

Grammar Phrasal verbs



1 Choose the correct option in **italics** to complete the sentences.

- 1 Some members of staff are finding it difficult to get *through / by / in* on their salary.
- 2 When taking *out / in / off* a mortgage, clients need to consider interest rates.
- 3 You should put some money *by / in / on* every month for unexpected expenses.
- 4 Have you set a separate account *on / in / up* to pay for bills and rent?
- 5 If you fall behind *to / with / off* your payments, there will be a penalty charge.
- 6 The team is looking *onward / about / forward* to finishing the project.



2 Tick (✓) the correct sentence (a or b). Sometimes both sentences are correct.

- 1 a We would save money if we didn't eat out so often.
- 1 b We would save money if we didn't eat so often out.
- 2 a The company needs to pay the loan back before September.
- 2 b The company needs to pay back the loan before September.
- 3 a Many of their clients have run large debts up through overspending.
- 3 b Many of their clients have run up large debts through overspending.
- 4 a The Finance Manager advised him to cut his expenses down on.
- 4 b The Finance Manager advised him to cut down on his expenses.
- 5 a Too many people put speaking to an advisor about important financial decisions off.
- 5 b Too many people put off speaking to an advisor about important financial decisions.
- 6 a They will carry on paying back the loan with the current terms and conditions.
- 6 b They will carry paying back the loan on with the current terms and conditions.



3 Match the correct sentence (1–6) in Exercise 2 with the type of phrasal verb (a–c).

- a Transitive, separable —, —
- b Intransitive, i.e. no object —
- c Transitive, non-separable —, —, —