

EXERCISE

Rewrite 1-10 with the particle in brackets in the correct position. In three sentences, there are two possible positions.

1. Please call him straightaway. (back)

Please call him back straightaway.

2. Can you look this report for me? (over)

3. Please drop the package before lunchtime.
(off)

4. She called me for a quick chat. (over)

5. I'm just showing these people the factory.
(round)

6. Have you given smoking yet? (up)

7. He's out of the office, but I can put you to his
voicemail. (through)

8. I don't think we managed to get our main
message. (across)

9. They've looked the spreadsheet in detail.
(through)

10. I wouldn't count them agreeing to that
price. (on)

2. Replace the phrases in *italics* in 1-9 with a phrasal verb from the list. Change the form of the verb or add any extra words if necessary.

count on | read back | set up | lay off | come across as | put off | carry out | hang up | weigh up.

1. Could you *repeat* your telephone number?

2. At the interview he *gave the impression of* someone who has a problem with authority.

3. They've *postponed it* for another week.

4. *Put the phone down* and try calling again.

5. They've *made 300 people redundant*.

6. The two brothers *started* the family business in 1959.

7. We should *compare* both sides of the argument at this point of the meeting.

8. Is there a good reason why you didn't *follow* my instructions?

9. I wouldn't *rely on* them for any help if I were you.