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Practice: Phrasal Verbs

Collocations are word combinations that sound natural to a native speaker. In the exercise below, find a phrasal verb that collocates with the nouns in green. For each number, the correct answer will be a phrasal verb that collocates with all the sentences in the series. Write your answer in the infinitive or base infinitive form of the verb (e.g. "fill out" or "to fill out"). **Do not conjugate your answers**.

1. **run out of**

I'm _____ patience. If they don't make me a better offer soon, I'm leaving.
We were _____ gas, so we pulled over and filled the tank.
Tim is _____ time. If he doesn't hurry up, he's not going to meet the deadline.
(The answer is a three-word phrasal verb.)

2.

I slept through my alarm and had to _____ an excuse about why I was late for work.
How do you _____ lies like that off the top of your head?
I took Friday afternoon off. I'm going to _____ the time by working late on Monday afternoon.

3.

Don't _____ hope yet. We can still win this game.
I'm trying to _____ smoking, but it's been really difficult to do cold turkey.

4.

Steve _____ some weight when he injured his knee. He was on crutches and not exercising much.
Let me just _____ my shoes and a jacket, and I'll run out to the car.

5.

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They are late on their mortgage and the bank might repossess their house. If they don't _____ the money soon, they're in trouble.
Let's try to _____ some new ideas for our new ad campaign.
(The answer is a three-word phrasal verb.)

6.

I _____ the bus and walked to my house.
Text me when you _____ the plane. When I get your text, I'll start driving to the airport to pick you up.
Shirley _____ the train and looked for her friends.

7.

I think I'm _____ a cold. My nose is all runny.
Harold _____ the flu last month. He missed four days of work and almost had to go to the hospital.
(The answer is a three-word phrasal verb.)

8.

Can you believe he _____ the agreement at the last minute? That's not like him at all.
We have a deal. We both signed the papers. You can't _____ the deal now.
John _____ his driveway and put the car in drive.
(The answer is a three-word phrasal verb.)

9.

As the receptionist, it's important that you _____ your coworkers and be friendly.
Kevin doesn't _____ his parents, but his sister is very close with both her mom and her dad.
(The answer is a three-word phrasal verb.)

10.

How did I _____ this mess? I didn't even want to get involved.
I _____ trouble a few times when I was in high school. I was a bit of a rebel.

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11.

One of our top software developers _____ his resignation today. We need to find someone to replace her ASAP.
In college, I _____ a few assignments late. It hurt my GPA.

12.

Our staff would like a cappuccino machine in the break room, but we're trying to _____ costs right now and it's not going to happen.
I'm trying to get into shape right now. I'm _____ carbs and alcohol.
(There are two possible answers here. Both possible answers are three-word phrasal verbs.)

13.

This is an issue that has _____ many times at our meetings.
I was trying to avoid talking about it, but the subject _____ at dinner.

14.

_____ the phone and let's go to lunch.
You can _____ your coat on the coat rack over there.

15.

The Caldwells _____ a second mortgage so they could pay for their son's education.
Have you thought about _____ a loan from the bank?

16.

How could you _____ that offer? The job was perfect for you and the salary was great.
I was worried they would _____ my request, but they empathized with my situation and said yes.

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