

Unit 2 COLOUR MY WORLD

Vocabulary Phrasal verbs

1 Complete the passage with phrasal verbs from the box. You will need to change the form of some of the verbs. In one case, two options are possible.

bring up carry out come up with end up
find out go about narrow down set up
point out start up take up with turn up
 turn out work out

Janice loved art, was a keen painter, and dreamt of becoming a famous artist. However, since she was 1 *brought up* in a house surrounded by lawyers (her father, mother and elder brother all worked for the family's legal business), it was generally expected that she would 2..... doing the same thing when she finished university. Her father frequently 3..... that working as a lawyer was one of the most satisfying jobs a person could have, and her mother 4..... a special bank account where the money they gave her each birthday could be put aside to see her through university and law school. Meanwhile, family meals were 5..... long discussions about the different types of law she should practice, with her parents finally 6..... Janice's options to either corporate or family law.

Once at university, it didn't take her long to realise that law wasn't the profession for her, and after just one year at university she decided to leave education and 7..... a gallery where she could sell her pictures. She asked her parents how she should 8..... running a business like this, but disappointed with her choice, they refused to help. They just couldn't 9..... why she had given up such a bright and promising future as a lawyer. Without their support, and without the right professional contacts, it was inevitable that her venture 10..... to be a complete disaster, and she watched in dismay as all the money she had saved gradually disappeared.

However, she was an optimistic person, and knew that something would 11.....

And one day it did. Through a friend, she 12..... that a local advertising company was looking for an assistant in their corporate colour consultancy department. She applied for the job and was successful. Over the next few months, she 13..... her duties diligently, displaying a degree of dedication and initiative that really impressed her employers. Consequently, when the company started looking for ways to attract more customers, Janice was one of the people they consulted. She was able to 14..... lots of exciting and practical ideas, and as a result, customer numbers almost doubled within a few months.

Key vocabulary

2 Complete this passage with words from the box. In several cases, you will need to change the form of the word.

except house hypothesis improve notice
purpose scheme set strike way

It has been said that colour can influence people in such a 1..... that it can alter their behavior. This is an interesting 2....., but how accurate is it? Recently, a prison in the USA 3..... to test it.

The prison, which 4..... some of the most dangerous offenders in the country, had a bad reputation for violence among inmates. The cells and communal areas were painted a light green, which is supposed to have a calming effect. However, this particular prison proved to be an 5.....: the colour clearly made little, if any difference to the way the inmates behaved. Changing the décor in the cells and communal areas (a colour 6..... combining light grey and blue was chosen) failed to 7..... this.

Then someone had an idea: why not change the colour of the prisoners' *uniforms*? After much debate, a 8..... bright pink was chosen. Then change was astonishing. Violence dropped 9..... within just a few days, and within a few weeks had almost completely ceased to be a problem. To all intents and 10....., the colour had changed the prisoners' behavior.