

## Phrasal verbs

### E Match to make sentences.

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| 1 I'm going to have to mull this       | ..... | A together exactly what happened that evening.                       |
| 2 Detectives are still trying to piece | ..... | B in the fact that he'd never see her again.                         |
| 3 It took him a very long time to take | ..... | C up a brilliant excuse to tell Rachel.                              |
| 4 Tell us how you hit                  | ..... | D over for a while before I make a final decision.                   |
| 5 It took us ages to figure            | ..... | E this through properly yet.   |
| 6 I've just thought                    | ..... | F out how to get everyone to the sports centre without Phil knowing. |
| 7 I'm not sure we've thought           | ..... | G upon such a great idea for a website.                              |

### F Write one word in each gap so that each second sentence has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- I need to consider your offer very carefully before I make a decision.  
I need to ..... over your offer very carefully before I make a decision.
- Lee had the brilliant idea of booking a clown for the end-of-term party.  
Lee came ..... the brilliant idea of booking a clown for the end-of-term party.
- It's time you realised that you've got responsibilities now.  
It's time you faced ..... the fact that you've got responsibilities now.
- I'm going to have to improve my spoken German before I go to Munich.  
I'm going to have to brush ..... my spoken German before I go to Munich.
- I didn't like the idea at first but now I do.  
I didn't like the idea at first but I've ..... round ..... it now.
- It's a general knowledge quiz so you can't do any revision for it.  
There's nothing to swot ..... as it's a general knowledge quiz.
- We were right at the back of the hall so I couldn't hear what the speaker was saying.  
I was unable to ..... out what the speaker was saying because we were right at the back of the hall.
- We finally thought of a way to get the band into the hotel without the press knowing.  
We finally puzzled ..... a way to get the band into the hotel without the press knowing.
- I've found out a lot of information about the history of English language teaching recently.  
I've been ..... up on the history of English language teaching recently.

### G Phrasal verbs with out, such as puzzle out, are often connected to the idea of finding information. Which of these phrasal verbs with out are also connected to this idea?

- Did you **find out** what time the parents' meeting is?
- I've been **checking out** whether it's better to go by ferry or plane.
- Susie reckons she's **sussed out** a great way to get into the club for free.
- We all **piled out** into the playground.
- I can't **figure out** how to change my password.
- The band were completely **drowned out** by all the screaming fans.
- I'm going to **sound Bob out** about his investing in the company.
- Two essays really do **stand out** from the rest.
- Jan's good at keeping secrets, so you'll have to **worm it out** of her!
- None of us could **fathom out** why the experiment wasn't working.