b Read the three stories on p.109 and complete them with phrasal verbs A

A look out
B sold out
C picked up
D switch off
E looking forward to
F turn off
G find out
H passed away

TV-B-Gone

An American, Mitch Altman, went to a restaurant with some friends. He was [1]_____ some lively conversation. But instead of talking, his friends spent the whole time watching a TV in the corner. Mitch wished he could [2]_____ it _____, and this suddenly gave him the idea for a new gadget. He invented TV-B-Gone, a remote control which allows you to [3]_____ any TV within 17 metres of where you are. When the gadgets were first marketed on the Internet, they [4]_____ after the first two days.



Dead or alive?

The BBC were planning to make a programme about the Bob Marley hit song *No Woman No Cry*. A researcher from BBC3 contacted the Bob Marley Foundation to [5]_____ if they could interview him over the summer. The researcher added that filming was scheduled for June, July, and August but 'our schedule is flexible'. Unfortunately, Marley's schedule is not: he died in 1981. A friend of the Marley family told the *Daily Mirror*: 'We didn't think there was anyone on the planet who didn't realize Bob [6]_____ years ago.' A BBC spokesman admitted: 'We're very embarrassed.'



Furious football fan forgiven

Two people were nearly killed when a Romanian football fan threw his TV out of the window. Ghita Axinte said he was so angry with the national side when they lost their World Cup qualifier against the Czech Republic 1-0 that he [7]_____ the TV _____ and threw it out of the window.

Radu Demergiu, his neighbour, was discussing the match on the balcony below with his brother. Suddenly his brother shouted, '[8]_____!' and the TV set crashed onto the balcony, almost hitting the two of them. But Radu is not going to take any action against his neighbour. 'At first I was angry with him, he could have killed us. But when he told me he had been watching the football, I completely understood. We had also been watching it and I was furious with the Romanian team too.'



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