



Phrasal Verbs 31

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

aim at	To be intended for a particular group or to achieve a particular goal.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: Thousands of women have taken part in a new project aimed at fighting breast cancer.</i>

dry up	To no longer be available (of a supply).
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: His inspiration dried up after he turned 40.</i>

screen out	To not accept someone to join an organization because they are not suitable.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: He was screened out during the interview process due to his lack of experience.</i>

tie up	To be very busy with something and not have time for anything else.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I can't make it on Friday, I'll be tied up all day.</i>

grow into	To gradually develop into a particular type of person/thing.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: She has grown into a lovely person.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

The Road to Success

Soon after graduating from university, my savings started to **dry up**, and I had to start looking for a job. I didn't know exactly what job I wanted to have, but I knew I didn't want to be **tied up** in the office all day long. I wanted to do something interesting, something creative. After a while, I came across an ad for a position in a small company that was creating and designing its own brand of clothes. The ad said that they were **aiming at** passionate and creative young people, so I decided to give it a shot. I wasn't very optimistic, I actually thought I would be **screened out** during the interview process, but I got hired. And that's how it all started. At that time, we were a very small team of fewer than 10 people, and it took years before we **grew into** the major brand we are today.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs.

1. I'm really sorry I missed your match, I was _____ at work.
2. Let's just hope the money will not _____ before we finish this project.
3. The ad is _____ children aged 6 to 12.
4. The company uses a test to _____ the candidates who lack the skill set required for the job.
5. The police cannot find the suspect. All of their leads have _____.
6. She was happy to see that her son had _____ a responsible young man.
7. Your baby is so beautiful! She will _____ such a beautiful young lady one day.
8. Taking care of my baby daughter has me _____ all day.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following phrasal verbs.

Example: aim at → This type of commercial is aimed at the elderly.

Content:

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2. dry up
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