4E Word Skills

Phrasal verbs

I can understand and use a variety of phrasal verbs.

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1 Match words from box A with words from box B to make compound nouns. Write them below.

A	B
~~climate~~ fossil global greenhouse ice rain renewable sea surface	caps ~~change~~ energy forest fuels gases level temperature warming

1 *climate change*
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____
8 _____
9 _____

2 Complete the sentences with the particles below. You need to use three of them more than once. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Check your answers at the bottom of the page.

down off on out up with

1 Factories and power stations give _____ greenhouse gases. ☐
2 When we cut _____ trees, we increase the amount of CO_2 in the atmosphere. ☐
3 The world's oceans are slowly heating _____. ☐
4 The world's supply of gas is likely to run _____ in the next ten years. ☐
5 The EU recently decided to close _____ all the nuclear power stations in Europe. ☐
6 Solar energy works better in places where you can rely _____ good weather. ☐
7 Scientists recently came _____ _____ a car engine that uses only CO_2. ☐
8 Many types of animals and plants are dying _____ because the Earth is getting warmer. ☐



3 Write the phrasal verbs which can replace the underlined words. Choose from the list below.

carry on come up with give up go up look after put off set off use up

1 I need to <u>think of</u> a good excuse for not handing in my homework. _____
2 I'm trying to <u>stop eating</u> junk food. _____
3 After running ten kilometres, she was too tired to <u>continue</u>. _____
4 He left his job so he could <u>take care of</u> his sons. _____
5 Please don't <u>finish</u> all the milk – I need some for my breakfast tomorrow. _____
6 The number of people with smartphones is continuing to <u>rise</u>. _____
7 We should <u>delay</u> the meeting because nobody can come that day. _____
8 Don't stay up late! We need to <u>leave</u> early tomorrow. _____

VOCAB BOOST!

There are hundreds of phrasal verbs in English and many of them are very common. They are easier to learn in small groups. Here are two options:

1 Learn phrasal verbs related to the same topic.

<u>Travel</u>

break down = (a car, a bus, etc.) stop working
go back = return
head for = travel in a certain direction
set off = leave
take off = (a plane) leave the ground, go up in the air

2 Learn phrasal verbs with the same base verb.

<u>look</u>

look after = take care of
look around = explore
look into = study, examine
look up = find in a dictionary or other reference work

4 Use a dictionary to find four phrasal verbs with the base verb *turn*. Include short definitions.

1 _____ = _____
2 _____ = _____
3 _____ = _____
4 _____ = _____

1T 2F 3T 4F 5F 6T 7F 8T

Exercise 2
LIVEWORKSHEETS