

3 Phrasal verbs 1

Complete each sentence with a phrasal verb in the correct tense. Sometimes you will have to separate the verb from the particle.

blow up break down bring up cut down ~~get over~~ hang up
keep on knock out let down pick up put off put out
ring off run out of set out show off take off tell off turn up

- 1 Have you got over that terrible cough you had last time I saw you?
- 2 He touched one of the sculptures in the exhibition, and the guard saw him and _____ him _____.
- 3 Her car _____ petrol and she had to hitchhike to a petrol station.
- 4 Her husband left her when the children were babies and she _____ them _____ herself.
- 5 I know you don't want to talk to Jenny but it's really important to do it today. You can't _____ it _____ any longer.
- 6 Jimmy's giving me a lift. He's _____ me _____ tomorrow morning at eleven.
- 7 My little sister often _____ when we have visitors. She wants to get more attention.
- 8 Our car _____ on the motorway and we had to call a garage to get it fixed.
- 9 Our plane _____ an hour late so we landed in Rome an hour later than we'd expected.
- 10 Please _____ your cigarette. Can't you see the 'no smoking' sign?

- 11 She _____ asking me for money so in the end I had to give her some.
- 12 Terrorists put a bomb under the bridge and _____ it _____.
- 13 The robber hit the bank manager over the head and _____ him _____. He was unconscious for half an hour.
- 14 Tony still hadn't arrived by ten. Eventually he _____ at 11.30 with two other people.
- 15 We _____ on our trip quite early but there was already a lot of traffic on the road.
- 16 We _____ the tree in the front of our house because we didn't get any light in our sitting room.
- 17 We promised to go and visit her tomorrow so we have to. We can't _____ her _____. She'd be so disappointed.
- 18 We were talking on the phone and suddenly she just _____. Maybe somebody rang at her front door.



The one-word synonym of to **get over** (an illness) is to **recover**. The one-word synonym of to **tell someone off** is to **admonish someone**. Phrasal verbs are more informal and much more common even in written English than their one-word synonyms.

Question: What's the difference between a nail and a boxer?

Answer: One gets **knocked in** and the other gets **knocked out**.