



Phrasal Verbs 25

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

go off	To start making a noise (of an alarm).
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: He didn't hear his alarm go off.</i>

bring up	To mention something, to start talking about a certain subject.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: Why didn't you bring that up at the meeting yesterday?</i>

put out	To make something stop burning (a fire, a cigarette, etc.).
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: The firefighters put out the fire pretty quickly.</i>

look out for	To take care of someone.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: James is a good friend; he always looks out for me.</i>

hold up	To make someone be late, to delay someone.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I was late for work because I got held up in a traffic jam.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

Going Through a Hard Time

Mia noticed that her colleague Dan had been acting strangely recently and she knew that something was bothering him. He used to be very diligent and punctual before, but not anymore. Now, he would come to work late almost every day, and he always had an excuse, either his alarm didn't **go off**, or he was **held up** in traffic... Mia knew that if he kept acting like that, he would get in trouble. She wanted to talk to him, but she didn't know how to **bring up** the topic. One day, during her break, Mia was smoking outside, when Dan asked if he could join her. "Now is the time," she thought as she **put out** her cigarette. "Dan, I think we should talk," she started. She told him everything and Dan admitted that he was going through some difficult times. He thanked her for **looking out for** him and said that he was feeling much better after talking to her. Mia too felt relieved after their conversation and happy that she was able to help.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs.

1. The smoke alarm _____ with no reason. I think it's broken.
2. The firefighters managed to _____ the fire before it spread to other houses.
3. Don't get _____ at the party! We have a lot of work to do tomorrow morning.
4. It's nice to have someone to _____ you.
5. She knew that was the perfect moment to _____ the topic.
6. As soon as the alarm _____, police arrived at the scene.
7. There is one issue that I'd like to _____ while we are all here.
8. When we were kids, my brother always _____ me.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following phrasal verbs.

Example: go off → You should put out that cigarette before the fire alarm goes off.

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