

Match the idioms to the correct meanings.

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| 1 They got off to a flying start. | a attracted the most attention |
| 2 She won hands down. | b stopped trying to do something |
| 3 I passed with flying colours. | c began something very well |
| 4 I was fighting a losing battle. | d being left on one's own to succeed or fail |
| 5 I sailed through it. | e trying to do something that would probably fail |
| 6 They stole the show. | f dealt with something very easily |
| 7 He decided to throw in the towel. | g achieved something with great success |
| 8 It was a case of sink or swim. | h won very easily |



LANGUAGE STUDY

Three-part phrasal verbs

- 1 Look at these sentences. Underline the three-part phrasal verbs and match each one with its meaning a–d. The first one has been done for you.

- 1 Mainoumi made up for his pint-sized build with a dizzying array of tricks and manoeuvres.
- 2 The first challenge was to come up with a way to increase his height from 169 cm to the required 173 cm.
- 3 He had to put up with incredible discomfort.
- 4 Mainoumi stood up for the supremacy of wits and technique over size and brute force.

a tolerate ☐ b compensate for ☒ 1 c defend ☐ d think of ☐

- 2 All three-part phrasal verbs must have an object. In which position do you always put the object?

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- 3 Match the beginnings and endings of these quotes.

- 1 Too many people **run out of** ideas
 - 2 If your children **look up to** you,
 - 3 I take a simple view of life:
 - 4 The way I see it, if you want the rainbow,
 - 5 It takes a great deal of courage to **stand up to** your enemies,
 - 6 You need to feel good about yourself. The motivation has to come from within.
- a but even more to **stand up to** your friends. JK Rowling, author
- b You have nobody to **fall back on** except yourself. Dana Hill, actress
- c you gotta **put up with** the rain. Dolly Parton, singer
- d long before they **run out of** words. Anonymous
- e you've made a success of life's biggest job. Anonymous
- f keep your eyes open and **get on with** it. Sir Laurence Olivier, actor

6 Complete the extracts with an appropriate form of the phrasal verbs in the box.

come back from ~~come up against~~ come up with drop out of
face up to put up with stand up to

- 1 In the 2005 European Cup final, Liverpool *came up against* a rampaging AC Milan. Liverpool _____ being 3–0 down to win on penalties.
- 2 After being diagnosed with cancer in 1996, world champion cyclist Lance Armstrong had to _____ the possibility that he would never compete again. He went on to win the *Tour de France* a record seven consecutive times.
- 3 Bill Gates first _____ the idea of setting up a software company while he was a student at Harvard. Against all advice he _____ university to set up the Microsoft Corporation. He was a billionaire by the time he was 30.
- 4 On 1st December 1955, after _____ years of racial abuse and segregation, Rosa Parks _____ the driver of the bus she was travelling on and refused to give up her seat for a white passenger. She became known as the ‘Mother of the modern-day civil rights movement.’

How many synonyms can you think of for the following words?

puzzled

depressed

angry

fascinated

bored

You will hear five short extracts in which people describe cultural activities.

While you listen you must complete both tasks.

TASK ONE

For questions 1–5, choose from the list (A–H) the activity each speaker is describing.

- A watching a DVD at home
- B going to the opera
- C going to the theatre
- D listening to a concert on the radio
- E viewing an exhibition of posters
- F going to the cinema
- G visiting a museum of ancient artefacts
- H viewing a collection of photographs

Speaker 1

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Speaker 2

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Speaker 3

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Speaker 4

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Speaker 5

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TASK TWO

For questions 6–10, choose from the list (A–H) how each speaker says they felt during the activity.

- A disappointed
- B puzzled
- C bored
- D fascinated
- E scared
- F amused
- G depressed
- H angry

Speaker 1

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Speaker 2

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Speaker 3

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Speaker 4

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Speaker 5

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