Exercises

141.1 **Change the underlined words. Keep the same meaning, but use a verb + on or off.**

1 Did you hear the bomb explode?
Did you hear the bomb *go off* ?
2 The meeting continued longer than I expected.
The meeting ..... longer than I expected.
3 We didn't stop to rest. We continued walking.
We didn't stop to rest. We ..... .
4 I fell asleep while I was watching TV.
I ..... while I was watching TV.
5 Gary doesn't want to retire. He wants to continue working.
Gary doesn't want to retire. He wants to ..... working.
6 The fire alarm rang in the middle of the night.
The fire alarm ..... in the middle of the night.
7 Martin phones me continuously. It's very annoying.
Martin ..... . It's very annoying.

141.2 **Complete each sentence using a verb + on or off.**

1 We can't *go on* spending money like this. We'll have nothing left soon.
2 I was standing by the car when suddenly the alarm ..... .
3 I'm not ready to go home yet. I have a few things to ..... .
4 'Shall I stop the car here?' 'No, ...'
5 Bill paid too much for the car he bought. I think he was ..... .
6 'Is Emma enjoying her course at university?' 'Yes, she's ..... very well.'
7 I was very tired at work today. I nearly ..... at my desk a couple of times.
8 Ben was ..... by his boss for being late for work repeatedly.
9 I really like working with my colleagues. We all ..... really well together.
10 There was a very loud noise. It sounded like a bomb ..... .
11 I ..... making the same mistake. It's very frustrating.
12 I've just had a coffee break, and now I must ..... with my work.
13 Peter is always trying to impress people. He's always ..... .
14 We decided not to go to the concert. We were ..... by the cost of tickets.

141.3 **Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form) + on or off. Sometimes you will need other words as well:**

carry	finish	~~get~~	get	get	go	rip	tell

1 A: How *are you getting on* in your new job?
B: Fine, thanks. It's going very well.
2 A: Have you written the letter you had to write?
B: I've started it. I'll ..... in the morning.
3 A: We took a taxi to the airport. It cost £40.
B: £40! Normally it costs about £20. You ..... .
4 A: Why were you late for work this morning?
B: I overslept. My alarm clock didn't ..... .
5 A: How ..... in your interview? Do you think you'll get the job?
B: I hope so. The interview was OK.
6 A: Did you stop playing tennis when it started to rain?
B: No, we ..... . The rain wasn't very heavy.
7 A: Some children at the next table in the restaurant were behaving very badly.
B: Why didn't their parents ..... ?
8 A: Why does Paul want to leave his job?
B: He ..... his boss.

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