

Word Skills

Phrasal verbs

1 Complete the text with the correct form of the phrasal verbs below.

come across come up with look up look up to
run out of throw away turn into work out

In Kelvin Doe's home in Sierra Leone, there is no reliable supply of electricity. So when Kelvin, at the age of ten, ¹ _____ the idea of starting up his own radio station, few people took him seriously. But Kelvin began by making his own battery. He used things which people had ² _____, including a piece of metal and an old cup. Amazingly, it worked! But his battery soon ³ _____ power – so he had to build a generator. He searched a rubbish dump until he ⁴ _____ some old DVD players. He took them apart and used the parts. Next, he needed some electronic equipment for his radio station. How could he build that? He couldn't ⁵ _____ it ⁶ _____ online or in a library, so he ⁷ _____ it ⁸ _____ for himself. Other children in his town ⁷ _____ him and call him DJ Focus. And his radio station has ⁸ _____ an important local facility. People take their phones there to charge them!

2 Complete the sentences with one verb and one or two particles below. You can use the words more than once.

Verbs count hold look take

Particles after down on up

- 1 Can you _____ my cat while I'm away?
- 2 Both girls _____ their aunt; they love art, and so did she.
- 3 I'd like to talk to you before you leave, but I don't want to _____ you _____.
- 4 You shouldn't _____ people just because they are poor.
- 5 I need a reliable assistant, and I know I can _____ you.