



Phrasal verbs with cut



CUT BACK

- to reduce = *cut down*
- to prune a plant

- to reduce = *cut back*
- to chop down, to deforest
- to shorten

CUT DOWN

- to interrupt
- to interrupt a dancing couple in order to dance with one of them
- to start working
- to go in front of others who are waiting

CUT IN

- to break up, to interrupt
- to disconnect
- to amputate

CUT OFF

CUT OUT

- to make sg by cutting
- to delete (a part of a message) or to remove (e.g. a newspaper article)
- to cross out

- to cut to pieces
- to mutilate

CUT UP

Task 2 - Fill in the sentences with the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs with 'cut'.

e.g.: Why are you always cutting in our conversation?



- 1) I won't have a cup of coffee, thank you. I'm trying to _____.
- 2) Sam and Amy were on the phone yesterday afternoon when they were _____ in the middle of their conversation.
- 3) David is fond of football. He generally _____ his favourite players' picture _____ of the newspaper.
- 4) The local government orders to _____ the requirements of the entrance exams in each high school.
- 5) Sam _____ Mary in the prom last week.
- 6) Dad always _____ the firewood in the garden.
- 7) Mr Smith smokes 30 cigarettes a day. The doctor told him to _____ on his smoking.
- 8) When the electricity went out, the emergency generator _____ and we could get on our work.
- 9) The victim was badly _____ by the murderer.
- 10) The child has _____ some flowers _____ of coloured paper.

Task 1 - Choose the correct option.



- 1) I don't cut _____ the whole meat before eating.
 - a) in
 - b) up
 - c) off
 - d) out
- 2) Sarah had to cut her article about corruption _____ to 800 words.
 - a) off
 - b) in
 - c) down
 - d) up
- 3) Tim always cuts _____ on the meeting.
 - a) out
 - b) up
 - c) back
 - d) in
- 4) Anne is cutting stars _____ of this piece of paper.
 - a) off
 - b) down
 - c) in
 - d) out
- 5) My father cuts _____ the trees and rose bushes in spring. That's why they are so beautiful.
 - a) back
 - b) off
 - c) down
 - d) out
- 6) George's leg was cut _____ after the accident.
 - a) out
 - b) off
 - c) in
 - d) back
- 7) A lumberjack cut _____ a pine tree in my garden. It was too old and high.
 - a) in
 - b) back
 - c) down
 - d) up
- 8) Mum is cutting _____ my birthday cake.
 - a) off
 - b) out
 - c) up
 - d) in
- 9) Sarah's writing an article about corruption. She has to cut about 200 words _____ of it.
 - a) up
 - b) out
 - c) in
 - d) down
- 10) A woman cut _____ me while I was waiting at the post office.
 - a) back
 - b) up
 - c) out
 - d) in



Task 3 - Rewrite the words in italics with the correct phrasal verb.

e.g.: Why are you always *interrupting* our conversation? - cutting in

- 1) The censor *crosses out* the politically inconvenient parts. _____
- 2) His foot had to be *amputated* because he had diabetes. _____
- 3) On the exam the composition must be 120-150 words. Sue's composition is too long. She has to *reduce* it to 150 words. _____
- 4) The bomb *mutilated* the bomber's body. _____
- 5) Grandpa *prunes* the plants in spring. _____
- 6) My uncle called me back but in the middle of our conversation *we were disconnected*. _____
- 7) Mum *sliced* the vegetables. _____
- 8) All the trees are *being deforested*. _____
- 9) In the end the engine *started working*. _____
- 10) The company is going to *reduce* it's costs. _____