

Phrasal verbs (part III)

EXERCISES

1. Fill in the gaps with phrasal verbs from the box which mean the same as the verbs in brackets. Put them into the correct tense.

carry on cut down go for put off
set off take in turn down turn up

I love this job. Before this, I'd been doing the same rather boring job for years and I didn't really feel like doing it for much longer even though it was extremely well paid. So one day I decided to look for another job, although I realised I might need to _____ (reduce) what I spent on luxuries if I found something more interesting. Anyway, I _____ (tried to get) dozens of jobs I saw online, but all my applications were _____ (rejected). For several months I _____ (continued) looking for a job but nothing suitable _____ (appeared) so in the end I booked an expensive holiday. The day before I was due to _____ (leave) I was called by a TV company who asked me to go for an interview the next day. I _____ (postponed) my holiday immediately. It was the job of my dreams. I could hardly _____ (absorb) the news when they offered it to me. And I never went on that holiday!

2. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in the box to make phrasal verbs.

break come do give turn
go hand look make work

On the Run [US 2015 English 116 mins] suitable for all ages starring Rick Feather, Garth Jones, Hank Poliakin and Argenta Flore. Director: Bartolomeo Bransch.

The film *On the Run* tells the story of three prisoners who manage to _____ out of a jail on an island. One of the prison guards is not very honest, so the prisoners bribe him and he _____ over some keys. They _____ for a nearby forest and decide to wait there for a bit because they haven't had time to _____ out a plan. While they _____ over the possibilities, a woman who is walking through the forest _____ across them and promises to bring them food each day if they help her to _____ for wood. They are hungry and are not very good at _____ without their dinner. She is also very beautiful so they accept her offer. But on the third day the woman _____ up with a policeman. She _____ away their secret in order to get the reward offered.

3. Replace each of the underlined nouns with a pronoun in the correct place in the sentence. You may find it helpful to check the phrasal verbs in a dictionary.

- 1 I can't give up chocolate however hard I try.
I can't give it up however hard I try.
- 2 The girl went over her work several times before she was satisfied.
The girl went over it several times before she was satisfied.
- 3 He was so angry he broke up the sculpture into small pieces.

- 4 We've run out of biscuits- could you fetch some more?

- 5 I could tell from his expression that he'd made up the excuse.

- 6 I can't put up with that noise any longer.

- 7 I looked after the children while their mother was busy.

- 8 Don't forget to put out the lights when you leave.

- 9 With her dark eyes and hair, she takes after her father.

- 10 That shop puts up its prices every month.

- 11 You can't just back out of the deal after you've signed the contract.

- 12 My parents brought up me and my four brothers on a very limited budget.
