

Exercise 1

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

down | for | out | ahead | in | into | back | by

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| 1 stand / sit | _____ | 5 push / press / stand | _____ |
| 2 fight | _____ | 6 enter / force | _____ |
| 3 bring / crack / clamp | _____ | 7 go | _____ |
| 4 bring / engage | _____ | 8 pull / sort | _____ |

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences. Choose the correct particles.

- 1 You can't ignore the situation much longer. You are going to have to deal *by / with / in* it.
- 2 We had no choice in the matter. The rules were imposed *for / into / on* us.
- 3 We've decided to go *back / ahead / down* with the plans to develop the business.
- 4 The management and the union have entered *on / over / into* negotiations over pensions.
- 5 The race has been cancelled. Several of the athletes have had to pull *out / off / away* because of ill health.
- 6 Does the abbreviation E.C. stand *by / for / over* European Commission or European Community?

Exercise 3

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

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| 1 They would support military action to bring down the regime. | A take part in |
| 2 The government wants to clamp down on crime. | B start or become involved in an activity |
| 3 Health professionals are now engaged in discussions. | C cause a government or ruler to lose their power |
| 4 They are refusing to enter into any kind of negotiations. | D make someone do something when they do not want to |
| 5 We must fight back against corruption. | E start to be much stricter with people who are not obeying laws |
| 6 The campaign was designed to force the Government into a referendum on the issue. | F try to persuade other people to help you achieve something |
| 7 Military action is not the way to sort out this problem. | G solve a problem, misunderstanding, or disagreement |
| 8 We must push the Government for action. | H defend yourself and try to stop someone who attacks you |

Exercise 4

Complete the headlines with the particles in the box.

BACK | IN | DOWN | BY | INTO | AHEAD

- 1 POLICE CRACK _____ ON CRIME
- 2 EU COUNTRIES TO ENTER _____ NEW AGREEMENT
- 3 STUDENTS FIGHT _____ AGAINST INCREASE IN COLLEGE FEES
- 4 HEALTH CARE REFORMS TO GO _____ NEXT YEAR
- 5 ENVIRONMENT MINISTER STANDS _____ HER VIEWS ON CLIMATE CHANGE
- 6 GOVERNMENT TO BRING _____ NEW LAW AGAINST FRAUD

Exercise 5

Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs in the box.

bring in | dealing with | engage in | pull ... out | lead to | imposed ... on

- 1 Authorities are now _____ the situation.
- 2 At that time, the government _____ restrictions _____ imports to protect the economy.
- 3 There is a possibility that the dispute could _____ war.
- 4 The government may _____ tough new laws to combat criminals.
- 5 The prime minister will _____ talks with the president during a three-day tour of the country.
- 6 Italy may decide to _____ troops _____ from the region.

Exercise 6

Make these sentences sound less formal. Replace the underlined verbs with the phrasal verbs in the box.

sort out | pulled out | go ahead | fight back | bring in | bring down

- 1 The militia responded by saying it would retaliate against any attacks.
- 2 The company said it could not proceed with the plan until public confidence had been restored.
- 3 He said he would work with anyone who wanted to resolve the conflict.
- 4 Many people would prefer to see the troops withdrawn.
- 5 The reason for sending in the troops was to topple a very nasty dictator and make the world a safer place.
- 6 The government will introduce the new laws next month.

Exercise 7

Correct the phrasal verbs in these sentences.

- 1 We're cracking over hard on vigilante groups in general.
- 2 The new measures are designed to deal on immigration more effectively.
- 3 The agreement will lead with better relationships between the two countries.
- 4 The government will not stand over and allow thieves to operate in this way.
- 5 NATO stands on North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- 6 Campaigners are pressing out a review of the current law.
- 7 The state dominates the groups and imposes its directives under them.
- 8 The two countries are engaged out a border dispute.

Exercise 8

Read this comment from a political blog. Underline all the phrasal verbs, then in your own words, explain what each one means.

I entered into politics because I wanted to help shape the future of my country. As a politician, I see it as my job to push for change. But I don't want to impose changes upon anyone. I want to encourage people to engage in the political process, not to just stand by and watch it happening. That's why I'm standing for Governor of this city.

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| 1 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 5 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 6 _____ |

Your turn!

Look for articles about political events in a newspaper or online. Can you find any examples of the phrasal verbs in this unit?

