



Phrasal Verbs 15

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

put by	To save money for later use.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I've been putting by part of my salary every month to buy a new car.</i>

cut down	To use something in smaller amounts.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: If you really want to lose weight, you have to cut down on chocolate.</i>

get on with	To continue or to make progress with something.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: The teacher told the pupils to get on with their work.</i>

sort out	To solve a problem.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: There are still a few problems we need to sort out.</i>

press on	To continue to do something despite difficulties.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: The team pressed on despite their exhaustion and won the match.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

Quitting Smoking

Julia was on her break at work and she was thinking about all the things that she needed to **sort out** in her life. First, she decided to take better care of her health; she definitely needed to **cut down** on cigarettes or even try to quit smoking completely. She realized that giving up smoking would actually help her with some other problems too, she would be able to **put by** a few dollars every week and finally buy new furniture for her apartment. It had been decided: she was quitting! Julia looked at the clock and realized her break was almost over and she needed to **get on with** her work. She was determined to **press on** with her decision despite the urge to light up a cigarette right there and then.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs.

1. There are some administrative matters that need to be _____ first, before we can launch the product.
2. We need to define our goals before we decide to _____ this project.
3. If I want to buy a house, I'll have to _____ a lot of money each month.
4. I really need to _____ my work now, or else I'll have to stay up all night to finish everything.
5. I've been _____ some money for a rainy day.
6. This matter needs to be _____ at once!
7. We have to _____ with the plan despite the current setbacks.
8. I used to smoke a lot, but now I'm trying to _____.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following phrasal verbs.

Example: put by → I've been putting by a bit of money every month for quite some time.

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