1. Match the phrasal verb with its definition.

talk into back up call off come across put someone up

keep away from put up with

A. Tolerate or endure something unpleasant. _____
B. Persuade someone to do something. _____
C. Provide accommodation or a place to stay. _____
D. Give support; make a copy (e.g., of files). _____
E. Cancel an event or arrangement. _____
F. Meet by chance or find unexpectedly. _____
G. Avoid or stay at a distance from. _____

Discuss.

Do you usually back up your friends even when you think they're wrong, or do you tell them the truth?

Have you ever been talked into doing something you didn't want to do? What happened, and did you regret it?

What's something you've had to put up with for a long time—at school, work, or home? How do you manage it?

What surprising or interesting thing you've come across recently?

2. Put the phrasal verbs in the sentences below.

Use the correct forms.

1. I couldn't _____ his constant complaining any longer, it was just too much to tolerate.
2. She tried to _____ joining the hiking club, and finally I agreed.
3. Unfortunately, they had to _____ the outdoor concert because of the sudden storm.

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4. Could you _____ your cousin for the weekend while he's in town for the conference?
5. When I was hiking in the woods, I _____ a bear, so I slowly backed up and _____ it until I was safe.
6. I know it's a risky plan, but if you _____, we might convince the team to try it.

3. Match the phrasal verb with its definition.

get round to **fall out wit** **live up to** **see off** **run out of**

take no notice **hold sth against sb** **make up for**

H. Finish or have no more of something. _____
I. Compensate for something. _____
J. Refuse to forgive or resent someone for something they did. _____
K. Say goodbye to someone who is leaving, often at a station or airport. _____
L. Have a disagreement and stop being on friendly terms. _____
M. Uncritical ignoring of someone or something. _____
N. Fulfill expectations; be as good as promised or expected. _____
O. To finally do something that you have intended to do for a long time. _____

Discuss.

What's something you've been meaning to do for a long time but haven't got round to yet? What's stopping you?

Are you good at taking no notice of criticism or negative comments? Or do they affect you?

Have you ever done something to make up for a mistake or missed opportunity? What did you do, and did it work?

Do you think it's hard to live up to people's expectations? Can you give an example from your life or someone you know?

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4. Put the phrasal verbs in the sentences below.

Use the correct forms.

1. After everyone came to the station to _____ his friend, he headed off for a semester abroad.
2. The product didn't _____ what was promised; I was very disappointed.
3. We've completely _____ milk. Could you pick some up on your way home?
4. He didn't even apologize, but I decided I could _____ that and move on.
5. She's been under a lot of pressure lately, so I bought her flowers to help _____ her recent struggles.
6. I have to _____ finishing that boring report before the end of the day. I keep putting it off.
7. Julia and Paul used to be inseparable, but they _____ over a misunderstanding and now barely speak.

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