

Phrasal Verbs: read

1. Match the phrasal verbs with their definitions

to read up on

to read into

to read over/through

to read back

to read for

to read out

to read off

to read the message to others in order to check if it's correct

to read something so that other people could hear

to give your own meaning to something that might not be there

to say the words of a character in the book, play, etc, or to read for a particular purpose

to read a lot about a subject to find out information about it.

to read items from a list or a screen

to read something from the beginning to the end, usually, to look for mistakes or check details.

2. Choose the correct preposition for the phrasal verbs

1) You shouldn't read _____ this article too much. It isn't so deep.

☐ A) into

☐ B) for

☐ C) back

2) Harry wanted to read _____ the role of Sir Montgomery.

☐ A) over

☐ B) back

☐ C) for

3) My mother read _____ all her purchases from the notes.

☐ A) off

☐ B) for

☐ C) up on

4) I don't think I have written numbers correctly. Can I read them _____ to you?

☐ A) back

☐ B) over

☐ C) off

5) Jamie read _____ his poem to all of us.

☐ A) through

☐ B) out

☐ C) off

6) Before starting her research, she read _____ a lot on this subject.

☐ A) up

☐ B) off

☐ C) out

7) Make sure you have read _____ your work before handing it in.

☐ A) on

☐ B) out

☐ C) over

8) We usually read books _____ entertainment, not for education.

☐ A) through

☐ B) for

☐ C) out

9) We decided to read _____ the history of this town before a trip.

☐ A) for

☐ B) up on

☐ C) back

10) Before going to the supermarket, I read _____ all the items again.

☐ A) up on

☐ B) for

☐ C) off

3. Fill in the missing parts of the sentences with the prepositions "up on", "out", "over", "through", "off", "back", "into" or "for"

1. Don't read into this movie so much. It's just a waste of time.

2. She is afraid to read _____ her poems in front of so many people.

3. James read _____ all the names of the students and their results from his laptop.

4. I have read this book _____ relaxation, but it happened to be far more interesting than I expected.

5. She read _____ our professor's previous works before taking up his course.

6. I have written down your report. Do you want me to read it _____ to you?

7. You should read _____ your analysis before submitting it.

8. She will read _____ the role of Lady Mary in the upcoming play.

9. We were mildly surprised when our friend read _____ the number of ordered dishes from the receipt.

10. Why are you reading _____ this letter? There isn't any secret message.