verb. The meaning of each phrasal verb is in *italics* at the end of each sentence.

Don't forget that some phrasal verbs need two particles.

The first one has been done as an example.

opt	make	pick	put	run
set	stand	take	talk	
turn				

after	against	aside	down
for	in	off	on
out	round	up	with

Clues across (→)

- Accommodation in some cities is so expensive that some people cannot even afford to ____ the eight weeks' deposit that is required. *(to make a deposit)* **Answer = put down**
- They were reluctant to make changes, but we managed to ____ them _____. *(to persuade somebody)*
- Children often ____ one of their parents, either in their mannerisms or in the way they look. *(to resemble)*
- After ____ a few unexpected difficulties, they decided to scrap the project. *(to stop because something is in the way)*
- They were ____ of the apartment by their landlord when they could no longer afford the rent, and ended up living on the street. *(to be forced to leave)*
- When I was at school, some teachers unfairly ____ children who avoided sport because they preferred more creative interests and pastimes. *(to choose someone to attack or criticise)*
- Although many companies offer their employees a pension programme, many decide to ____ of the programme and make their own arrangements. *(to decide not to take part in something)*
- A lot of applicants expressed an interest in the job, but only a handful ____ for the interview. *(to arrive for a meeting, appointment, etc.)*
- Air pollution can ____ asthma and other chest diseases in those most vulnerable. *(to start)*
- People who use credit cards unwisely can easily ____ debts of thousands of pounds every month. *(to make debts go up quickly)*
- By the time he was 18, he had ____ his mind that he wanted to be famous. *(to decide on something)*

Clues down (↓)

- It's often a good idea to ____ some money for a 'rainy day'. *(to save money)*
- Technology is moving at such a fast pace it is no longer possible to ____ all the latest developments. *(to understand or assimilate information)*
- Nobody was ____ by the government's false figures on unemployment. *(to be fooled or tricked)*
- He ____ the job that was offered to him, even though he was desperate for the money. *(to refuse something which is offered)*
- Most people will ____ a stressful job if the money is good enough. *(to tolerate something which is not very pleasant)*

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9. He was unable to make the speech, so I was asked to ____ and make it on his behalf. *(to take the place of someone – often also used with 'for')*
10. A lot of people are ____ the idea of working for themselves because of the lack of a regular salary. *(to be discouraged from doing something, usually because of a potentially negative outcome)*
13. Once bad weather ____, people tend to stay at home rather than go out. *(to start and become permanent)*
14. Doctors and medical experts were unable to ____ why some people survived the virus and others didn't. *(to understand or know the reason for something)*
15. She ____ a story about ghosts in the cellar to stop us going down there, but of course we didn't believe her. *(to invent a story)*
17. At the age of 38 he ____ the post of President, but lacked sufficient experience to be taken seriously. *(to apply for a job in politics, competing against other people for the same job)*
18. Despite massive promotion by the tourist board, it took a long time for tourism to ____ again after the terrorist attacks. *(to improve, to get better)*

