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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.

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.

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.

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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