



Phrasal Verbs 38

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

hold back	To prevent something or someone from moving forward or making progress.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I tried to hold back my tears, but it was impossible.</i>

draw up	To prepare a document.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: They drew up a plan before the meeting.</i>

step down	To leave an official position or job.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: The Prime Minister stepped down due to health problems.</i>

pass on	To decline an invitation or opportunity.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I'm afraid I'll have to pass on this opportunity.</i>

make up	To invent a story, explanation or excuse.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: He was sure she was making something up.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

A Tight Spot

Our team was handed the task of **drawing up** a new business plan for our company. The CEO had recently **stepped down** and we couldn't allow that to **hold** us **back**. We chose a person we found most suitable for the position and offered him the CEO position. However, he decided to **pass on** the opportunity, which put us in quite a tight spot. Eventually, news got to the press and we had to **make up** some excuses in order to maintain our reputation. There is a lot of pressure on us now, but I'm positive we will find a way to deal with this crisis.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs.

1. He refuses to _____ and let someone younger take over the business.
2. That's not what really happened! He _____ (it)!
3. If that's what you want to do for a living, you should go ahead and try! There's nothing _____ (you)!
4. The chairman was forced to _____ because of the scandal.
5. The Fire Department has _____ guidelines in case of emergency.
6. I really appreciate it, but I will have to _____ this opportunity.
7. I'll _____ a list of all our potential customers.
8. The offer they gave me was too good to _____.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following phrasal verbs.

Example: hold back → There's nothing holding you back!

Content:

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3. step down
4. pass on
5. make up