

Vocabulary

A. Match the collective nouns on the left to the animals they apply to on the right.

a herd of
a flock of
a school of
a pack of
a swarm of

fish, dolphins, whales
bees, ants
birds, sheep, goats
cows, deer, elephants
wolves

B. Read the sentences and match the phrasal verbs in bold with their meanings.

Phrasal verbs with 'up'

1. The hiking trip was cancelled because not many people **turned up**.
2. After spending two hours trying to find the castle, we just **gave up**.
3. Fay walked all the way round the farm and **ended up** where she had begun.
4. I **made up** a story about a wolf that lives in the woods near our house and my little cousin believed me.
5. Dad, can you **pick me up** from the station at seven o'clock?
6. Don't **use up** all the milk. We won't have any for breakfast in the morning.

- a. stop trying
- b. find yourself in a place or situation that you didn't intend or expect to be in
- c. finish something so there's none left
- d. appear or arrive
- e. collect someone who is waiting for you, in your car
- f. invent something, such as a story or an excuse

Phrasal verbs with 'down'

1. Our cat was suffering a lot so the vet suggested we **put her down**.
2. Stop shouting! Why don't you **calm down** and tell me what happened?
3. Our car **broke down** just outside the city and we had to wait for the tow truck to come.
4. My uncle and aunt invited me to stay at their cottage in the mountains for the weekend, but I **turned down** their invitation because I had to study.
5. I've got a terrible headache and my stomach hurts. I think I'm **coming down with** something.
6. Simon is trying to **cut down on** sugar in his diet, but it's very difficult. He just loves chocolate!

- a. relax or make someone relax
- b. stop working (for vehicles or machines)
- c. become ill
- d. reduce the size or amount of something
- e. refuse an offer
- f. kill an animal because it's old or ill

C. Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases in the box.

at once at a loss at least at a later time at last at the end at first sight at present
at the age of at the beginning at the latest

1. It took several days, but _____ the scientists found where the eagle's nest was located.
2. When I heard the news, I was _____ for words.
3. Baby chimpanzees leave their mothers _____ six.
4. _____ of the race Richard was full of energy, but _____ of the race he was exhausted and almost didn't finish.
5. All students should be outside the school gates at 8:15 a.m. _____ so we can set off for the countryside.
6. _____ this looks like a leaf, but if you look closer, you can see it's actually an insect.
7. There aren't any baby elephants in the wildlife park _____, but there will be in the future.
8. Come here _____ I need to speak to you immediately.
9. I can't talk to you right now. Is it OK if we meet _____?
10. I know I didn't help you make the fire or prepare the meal, but _____ I put up the tents. So stop complaining.