

Ex. 1: Read the text and complete the phrasal verbs with the right preposition. There is one preposition that you don't need to use.

out (x2) – up – in – off – into

The secret of success

Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran have a very special friendship and often sing together. They may come from very different backgrounds, but both have had a similar path to success.

Swift, who grew up on a family farm in Pennsylvania, had two passions: writing and music. In spite of the fact that her writing talent was noticed very early (she won a national poetry contest and even wrote an unpublished novel), Swift really wanted to be a singer. How did she achieve her goal to become the Taylor Swift we know today?

To put it simply, Swift had determination. In 2004, she ¹talked her family _____ moving to Nashville so she could be part of the country music scene. (Despite having a grandmother who was a well-known opera singer, Swift preferred country music.) She wrote and performed non-stop and, before long, her concerts started to ²sell _____ the minute tickets went on sale. Those who know her say her secret is an ability to visualize her lyrics before she writes a song. Maybe all that writing as a child ³paid _____ in the end!

Superficially, Ed Sheeran could not have been more different. He was a shy child who stuttered when he spoke, so he would repeat the lyrics of an old Eminem album hundreds of times. In spite of his shyness, Sheeran moved to London at 16 in order to become a professional musician. In the beginning, it was hard to ⁴figure _____ how to make a living, and even though he was playing over 300 live shows a year, he often had to sleep on the Underground, the London subway system. Sheeran never ⁵gave _____, though, and he released his first album in 2011. Two years later, everything changed when he went on a world tour supporting

Taylor Swift. So what was his secret? According to Sheeran, he played music instead of video games when he was growing up.

Incredible tales like Swift's or Sheeran's are an inspiration to us all!



Ex. 2: Read the text and match phrasal verbs 1–10 with definitions a–j.

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FOUR secrets to success

1 DON'T GIVE UP. One of the reasons why I really ¹look up to people like J.K. Rowling, Michael Jordan, and Madonna is that they never give up. J.K. Rowling, for example, was ²turned down by several different publishers before Harry Potter became a worldwide phenomenon.

2 BE PERSUASIVE. Change can be scary. If you have a new idea, people will sometimes try to discourage you, and say your idea is "crazy" or "not practical." They're just trying to ³get out of accepting that change can actually be good. Don't ⁴give in and say, "Yes, you're right." Instead, try to find a way to ⁵talk them into seeing the benefits of your idea.

- a persuade or convince someone _____
 b admire and respect someone _____
 c bring good results; be worth the effort _____

3 PAY ATTENTION TO DETAIL. Steve Jobs had a reputation for being a tough boss. People say he valued punctuality and used to get upset if people ⁶showed up late for work. But, more importantly, Jobs was obsessed with perfection, and he wouldn't accept mistakes or ⁷put up with negativity.

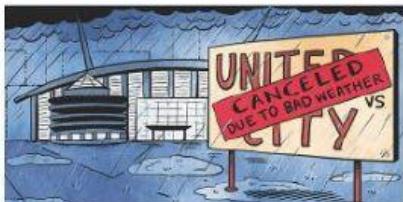
4 LOOK FOR SIMPLE SOLUTIONS. Bill Gates once said that one of the biggest obstacles to success is too much complexity. Throughout his career, he has always tried to ⁸figure out simple ways to solve complicated problems, and his efforts ⁹paid off: Microsoft Windows is still popular after all these years, and most computer users can't ¹⁰do without it.

- d accept or tolerate something unpleasant _____
 e arrive or appear somewhere _____
 f refuse an offer or opportunity _____

- g stop arguing; admit defeat _____
 h finally understand or solve a problem _____
 i manage without something _____
 j avoid doing something _____

Ex. 3: Complete the sentences with the correct particles.

across after off out up with



1. The game was **called** _____ because of the rain.



2. Bernie really **takes** _____ his father.



3. Lucy **came** _____ a briefcase full of money.



4. The tickets **sold** _____ within hours.



5. Helen **came up** _____ a great idea.



6. Someone **used** _____ all the toothpaste.

Ex. 4: Choose the correct phrasal verb.

1. Betty wanted to prepare a delicious "ceviche", but Noemi had already **sold out / used up** all the fish that we had in the fridge.
2. Alex is broke now, so he has to learn how to **do without / give in** many of the luxuries he was used to.
3. When Samuel was cleaning his closet, he **came across / figured out** his sport medals.
4. Only two days before the wedding, Mike realized that he didn't love Sarah. Consequently, the wedding was **paid off / called off**.
5. Do you like to **take after / do without** your little brother?
6. Erick **came up with / put up with** a great idea!
7. The food festival was very successful. Many people collaborated and a lot more **turned down / showed up**.
8. My husband didn't want to have any pets, but the children and I eventually **talked him into / got him out of** it.

Ex. 5: According to the definition, write the correct phrasal verb (one of the verbs in the previous exercises).

1. To tolerate or deal with an unpleasant or annoying thing:
2. To admire:
3. To be worth the effort:
4. To decline or reject:
5. To think of sth new, such as an idea or plan:
6. Completely sold, especially in advance:
7. To cancel:
8. To use all of a supply of sth:
9. To be able to understand something or solve a problem:
10. To look or behave like an older relative:
11. To meet someone or to find something by chance: