

### 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.
- 2 The newly launched website has really taken off!
- 3 All the hard work I've done over the summer has been paying off.
- 4 The neighbourhood will be closed off until further notice.
- 5 I couldn't believe it when I heard they had broken off their engagement.
- 6 My colleague always cuts me off and starts talking about other matters.
- 7 He called off our appointment due to health reasons.
- 8 The meeting was put off until the following Monday.
- 9 After the first week, university attendance is bound to fall off.
- 10 I was sure you had what it takes to pull off the project.
- 11 I'm taking lots of vitamins to fight off the seasonal flu.
- 12 Stop brushing off all the problems I try to confront you with.

A	To suddenly end something (like an agreement)
B	To cancel an event
C	To delay or postpone something
D	To dismiss or ignore someone or something
E	To decrease in number, intensity, or quality
F	To decrease in number, intensity, or quality
G	To defend oneself from something (both literally and figuratively)
H	To begin a journey
I	To become popular or successful
J	To yield good results (especially of a course of actions)
K	To interrupt someone while they're speaking
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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### 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?

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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?

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