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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

set out	To start something in order to achieve a particular goal.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: It was clear to everyone that he set out to win the election.</i>

take over	To take charge; to assume control.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: She took over as manager three weeks ago.</i>

take on	To accept a responsibility or a certain amount of work.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: She's recently taken on a lot of new work.</i>

carry on	To continue doing something.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: Please carry on with your work until you receive further instructions.</i>

take out	To invite someone somewhere (e.g. to a restaurant or a cinema) and pay for them.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: He took his wife out for a romantic dinner.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

A Hard Lesson to Learn

Jacob **set out** to start his own business and found that it was not as easy as he thought. He had to **take on** a lot of new responsibilities and he invested all of his time into it. Several years later, his business finally started to flourish, but Jacob didn't have time to enjoy his own success; he was too occupied with his work. Nevertheless, he still **carried on** with his work. A few more years passed when his business slowly started to fade. A big corporation showed up and **took over** all of his clients. Jacob was desperate, thinking about all the time he had wasted. That's when he realized that it didn't matter whether he was rich or poor, as long as he spent his time in a meaningful way. So, he **took** his wife **out** for dinner, for the first time in months.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs.

1. He _____ to win the competition.
2. My husband said he'd _____ (me) tonight, but he's still at work.
3. He always achieves what he _____ to do.
4. You'll end up being broke, if you _____ spending money like that!
5. Sophie decided to _____ working after she had her baby.
6. She can't _____ any more work at the moment. She's swamped.
7. You will _____ her duties while she is on vacation.
8. My friends want to _____ (me) for dinner on my birthday.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following phrasal verbs.

Example: set out → When we set out on this project, we knew that we'd face many difficulties.

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