

## Vocabulary 2: Put

### A Phrasal verbs with put

- 1 Look at this sentence from section A of the reading text 'Lucky to be alive'.

*Such a shame for the island, but hurricanes could never **put us off** going back there.*

What is the meaning of *put off* in this sentence? Choose from the following:

- A** postpone    **B** distract    **C** discourage    **D** cause to dislike

Now match the remaining three meanings to each different use of *put off* in the following sentences.

- 1 Because of the rain they had to **put** the cup final **off** until the following week.
- 2 Turn the TV down. I'm trying to read and the noise is **putting** me **off**.
- 3 I soon realized that all he ever talked about was football. It **put** me right **off** him.

- 2 In A and B below, the particle required for the spaces in each of the three sentences is the same. Decide what the missing word is and then choose the appropriate meaning **A**, **B** or **C** for each of the three phrasal verbs.

#### A

- 1 It's too quiet for me. Why don't we **put** the radio \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 2 All the clothes which fitted me last summer are too tight for me now. I must have **put** \_\_\_\_\_ weight.
- 3 If you're cold, you should **put** your coat \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A** place on your body    **B** increase    **C** start something working

#### B

- 1 Don't shout out the answer. If you want to say something, **put** your hand \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2 If they keep **putting** \_\_\_\_\_ the price of cigarettes, I'll have to stop smoking, I just can't afford it.
- 3 If you want people to come to the concert, you should **put** posters \_\_\_\_\_ around the school to advertise it.

- A** increase    **B** fix to a wall or board    **C** lift into the air

### B Expressions with put

- 1 Complete the spaces 1-12 in the following short texts (A-D), using the words in the box. The first one has been done for you.

effort	<del>night</del>	cigarette	touch
position	blame	money	feet
risk	book	smoking	pressure

#### A

When Anne first came to London she had nowhere to live so I offered to put her up for the (1) *night* at my house and then help her to find a flat of her own. The next morning I put her in (2) \_\_\_\_\_ with my friend Richard, who was looking for a flatmate, and she went to see him. Unfortunately, Anne gets through 30 cigarettes a day and I'd forgotten that Richard won't put up with anyone (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in his flat. He doesn't see why other people should put his health at (4) \_\_\_\_\_ as well as their own, he always says. When he opened the door and saw Anne there smoking, he told her she'd have to put out her (5) \_\_\_\_\_ before she went in. Needless to say, Anne decided to look elsewhere for accommodation.

#### B

My parents used to put (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on me to study harder. They said I wouldn't get into university if I didn't put more time and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ into my school work.