

Exercise 1

Match the verbs with the particles to make phrasal verbs from this unit.

through | up | behind | to | out | for

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| 1 catch / look / mix / sign _____ | 4 opt _____ |
| 2 cut / drop / find / hand / leave / miss _____ | 5 relate _____ |
| 3 run / look / go _____ | 6 fall _____ |

Exercise 2

Match phrasal verbs 1–8 with definitions A–H.

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| 1 Andrew found the course difficult and dropped out after a month. | A find information in a book or website |
| 2 They were discussing a complex idea, so it was hard to take it all in. | B leave something you are involved in before it is finished |
| 3 Dana missed two classes, so it took her a while to catch up. | C decide to do something |
| 4 At university Elias opted for political history and economics. | D be connected with something |
| 5 This chapter relates closely to the last one. | E pay attention so that you understand something |
| 6 I looked up his address on the company website. | F give things out to people in a group |
| 7 She handed out the certificates to everyone in the class. | G discuss something to make sure someone understands it |
| 8 He went over the instructions with me again to make sure I understood. | H reach the same standard or level as someone else |

Exercise 3

Complete the sentences. Choose the best answers.

- If you don't know the meaning of a word, look it *up / through / over*.
- I want to find *over / out / up* more information about this subject.
- Would you mind running *at / behind / through* the details once more, just so I am quite clear?
- You've missed *up / in / out* a full stop at the end of that sentence.
- Many students drop *out / in / up* of university during the first year.
- There's too much information here to take *up / over / in* at once.

Exercise 4

Answer the questions.

- If you **opt** for something, do you choose to do it or not?
- If you **hand something out**, do you give it to someone or take it from someone?
- If you **sign up** for something, do you agree or disagree to become involved with it?
- If you need to **catch up** on work, are you at the same standard as others, or below it?
- If you **go over** some work, do you repeat it or examine it closely?
- If you **run through** some work, do you do it quickly or in detail?

Exercise 5

Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs in the box.

looks at | cut out | run through | handed in | fall behind | missed ... out

- She _____ pictures from magazines for her art project.
- If you miss too many classes, you might _____ in your studies.
- He _____ the essay to his teacher a day late.
- The film _____ the fascinating history of the country.
- I think you have _____ a few things _____ in your report.
- I'll just _____ a quick summary of the findings.

Exercise 6

Replace the underlined verbs with a phrasal verb from the box with the same meaning.

finding out | looks at | run through | looking through
take in | went over | missed ... out | mix up

- 1 I was looking at your report when I noticed a mistake.
- 2 The name is spelled with an 'e' at the end – you've left it out.
- 3 First, let me go through today's agenda.
- 4 Try not to confuse the two issues.
- 5 In her book she considers the position of women in society.
- 6 I was able to understand most of what he was saying.
- 7 I enjoy learning about different cultures in the world.
- 8 We discussed the results in great detail.

Exercise 7

Read Ruby's comments about her university degree. Underline all the phrasal verbs, then match them with the correct definitions 1–6.

After I finished high school, I signed up to do a degree in Biology at Leeds University. I wanted to find out more about Biotechnology, so I opted for a short course on it during my first semester. At first it was a lot to take in and I was worried I would fall behind. But my tutor went over the coursework with me and by the end of the year I passed the course.

- 1 not reach the same standard or level as other people
- 2 signed an agreement to do a course of study
- 3 understand something
- 4 learn something
- 5 helped me to understand something by talking about it
- 6 decided to do something

Exercise 8

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box.

drop out | relate to | run over | hand in | find out | sign up

- 1 Professor Jeong _____ to the organization last May.
- 2 We'll begin by _____ the recommended reading material for this course.
- 3 These figures do not _____ patients over the age of 65.
- 4 If you want to _____ more, click on the link below.
- 5 Jason _____ of school at the age of 14.
- 6 Please _____ your reports to your teacher by next Wednesday.

Your turn!

What would you like to learn more about? Use the phrasal verbs in this unit to talk about this. For example:

I'd like to find out more about the history of my country.

