

2 Work in a small group. Complete the sentences with the word or phrase from the box that has the same meaning as the underlined phrasal verb.

become popular    examine    ignore    persuade

1. Because my brothers are constantly checking their phones, they often tune me out when I am speaking to them. ignore
2. The writer of *Unplugging Wired Kids* (Reading Two) had to talk her family into not using electronics for a week. \_\_\_\_\_
3. You should check out this new grammar app I downloaded to my smartphone. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Smartphones are starting to catch on all over the world. \_\_\_\_\_

conduct    discard    like    postpone

5. The Pew Research Center plans to carry out a new smartphone survey next year. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Although I know I should take an electronic-free week soon, I am going to put it off until next month. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Don't throw your phone away just because you are using it too much. Instead, be disciplined in your usage. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Although, at first, Americans were only moderately interested in smartphone technology, now they are starting to take to it. \_\_\_\_\_

cancel    invent    meet    return

9. Sometimes I think we need to get back to the old days before smartphones were invented. \_\_\_\_\_
10. I want to come up with new ways to entertain myself, so I am not so reliant on my smartphone. \_\_\_\_\_
11. We ought to actually get together with friends instead of just texting and e-mailing them. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I just received a text from Mr. Martin. He says he thinks they are going to call off the 3:00 meeting. \_\_\_\_\_

appear    become    extinguish/stop    start

13. Try using the predictable time off strategy, so your smartphone dependency doesn't turn into a problem. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Don't forget to turn off your phone when you are in class or in a meeting. \_\_\_\_\_
15. I'm going to turn on the computer to see if there are any news updates. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Although a few years ago they weren't so popular, smartphones are beginning to turn up all over the world. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Complete the paragraph with phrasal verbs from Exercise 2 on pages 247–248 and the grammar box on pages 245–246 in place of the verbs in parentheses. Be sure to use the correct verb tense.

When I \_\_\_\_\_ my first year in college, it is difficult for me to understand how addicted I was to online gaming. At the time, I didn't know it would \_\_\_\_\_ such an enormous problem. I started online gaming in high school, and, in fact, I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ it immediately. Slowly, the amount of time I spent online increased, and gaming became my number one priority. I would \_\_\_\_\_ excuses not to go to social and sports events. I would say I was sick or had too much homework when, in fact, I was gaming. When I did \_\_\_\_\_ friends, all I could think about was \_\_\_\_\_ to my computer. As soon as I got home, I would immediately \_\_\_\_\_ my computer and stay up all night playing with my cyber-friends. Reality finally hit. I was not \_\_\_\_\_ assignments and was missing class because I couldn't wake up in the morning. My parents realized I had a problem and told me I was \_\_\_\_\_ my life \_\_\_\_\_. Eventually, they were able to \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ seeing an addiction therapist. I \_\_\_\_\_ myself \_\_\_\_\_ my dependency, but it wasn't easy. One thing that helped was that my friends did not abandon me. I am lucky that, because of my therapist, family, and friends, everything \_\_\_\_\_ all right, and now I am doing well in school.