

Empower B2 U3A

1 GRAMMAR Multi-word verbs

Choose the correct words to complete the text

When I was at school, I didn't think I was good at anything. The other kids picked things ¹out / in / up really quickly but I didn't and everyone looked ²down on / on down / down me as some kind of loser. The only thing that interested me was cars and I spent ages in the garage with my mum's old car, checking ³it out / out it / out. My mum wasn't ⁴at / by / into cars at all though and she was tired of me going ⁵in with / on about / with them all the time. Anyway, one day there was a school trip. We set ⁶by / off / on by coach and were going down the road when the coach suddenly stopped. I thought we had run out ⁷in / at / of petrol, but the driver told us there was an engine problem and he would have to call the garage. I went to see for myself and quickly figured ⁸out / by / through what to do: I just needed to put back a cable. After ten minutes, the coach was on the road again. After that, everyone really looked ⁹to me up / up to me / me up to and I realised there was something I could do well. When I left school, I set ¹⁰out / up / by my own car repair business and now I'm doing really well.

2 VOCABULARY

Ability and achievement

Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 You need to have a talent to it.
You need to have a talent for it.
- 2 Olympic athletes are all exceptional for their field.

- 3 She's quite successful by what she does.

- 4 I became quite skilled for the game.

- 5 The ability of running long distances is important.

- 6 Lesley is brilliant on most ball sports.

- 7 He has the potential of being world champion one day.

- 8 Carl Lewis was outstanding for the long jump.
