

Phrasal Verbs 21–40

Twenty questions, twenty phrasal verbs. Read each sentence carefully and pay attention to the tense!

Sets 3 & 4

Name _____

Class _____

Date _____

Score ____ / 20

1 Complete the sentences

Gap fill · 10 pts

Complete each sentence with a phrasal verb from the box in the correct form. Watch the time words – they tell you which tense to use! Use each verb once.

come back

come down with

come out

come up with

cut down on

dig up

dress up

drop by

end up

fall behind

- 1 I'm afraid I can't come to your party tonight. I a really bad cold.
- 2 The band's new album next Friday – I've already pre-ordered it!
- 3 When my sister from her exchange year in Canada, she spoke English like a native.
- 4 If you keep missing lessons, you the rest of the class.
- 5 Last summer, archaeologists some Roman coins in the field behind our school.
- 6 We were looking for a café, but we in a tiny comic-book museum instead.
- 7 By the time the teacher arrived, we a brilliant name for our project.
- 8 My dad sugar for the last three months, and he feels great.
- 9 Next Saturday we as zombies for Leo's Halloween party.
- 10 Grandma while we were having dinner, so we invited her to join us.

2 The mystery in the attic

Story rewrite · 10 pts

Replace each underlined word or phrase (1–10) with a phrasal verb from Sets 3 & 4. Keep the same tense or form!

Last year my aunt and uncle bought an old cottage by the sea, and they ¹ have been renovating it ever since. It hasn't been easy – they ² have had to deal with lots of problems, from a leaking roof to broken pipes, but somehow they always ³ manage with a smile. Last month, while my uncle was clearing the attic, he ⁴ found by chance a box of old photos. One of them ⁵ had existed since 1890 and showed a type of bird which ⁶ became extinct a century ago. My aunt was so excited that she fainted! Luckily, she ⁷ became conscious again after a few seconds. Now the neighbours ⁸ visit informally almost every day to see the photos – the story ⁹ has attracted half the village! The only problem is that my aunt ¹⁰ has stopped being friends with her sister, because they both want to keep the photos.

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TIP

Exam tip: In B2 First, phrasal verbs often appear in Reading & Use of English Parts 1 and 4. The particle (*up, out, in, back...*) never changes – only the verb does: *come* → *came* → *has come* → *had come*.