

PHRASAL VERBS WITH “OFF”

Set off Go off Tell off Call off Show off
Lay off Live off Pay off Take off Write off

1. Match the phrasal verb to its synonym

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| 1. Tom and Victor set off early for their trip. | A. Eliminate the position of |
| 2. Sorry I'm late, my alarm didn't go off this morning. | B. Undervalue/Disregard |
| 3. After the man insulted my family, I told him off . | C. Sound |
| 4. After she found out that her fiancé was cheating on her, she called the wedding off . | D. Become quickly successful |
| 5. Some people think John is egotistic. Every time he buys something new, he has to show it off ! | E. Discontinue/Cancel |
| 6. Due to the recession, many companies laid workers off , regardless of qualifications or performance. | F. Postpone |
| 7. During the power outage, my family lived off of canned food. | G. Consume/Survive from |
| 8. He started as an assistant and retired as an executive. The long hours he invested into the company paid off ! | H. Scold/Lecture |
| 9. The rise in people working from home allowed my dad's desk chair business to really take off ! | I. Brag about/Exhibit |
| 10. Because she was the boss's daughter, many employees wrote Camila off as lazy. | J. Leave |
| 11. EXTRA | K. Work/Bring Results |

2. Choose the correct answer to the question.

1. What did they think of his proposal?
 - a. It was awful. Unfortunately, it didn't take off.
 - b. It was great! They completely wrote it off.
2. How did the presentation go?
 - a. Amazing! My phone went off while I was doing my part of it and everyone noticed.
 - b. Incredible! We showed off the best of our products and convinced the client to work with us.
3. Did the Carcamos go on vacation?
 - a. Yes! The weather was perfect, so their flight was called off.
 - b. No, they couldn't afford to go because the father was laid off from his job.
4. What did the doctor say about Pete's lifestyle?
 - a. She worries he isn't getting enough sleep because he sets off for work so early in the mornings.
 - b. She thinks he's very healthy, since he's been living off junk food for the last 6 months.
5. Why was there so much shouting during the performance review?
 - a. The employee's hard work paid off. He was cheering because he got a promotion.
 - b. The employee had increased their sales by 50 percent, so his boss told him off.

3. Rewrite the incorrect sentences from Exercise 2 so they make sense.

1. It was great ! They completely wrote it off.	<i>It was awful! They completely wrote it off; It was great! They didn't write it off; etc</i>
2. Amazing! My phone went off while I was doing my part of it and everyone noticed.	
3. Yes! The weather was perfect, so their flight was called off.	
4. She thinks he's very healthy, since he's been living off junk food for the last 6 months.	
5. The employee had increased their sales by 50 percent, so his boss told him off.	

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