

Quiz for Verb: 'To back'

Choose the correct definition for each phrasal verb...

1) 'Back up' means...

- A ☐ Look carefully at someone
- B ☐ Make a copy of computer data
- C ☒ Stop working (electric/electronic equipment)

2) 'Back into' means...

- A ☐ Enter a parking area in reverse gear
- B ☐ Go somewhere quickly to do something, often to buy or get something
- C ☒ Avoid or delay creditors

3) 'Back away' means...

- A ☐ Discuss
- B ☐ Shoot, fire a gun (usually repeatedly)
- C ☐ Retreat or go backwards

4) 'Back down' means...

- A ☐ Retract or withdraw your position or proposal in an argument
- B ☐ Leave the area where you have been living
- C ☐ Clean everything used to prepare food and eat it

5) 'Back out' means...

- A ☐ Do something quickly, especially writing
- B ☐ Ask how someone is doing, especially professionally and in terms of health
- C ☒ Fail to keep an arrangement or promise

6) 'Back sb up' means...

- A ☐ **Support**
- B ☒ **Remove someone secretly or discreetly**
- C ☐ **Search for something**

7) 'Back off' means...

- A ☐ **Ask someone to do something, especially to speak in public. (Formal)**
 - B ☐ **Remove water from something that is flooded**
 - C ☐ **Retreat**
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- 1 The guard asked the passengers to back away/
down from the edge of the train platform.
- 2 The school carried on/out a fire safety drill.
- 3 Despite his accident, he carried on/out climbing.
- 4 Back up/out your computer files regularly.
- 5 The match was called off/back due to heavy rain.
- 6 She backed down/out of the race in the end.