

Upper- Intermediate

Lexical exercises on phrases with 'life', 'time' and phrasal verbs with 'off'.

1. Match the phrasal verbs below to the words in bold with a similar meaning.

set off put off wear off cross off shrug off fend off cut off laugh off

1. The medicine will **become weaker** the day after you take it.

2. Jo and Greg always **make a joke of** the suggestion that they will get married.

3. He wants to **delay** going to the dentist until his toothache gets worse.

4. I had to **remove** Helen from my invitation list after we had an argument.

5. Many elderly people feel **isolated** from the rest of society. _____
6. Shall we **depart** for the airport at eight o'clock tomorrow morning?

7. The team **reject** the possibility that they will lose the match.

8. We must **fight** the proposal to cut our salaries. _____

2. Match the phrases (1–8) to the definitions (A–H).

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| 1. live a charmed life | A | a significant event |
| 2. shelf life | B | the chance to live better |
| 3. the prime of life | C | something very serious |
| 4. every walk of life | D | give energy to something |
| 5. a milestone in life | E | the amount of time something can be used |
| 6. breathe life into | F | the best stage in life |
| 7. a new lease of life | G | people from all occupations |
| 8. a matter of life and death | H | be lucky in life |

3. Complete the text with one of the words below.

all the time from time to time behind the times at the same time in the nick of time

1. My brother and I have a very close relationship. That said, we do argue _____.
2. Her mother knows everything about technology, but when it comes to fashion, she's really _____!
3. Geoff turned the stove off _____. He's an awful cook, but he hasn't burned the house down yet!
4. We don't feel that we have any privacy. My husband's parents are here _____.
5. I'm so fed up of having to do so many things _____.