

● Science and technology

Phrasal verbs

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cut off stop the supply of sth	turn off stop a machine working
find out discover information, etc	work out find the solution to a problem, etc

C Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.

plug • turn • carry • narrow • put • work • come • break

- 1 A lorry had down on the motorway and we had to wait for over an hour.
- 2 I have it down to two computer games, but I still can't make up my mind.
- 3 I wish you would the TV off and go outside and get some exercise.
- 4 Scientists are trying to out ways to reduce pollution from aircraft.
- 5 Tomorrow, we will be out an experiment to test this theory.
- 6 Who up with the idea of the ball-point pen?
- 7 I'll just you through to our research department. Please hold on.
- 8 No wonder the vacuum cleaner isn't working. You haven't it in!

D Match to make sentences.

1 Alex's electricity was cut	A off because she forgot to pay the bill.
2 Wear a mask because these chemicals give	B metals such as lead into gold.
3 I'm writing an essay and I need to find	C out who discovered penicillin.
4 I was pleased that our gamble came	D on in physics over the last year.
5 Alchemists spent years trying to turn	E off fumes that can be harmful.
6 Your teacher says you've really come	F off and the experiment was a success.

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E Choose the correct answer.

- 1 I don't think people should be allowed to perform experiments animals.
A for B over C on D to
- 2 There was an explosion in technology the beginning of the 20th century.
A in B at C through D on
- 3 Let's face – we are destroying the environment and we need to do something now.
A truth B facts C things D information
- 4 The distance from the Earth to the Sun is average, about 149 million kilometres.
A by B on C from D in
- 5 It's amazing that creatures survive the bottom of the ocean.
A in B by C at D to
- 6 Fox Talbot the first photograph in 1835.
A gave B did C drew D took
- 7 Researchers have to the conclusion that your personality is affected by your genes.
A come B got C reached D arrived
- 8 Do you mind if I just a quick phone call from here?
A do B take C have D make
- 9 Many lives were saved the introduction of antibiotics.
A into B at C with D in
- 10 The of the nuclear accident is still unknown.
A reason B cause C base D motive
- 11 My father works at the university, doing research weather control.
A on B to C of D from
- 12 The telescope will photograph distant galaxies, an attempt to understand their past.
A on B for C with D in