

## **Vocabulary/Grammar work**

### Practice Exercise 1: 'Make' Phrasal Verbs.

**1)** Both teams are playing well so this should make ..... an entertaining game.

- A. ? with
- B. ? for
- C. ? up
- D. ? through

**2)** He's quite arrogant and likes to make himself ..... to be the company's best sales person.

- A. ? out
- B. ? up
- C. ? away
- D. ? in

**3)** The burglary took place last night and thieves made ..... with several items of jewellery.

- A. ? out
- B. ? through
- C. ? off
- D. ? down

**4)** The audio quality was very poor and I couldn't make ..... what they were saying.

- A. ? up
- B. ? out
- C. ? through
- D. ? in

**5)** You wouldn't believe some of the stories students make ..... for not doing their homework.

- A. ? up

- B. ? in
- C. ? at
- D. ? through

**6)** I'm taking my husband for a meal to make ..... for forgetting his birthday last week.

- A. ? through
- B. ? in
- C. ? down
- D. ? up

**7)** He's a talented carpenter and made a pile of old wood ..... a lovely coffee table.

- A. ? up
- B. ? of
- C. ? in
- D. ? into

**8)** It didn't take the two children long to make ..... and be friends again after their little argument.

- A. ? through
- B. ? in
- C. ? out
- D. ? up

## Practice Exercise 2: 'Set' Phrasal Verbs.

**1)** As soon as the couple got the keys to their new home they set ..... decorating the living room.

- A. ? about
- B. ? up
- C. ? off
- D. ? down

**2)** The flight was at 7.00 in the morning so he had to set ..... from home at 4.00.

- A. ? on
- B. ? away
- C. ? through
- D. ? off

**3)** The two friends decided not to go to university and set ..... the business as soon as they finished school.

- A. ? in
- B. ? down
- C. ? up
- D. ? through

**4)** The timetable for the project was set ..... when investors failed to provide extra funding.

- A. ? off
- B. ? back
- C. ? down
- D. ? away

**5)** I need to buy some winter clothes before the cold weather sets .....

- A. ? in
- B. ? out
- C. ? down

D. ? off

**6)** Her ability to create thrilling storylines is what sets her ..... from other writers.

A. ? back

B. ? out

C. ? off

D. ? apart

**7)** Getting the computer repaired set me ..... quite a lot of money.

A. ? away

B. ? behind

C. ? back

D. ? off

**8)** The defendant claimed he was innocent and had been set ..... by the police.

A. ? down

B. ? up

C. ? back

D. ? through

## Practice Exercise 3: Mixed Phrasal Verbs

**1)** Although he held some strong opinions he eventually had to ..... down and admit he was wrong.

- A. ? move
- B. ? wear
- C. ? back
- D. ? roll

**2)** After our lunch we ..... up with the rest of the people on our trip.

- A. ? joined
- B. ? gathered
- C. ? mixed
- D. ? rounded

**3)** You need to ..... in at the hotel reception before being given your key.

- A. ? get
- B. ? show
- C. ? book
- D. ? set

**4)** After a long investigation the police were able to ..... together the truth about what had happened on the day of the murder.

- A. ? piece
- B. ? scrape
- C. ? get
- D. ? fix

**5)** I was near Jackie's house this morning so I dropped ..... for a chat.

- A. ? over
- B. ? in
- C. ? on

D. ? around

**6)** I had a huge argument with my best friend yesterday but I'm hoping it will blow ..... in a couple of days.

A. ? up

B. ? over

C. ? away

D. ? down

**7)** I should be able to fix your computer but I need some time to look ..... the cause of the problem.

**A.** ? into

**B.** ? for

**C.** ? round

**D.** ? through

**8)** The caller waited impatiently while the receptionist tried to put her ..... to the office.

A. ? over

B. ? through

C. ? out

D. ? in

## Practice Exercise 4: Work Expressions

**1)** You need to have a ..... for business if you intend to work for that company.

A. ? head

B. ? mind

C. ? brain

D. ? sense

**2)** I've got a lot on my ..... at the moment. Can I get back to you next week when I'm less busy?

A. ? dish

B. ? plate

C. ? platter

D. ? bowl

**3)** The Internet offers great business potential for an entrepreneur prepared to ..... out a niche for themselves.

A. ? slice

B. ? slash

C. ? cut

D. ? carve

**4)** After working for the company for 25 years, the director was given a generous ..... handshake.

A. ? bronze

B. ? golden

C. ? silver

D. ? platinum

**5)** To balance the ..... we need to cut back on production costs.

A. ? records

B. ? scales

C. ? files

D. ? books

**6)** I can't be precise but a ..... park figure for the job would be around £200.

A. ? even

B. ? ball

C. ? round

D. ? green

**7)** It can sometimes pay to do voluntary work just to get your ..... in the door of a company.

A. ? hand

B. ? body

C. ? leg

D. ? foot

**8)** Their business plan didn't quite work out so the team had to go back to the ..... board.

A. ? writing

B. ? drawing

C. ? planning

D. ? sketching



## Exercise 5: People Collocations

**1)** She's a really kind ..... and is always ready to help people in need.

- A. ? human
- B. ? soul
- C. ? personality
- D. ? character

**2)** He brings the ..... touch to a very impersonal business.

- A. ? human
- B. ? spirit
- C. ? individual
- D. ? character

**3)** It's a difficult decision and it should be left up to the ..... concerned.

- A. ? personality
- B. ? character
- C. ? individual
- D. ? human

**4)** The applicant was asked to supply two ..... references from previous employers.

- A. ? character
- B. ? personality
- C. ? individual
- D. ? human

**5)** John is rather a free ..... and doesn't like the idea of being tied down to a routine.

- A. ? personality
- B. ? individual
- C. ? spirit

D. ? human

6) One of the ..... traits of an introvert is the need to be alone at times to recharge their batteries.

A. ? human

B. ? personality

C. ? individual

D. ? spirit

## Sample Exam Question.

**For each question, choose which of the four possible answers fits the space best. Also think about why the other three answers are not possible.**

1. We paid the lawyer to \_\_\_\_\_ up a totally new will, one which left the three boys much better off.

- a) draw
- b) bring
- c) sign
- d) make

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ time for making decisions is lunchtime.

- a) fine
- b) optimum
- c) peak
- d) maximum

3. The elderly patient was considered too \_\_\_\_\_ to survive an operation.

- a) tenuous
- b) brittle
- c) frail
- d) insane

4. Last Sunday, the highest temperature in \_\_\_\_\_ history was registered.

- a) marked
- b) accounted
- c) noted
- d) recorded

5. Milk is an important \_\_\_\_\_ of calcium and vitamin D and is an important part of any diet.

- a) source

- b) ancestor
- c) base
- d) root

6. The customs officer was suspicious and called the man over to \_\_\_\_\_ his luggage more closely.

- a) inspect
- b) view
- c) gaze at
- d) glimpse

7. Are these old plates of \_\_\_\_\_ importance or can I put them into storage?

- a) main
- b) lively
- c) vital
- d) urgent

8. The humble bee, so often \_\_\_\_\_ for granted, plays a key role in agriculture.

- a) taken
- b) collected
- c) given
- d) put

## **Over to you.**

There are many more online exercises to practice on Flo Joe, check them out!