

Activity 1

Match the phrasal verb in the sentence (1-12) with the correct meaning (A-L).

1	We set off for our first trip to Europe a week ago.	A	To suddenly end something (like an agreement)
2	The newly launched website has really taken off!	B	To cancel an event
3	All the hard work I've done over the summer has been paying off.	C	To delay or postpone something
4	The neighbourhood will be closed off until further notice.	D	To dismiss or ignore someone or something
5	I couldn't believe it when I heard they had broken off their engagement.	E	To decrease in number, intensity, or quality
6	My colleague always cuts me off and starts talking about other matters.	F	To decrease in number, intensity, or quality
7	He called off our appointment due to health reasons.	G	To defend oneself from something (both literally and figuratively)
8	The meeting was put off until the following Monday.	H	To begin a journey
9	After the first week, university attendance is bound to fall off.	I	To become popular or successful
10	I was sure you had what it takes to pull off the project.	J	To yield good results (especially of a course of actions)
11	I'm taking lots of vitamins to fight off the seasonal flu.	K	To interrupt someone while they're speaking
12	Stop brushing off all the problems I try to confront you with.	L	To not be allowed to be used for a period of time

Activity 2

Read the sentences and fill in the gaps with the phrasal verbs below in the correct form.

set off	take off	pay off	close off	broke off	cut off
call off	put off	fall off	pull off	fight off	brush off

1. The party was going great until the host suddenly _____ it _____ due to a power outage.
2. The new restaurant concept is starting to _____ in the city,
3. She _____ the marriage because she found out he cheated on her.
4. The construction of the new building has been _____ until next month due to a lack of budget.
5. All the extra work finally _____ when she aced her exams.
6. I felt hurt when my suggestion was _____ by the team leader.
7. Please don't _____ me _____ while I'm trying to explain the situation.
8. Sales tend to _____ during the off-season.
9. Despite the challenges, she managed to _____ her plan successfully.
10. This area will be _____ for public work for the next few weeks.
11. Vitamin A helps your body _____ infections.
12. We're planning to _____ on our road trip early tomorrow morning.

Activity 3

Rewrite the sentences using the appropriate phrasal verb without changing the original meaning.

1. The performance was set to be a hit, but it was **rescheduled** because the lead actor withdrew due to illness.

2. All the practice finally **showed good results** when he scored the winning goal.

3. The new fitness app is starting to **become popular** among young professionals in the city.

4. The government **ended** all diplomatic relations at the beginning of the year.

5. In-store purchases tend to **decrease** during holiday seasons.

6. I felt dismissed when my idea was **ignored** by the project manager.

7. Regular exercise helps your body **defend itself from** illnesses.

8. Please stop **interrupting me** while I'm discussing potential solutions.

9. The launch of the new product has been **postponed** until next quarter due to production issues.

10. This route will **not be accessible** due to maintenance work for the next few days.

11. Despite the setbacks, she managed to **complete** her research project **successfully**.

12. We're planning to **leave for** our hiking trip bright and early tomorrow morning.

Activity 4

Answer the questions below. Make them as personal as possible!

1. Can you recall a time when you had to call off plans at the last minute? What happened?

2. Have you ever had to put off an important decision because you needed more time to think about it? What was the decision and why did you delay it?

