

**2** Work in a small group. Complete the sentences with the word or phrase from the box that has the same meaning as the underlined phrasal verb.

become popular    examine    **ignore**    persuade

- Because my brothers are constantly checking their phones, they often tune me out when I am speaking to them. ignore
- The writer of *Unplugging Wired Kids* (Reading Two) had to talk her family into not using electronics for a week. \_\_\_\_\_
- You should check out this new grammar app I downloaded to my smartphone. \_\_\_\_\_
- Smartphones are starting to catch on all over the world. \_\_\_\_\_

conduct    discard    like    postpone

- The Pew Research Center plans to carry out a new smartphone survey next year. \_\_\_\_\_
- Although I know I should take an electronic-free week soon, I am going to put it off until next month. \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't throw your phone away just because you are using it too much. Instead, be disciplined in your usage. \_\_\_\_\_
- Although, at first, Americans were only moderately interested in smartphone technology, now they are starting to take to it. \_\_\_\_\_

cancel    invent    meet    return

- Sometimes I think we need to get back to the old days before smartphones were invented. \_\_\_\_\_
- I want to come up with new ways to entertain myself, so I am not so reliant on my smartphone. \_\_\_\_\_
- We ought to actually get together with friends instead of just texting and e-mailing them. \_\_\_\_\_
- I just received a text from Mr. Martin. He says he thinks they are going to call off the 3:00 meeting. \_\_\_\_\_

appear    become    extinguish/stop    start

- Try using the predictable time off strategy, so your smartphone dependency doesn't turn into a problem. \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't forget to turn off your phone when you are in class or in a meeting. \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm going to turn on the computer to see if there are any news updates. \_\_\_\_\_
- Although a few years ago they weren't so popular, smartphones are beginning to turn up all over the world. \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Complete the paragraph with phrasal verbs from Exercise 2 on pages 247–248 and the grammar box on pages 245–246 in place of the verbs in parentheses. Be sure to use the correct verb tense.

When I \_\_\_\_\_ my first year in college, it is difficult for me to understand how addicted I was to online gaming. At the time, I didn't know it would \_\_\_\_\_ such an enormous problem. I started online gaming in high school, and, in fact, I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ it immediately. Slowly, the amount of time I spent online increased, and gaming became my number one priority. I would \_\_\_\_\_ excuses not to go to social and sports events. I would say I was sick or had too much homework when, in fact, I was gaming. When I did \_\_\_\_\_ friends, all I could think about was \_\_\_\_\_ to my computer. As soon as I got home, I would immediately \_\_\_\_\_ my computer and stay up all night playing with my cyber-friends. Reality finally hit. I was not \_\_\_\_\_ assignments and was missing class because I couldn't wake up in the morning. My parents realized I had a problem and told me I was \_\_\_\_\_ my life \_\_\_\_\_. Eventually, they were able to \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ seeing an addiction therapist. I \_\_\_\_\_ myself \_\_\_\_\_ my dependency, but it wasn't easy. One thing that helped was that my friends did not abandon me. I am lucky that, because of my therapist, family, and friends, everything \_\_\_\_\_ all right, and now I am doing well in school.