Exercise 1

Match the verbs with the particles in the box to make phrasal verbs from this unit.

of	back	about	out

1 bring / come / go / look
2 hear / remind / think
3 figure / work
4 hear / know

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences. Choose the correct particles.

1 I used a map to figure *about / out / over* the best route.
2 Ellie doesn't know anything *about / out / over* me.
3 The girl reminded me *back / in / of* my own daughter.
4 Have you ever thought *over / of / into* moving abroad?
5 I always use a calculator to work it *out / about / into*.
6 Can you pass *by / of / on* a message for me?
7 Several months went *by / over / with* before we saw each other again.
8 This painting dates *in / back / over* to the sixteenth century.

Exercise 3

Correct the phrasal verbs in these sentences.

1 Have you heard anything more with the bus strike next weekend?
2 It's a tradition that goes by to the 17th century.
3 I can't work at how to switch on this machine.
4 What advice will you pass back to your children one day?
5 As soon as I hear that music, memories come over to me.
6 I'll never forget it. It's something that will always stick up my mind.
7 He looks over on his school days very fondly.
8 I'm thinking on starting my own business.

Exercise 4

Match sentence halves 1–6 with A–F to make complete definitions.

1 If something brings
2 If a memory comes
3 If you think of doing
4 If you work something
5 If you look back, you think
6 If you know about something,

A about something in the past.
B you have studied it and understand it.
C back a memory, it makes you think about it.
D out, you manage to understand it.
E something, you consider the possibility of doing it.
F back, you remember it suddenly.

Exercise 5

Decide if the following sentences are true (*T*) or false (*F*).

1 Date back means the same as go back. ☐
2 Hear about means the same as remind of. ☐
3 Work out means the same as figure out. ☐
4 Pass on means the same as hand down. ☐
5 Look back means the same as come back. ☐
6 Stick in means the same as hear of. ☐
7 Bring back means the same as date back. ☐
8 Think of means the same as go by. ☐

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Exercise 6

Replace the underlined words and phrases with the phrasal verbs in the box.

figure out | know much about | go back | brings back memories of | go by | think of

1 The smell of suntan oil always makes me remember summer holidays.
2 I can't find the solution to this problem.
3 We can never return to the past.
4 Can you suggest a capital city that begins with D?
5 Do you have any information about Antarctica?
6 I see my friends from school less and less often, as the years pass by.

Exercise 7

Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs in the box.

brought back | goes by | heard of | handed down | passed on | stuck in | come back | dates back

1 As time _____, I feel less angry about it.
2 His unusual bright yellow coat had _____ her mind.
3 Leon's father had _____ the stories to him.
4 I have never _____ this singer.
5 I can't remember her name, but I'm sure it'll _____ to me.
6 Talking about home _____ sad memories for Carla.
7 The first scientific study _____ to the early 1960s.
8 The story had been _____ from generation to generation in his family.

Exercise 8

Read the extract from Kimberly's cookery blog. Underline all the phrasal verbs, then match them with the correct definitions 1–6.

I love the smell of spicy chicken cooking because it reminds me of Jamaica. I live in the UK now, but my love of Jamaican food goes back to my childhood in Jamaica. The thing that sticks in my memory is my mother cooking this for the whole family every weekend. Several years have gone by since I moved to the UK, so I want to pass on my cooking skills to my children. I want them to know more about Jamaican culture.

1 has existed since
2 makes me think about
3 give or teach
4 understand more regarding
5 continues clearly in
6 passed

Your turn!

What memories do you have of your childhood? Use the phrasal verbs in this unit to talk about what you remember. For example:

I look back on it as a wonderful time.



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