



# Phrasal Verbs 34

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## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>fend off</b>	To defend yourself from something and make it go away.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: The boxer tried to <b>fend off</b> the blows.</i>

<b>fall for</b>	To be tricked into believing something.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I will not <b>fall for</b> that trick again.</i>

<b>fight back</b>	To strongly resist or fight against someone in order to defend oneself.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: We can't let them close the shop. We have to <b>fight back</b>!</i>

<b>zero out</b>	To completely use up or remove something so there is nothing left.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: His family <b>zeroed out</b> his trust fund.</i>

<b>wind up</b>	To bring something to an end.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: We have just a few minutes left, so let's <b>wind up</b> this meeting.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Reading

*Read the text aloud with your tutor.*

### A Game of Chess

A few years ago, a friend invited me for a game of chess and soon after, we started playing every week. In the beginning, I would just try to **fend off** his attacks, and every time, he would manage to **wind up** the game within half an hour. I was constantly **falling for** his tricks and it was really annoying to me! However, as I practiced more, I started **fighting back** and I'd manage to even win occasionally. After a while, I considered the idea of joining a chess tournament in my town. I knew I wouldn't win, but I just wanted to try and see how far I could go; so, I applied. I didn't go far, though. My chances of winning were **zeroed out** on the first day when I was chosen to play against the state champion. I lost, of course, but had lots of fun and met a lot of people I continued playing with for years.



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs.*

1. The boxer tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the punches.
2. He has managed to \_\_\_\_\_ attacks on his reputation.
3. He told me he was a movie star and I \_\_\_\_\_ it!
4. The course teaches women how to \_\_\_\_\_ if attacked.
5. The defense \_\_\_\_\_ against the attackers and enabled their team to start a counterattack.
6. I went to the bank and was surprised to see that my account was \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I told my teacher that my dog ate my homework and he \_\_\_\_\_ it!
8. I believe we've reached a decision, so let's \_\_\_\_\_ this discussion.



## Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

*Create sentences using the following phrasal verbs.*

**Example:** fend off → The Prime Minister managed to fend off questions about the new tax regulations.

### Content:

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2. fall for
3. fight back
4. zero out
5. wind up