



Phrasal Verbs 5

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

sort out	To put things in order or in their place.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: My closet is a mess. I really need to sort it out.</i>

settle for	To accept or agree to something that is not as good as desired or expected.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I think we can settle for that price.</i>

count on	To rely on someone or something for help or support.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: He counts on his secretary to keep his schedule organized.</i>

fall behind	To fail to finish something on time; to make less progress than others.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: If you fall behind with your sales quota, you won't get promoted.</i>

do over	To do something again because the first try was not successful/satisfactory.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: If you don't do it right, you'll have to do it all over again.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

A Race Against Time

Kate's boss hired some people to **sort out** the files that contained important client information. They were given a deadline, so they had to be careful not to **fall behind**. In addition, they had to be extra careful not to make any mistakes, otherwise, they would have to **do** it all **over** again. They only hired a few people to do the job, so Kate had to **settle for** the manpower that they had. She had no choice but to **count on** them to finish the job on time.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs.

1. Make sure to finish your part of the presentation today. We are already _____.
2. Her boss is _____ her to do a good job with the decorations.
3. The numbers are wrong, we have to _____ (it) again.
4. They wanted to sell it for \$250, but eventually they _____ \$200.
5. This file cabinet is disorganized. We need to _____ this mess!
6. He couldn't afford a three bedroom apartment, so he _____ the one with two bedrooms in the end.
7. We _____ the pictures for the scrapbook.
8. I'm _____ you to get the work done on time.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following phrasal verbs.

Example: sort out → We have to sort out these files.

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