Exercise 1

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

off	in	away	up

1 break / hand / lock / take ____
2 get / run ____
3 give / hold ____
4 get / rip ____

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences. Choose the correct particle.

1 Thieves managed to break *at / to / in* and steal thousands of dollars.
2 Fire fighters had to break *into / onto / over* the house to reach the family.
3 Erik said he would never give himself *on / out / up* to the police.
4 Carlos went to the nearest police station and handed the money *on / in / into*.
5 A bank was held *up / out / in* yesterday by three masked men.
6 He paid *over / under / for* his crime with twenty years in prison.
7 Evans managed to run *with / away / into* before the police arrived.
8 We are working hard to track *down / out / up* these cyber criminals.

Exercise 3

Decide if the following sentences are true (*T*) or false (*F*).

1 If someone gets away, they escape. ☐
2 If you get off when you have done something wrong, you are punished severely. ☐
3 If you let someone out, you allow them to leave a place. ☐
4 If you lock someone in, you put them somewhere and lock the door. ☐
5 If you resort to doing something that you do not think is right, you do it because you cannot see any other way of achieving what you want. ☐
6 If someone rips you off, they do not charge you any money for something. ☐
7 If you hunt down someone, you find them after searching for some time. ☐
8 If the police take you in, they allow you to leave a place. ☐

Exercise 4

Match sentence halves 1–8 with A–H to make complete sentences.

1 How did the robbers
2 You will never get away
3 After several hours, the gunman
4 The man held
5 Do you think they will ever be let
6 He may have to pay for
7 They say they were forced to resort
8 I think the man who

A decided to give himself up.
B out of prison?
C these crimes with a long prison sentence.
D sold you the car ripped you off.
E manage to break in?
F to crime to make money.
G with this crime!
H up a department store yesterday afternoon.

Exercise 5

Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs in the box.

got away	handed ... in	running away	locked ... in	broke into	get ... off

1 Someone _____ the office and stole the computer.
2 The boys _____ before she had a chance to call the police.
3 His lawyer said that given the seriousness of the crime, it would not be easy to _____ him _____.
4 She found a purse and _____ it _____ to the hotel reception.
5 The sheriff _____ him _____ a cell overnight.
6 He hated his stepfather and thought about _____ from home.

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Exercise 6

Match phrasal verbs 1–6 with a word or phrase A–F with the same meaning.

1 She was taken in by the criminal's persuasive tactics.
2 The thief decided to give himself up to the police.
3 I can't believe he got away with such dishonesty.
4 The police managed to track down the robbers.
5 Be careful – they always try to rip off tourists in the main square.
6 After a short time in prison, he was let out.

A cheat
B find
C fooled
D set free
E surrender
F wasn't caught or punished for

Exercise 7

Complete the news headlines. Write the correct particle.

1 WOMAN TAKEN _____ BY FRAUDSTER
2 BANKS ARE RIPPING _____ THEIR CUSTOMERS
3 THIEF WILL PAY _____ CRIME, IN JAIL
4 FATHER GIVES _____ SON TO POLICE
5 DANGEROUS CRIMINAL HUNTED _____ BY LOCAL POLICE
6 BOY, 14, RUNS _____ FROM HOME

Exercise 8

Read the news report. Underline all the phrasal verbs, then answer the questions.

A man who held up a bank in the city centre has been arrested by police. The man locked staff in a store room while he attempted to break into the safe. When the safe would not open, he tried to run away. But police arrived in time to stop him. Police chief Dean Sanchez said: 'He was foolish to think he could get away with this.' Three other men have been taken in for questioning.

1 What did the man try to rob?
2 Why could staff not leave the store room?
3 What did he try to enter illegally?
4 Why did he try to leave?
5 What was the man foolish to think?
6 How many other men have police taken to the police station?

Your turn!

Look for news stories about crime in a newspaper or online. Can you find any examples of the phrasal verbs in this unit?



It didn't take long to **track down** the criminal.

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