

Vocabulary 2: Put

A Phrasal verbs with put

- 1 Look at this sentence from section A of the reading text 'Lucky to be alive'.

*Such a shame for the island, but hurricanes could never **put us off** going back there.*

What is the meaning of **put off** in this sentence? Choose from the following:

- A postpone B distract C discourage D cause to dislike

Now match the remaining three meanings to each different use of **put off** in the following sentences.

- 1 Because of the rain they had to **put** the cup final **off** until the following week.
- 2 Turn the TV down. I'm trying to read and the noise is **putting me off**.
- 3 I soon realized that all he ever talked about was football. It **put me right off** him.

- 2 In A and B below, the particle required for the spaces in each of the three sentences is the same. Decide what the missing word is and then choose the appropriate meaning A, B or C for each of the three phrasal verbs.

A

- 1 It's too quiet for me. Why don't we **put** the radio _____?
 - 2 All the clothes which fitted me last summer are too tight for me now. I must have **put** _____ weight.
 - 3 If you're cold, you should **put** your coat _____.
- A place on your body B increase C start something working

B

- 1 Don't shout out the answer. If you want to say something, **put** your hand _____.
 - 2 If they keep **putting** _____ the price of cigarettes, I'll have to stop smoking, I just can't afford it.
 - 3 If you want people to come to the concert, you should **put** posters _____ around the school to advertise it.
- A increase B fix to a wall or board C lift into the air

B Expressions with put

- 1 Complete the spaces 1-12 in the following short texts (A-D), using the words in the box. The first one has been done for you.

effort	night	cigarette	touch
position	blame	money	feet
risk	book	smoking	pressure

A

When Anne first came to London she had nowhere to live so I offered to put her up for the (1) night at my house and then help her to find a flat of her own. The next morning I put her in (2) _____ with my friend Richard, who was looking for a flatmate, and she went to see him. Unfortunately, Anne gets through 30 cigarettes a day and I'd forgotten that Richard won't put up with anyone (3) _____ in his flat. He doesn't see why other people should put his health at (4) _____ as well as their own, he always says. When he opened the door and saw Anne there smoking, he told her she'd have to put out her (5) _____ before she went in. Needless to say, Anne decided to look elsewhere for accommodation.

B

My parents used to put (6) _____ on me to study harder. They said I wouldn't get into university if I didn't put more time and (7) _____ into my school work.