Phrasal Verbs 9

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

try out	To test something in order to see if it works or if you like it.
[phrasal verb]	*Ex: We're **trying out** a new recipe for the first time tonight.*

fix up	To repair, decorate or make changes to something in order to improve it.
[phrasal verb]	*Ex: This house is falling apart. We need to hire people to **fix** it **up**.*

end up	To come to a place, condition, or situation that was not planned or expected.
[phrasal verb]	*Ex: We originally intended to go out but **ended up** staying home.*

go after	To try to get something.
[phrasal verb]	*Ex: Are you planning to **go after** Paul's job when he leaves?*

stick with	To continue to do or use something and not change to something else.
[phrasal verb]	*Ex: Most consumers **stick with** a few brands they trust.*

Exercise 2 – Reading

Kudos to Gray's Team

The new software Gray's team has been working on has finally been released. There were a lot of things to be done before the release: they had to **fix up** the software and **try** it **out** on different systems. After considerable discussions, they decided to **stick with** their original plan and **go after** the teenage market first. They were all worried about the release at first, but the software turned out to be a great success. In the end, the whole team **ended up** getting promoted.

Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

1. We need to _____ the house before selling it.

2. No matter how difficult it may be, you should always _____ your dreams.

3. You need to be more careful! You could've _____ in the hospital!

4. The researchers are _____ a new drug to see how effective it is.

5. I don't think script writing is really for me. I think I'm just going to _____ writing novels.

6. I've decided to _____ that job at the bank.

7. Her parents wanted to go to the mountain, but _____ going to the beach.

8. If you're in a job that makes you happy, then you should _____ it.

Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following phrasal verbs.

Example: try out → If you want you can try out my car.

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