

Phrasal verbs

F Match to make sentences.

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| 1 I suppose I spend a lot of time just hanging | A in some fantastic areas of natural beauty. |
| 2 The best thing about camping is just messing | B for active pastimes; I much prefer reading. |
| 3 Since I'm self-employed, I'm able to take | C about with all the equipment all day. |
| 4 Drew spends a lot of time seeking | D a whole month off and just travel. |
| 5 Most of my leisure time seems to centre | E out with friends in the town centre. |
| 6 The tour we're going on next week takes | F out good spots to go windsurfing. |
| 7 I'm not one of those people who go in | G around fishing or my other main hobby, water polo. |
| 8 With a bit of practice, I picked | H up a few songs after just a couple of lessons on the guitar. |

G Complete using a phrasal verb with a word from box A in the right form and a word from box B. You need to use one word from box B more than once.

A get • go • grow • keep • laze • put • take • warm

B around • in • into • off • on • out • up

- I don't have much money these days, so it's hard to my music collection.
- If you're Amanda this weekend, why don't you go to the Popwave festival?
- I didn't like this CD at first, but now I'm really it.
- Carl and I just spent the whole day listening to music.
- I'm still not sure about this track, but I think it's starting to me.
- Before the concert started, we could hear the band off stage.
- I used to love this band, but I've them since the lead singer left.
- You can tell they've a lot of hard work when you listen to their latest album.

H The phrasal verb *get into* has a meaning connected to the idea of becoming involved in an activity or situation. Tick the sentences where the phrasal verb has a meaning connected to a similar idea.

- I love watching TV, but it does **bite into** my free time.
- Jordan was relieved when she finally **broke into** the music business.
- When you're flying a model aeroplane, the important thing is not to **crash into** anything!
- The council have **entered into** discussions on building a new sports centre in town.
- To access the online games network, **key** your username and password **into** the box below.
- Think carefully before you **rush into** such a long-term agreement.
- Kelly **launched into** a detailed account of her plans for the summer.
- Pete is always taking up new hobbies and he really **throws himself into** them.

Phrases, patterns and collocations

I One word in each sentence is incorrect. Underline the incorrect word and write the correct word.

- It's the boss's birthday next Wednesday, and there's a rumour we might be taken the day off.
- I know you'd rather I took up a sport, but it's not your choice to do.
- Some of the courses are compulsory, so we can't just pick and select whatever we like.

- 4 If you won't give me a pay rise, then I shall have to think my options.
- 5 The council said they had no option apart to close the sports centre.
- 6 Angela travels a lot and is only very eager to experience new places.
- 7 Jake's been practising as mad to impress the others in the band.
- 8 I can't believe the judge just let the accused be free like that.
- 9 I've decided in favour for joining the local swimming team.
- 10 You should plan things more carefully and not just act with impulse all the time.

J Circle the correct word.

The future of leisure

There is no doubt technology and shorter working hours have (1) **got** / **let** / **set** people free to enjoy their leisure time more than ever before. Many people (2) **do** / **have** / **make** the leisure to pursue hobbies and other activities they (3) **like** / **prefer** / **want** to the work routine. What leisure activities will people (4) **choose** / **decide** / **opt** for in the future?

We can expect to see increased personal (5) **choice** / **decision** / **option**. The range of leisure (6) **actions** / **hobbies** / **pursuits** will expand and people will have the (7) **decision** / **option** / **preference** of following up an interest in almost any activity. Whether at home or at (8) **enjoyment** / **leisure** / **relaxation** centres, there will be an ever-increasing need to provide for people at (9) **play** / **recreation** / **rest**. If the future is not one of increased leisure, then it won't be for (10) **need** / **desire** / **want** of demand.

K For each question, write one word which can be used in all three sentences.

- 1 To our , the boss said that we could have an extra day off work.
Martin always takes great in talking to anyone about fishing.
When Erin finally started to move downhill on the skis for the first time, she laughed in
- 2 It's important that people feel they can exercise over their leisure activities.
Your fee is so late that I'm afraid we have no but to cancel your membership.
The college offers a wide of evening and weekend classes.
- 3 The local council should start a building programme to meet the for leisure facilities.
The Mayor said he had no of advice from people who didn't understand the situation.
This area is badly in of financial investment.
- 4 I had dried frog when I was in Korea, and I would describe the as unforgettable.
I thought that what you said to Erica was in very bad
You might not like sushi the first time you try it – it's a bit of an acquired
- 5 We're quite for our son to go to Cambridge University when he finishes school.
I enjoy team sports, like basketball and volleyball, and I'm especially on football.
My parents have always taken a interest in my hobbies.
- 6 I was a bit of a loner when I was younger and I spent a lot of time by myself.
The government has been accused of for time because it doesn't know what to do.
Liam never learnt to read music, but he's capable of practically anything by ear.
- 7 The headmaster was full of for the school cricket team, who had won six matches in a row.
The police officers involved deserve for their bravery in such a difficult situation.
If I read one more newspaper editorial in of the Prime Minister I shall scream.
- 8 When we finally made it out of the forest, we decided to before moving on.
Just your bike against the gate and come inside.
You can assured that I will not stop until I find the person who damaged the school gym.

Idioms

L Complete using the words in the box.

batteries • end • feet • hair • heart • party • potato • spice • time • whim

- 1 'Oh! I'm exhausted! I've been doing housework all day.'
'Come and put your up for five minutes and I'll make a cup of tea.'
- 2 'Do you fancy going to that new jazz club in town?'
'Yes, let's go and let our down a bit, shall we?'
- 3 'Jamie is so much fun!'
'Yes, he really is the life and soul of the '
- 4 'You're not changing jobs again already, are you?'
'Well, they do say that variety is the of life.'
- 5 'Roger wasn't pleased to get rejected by the team, was he?'
'No. He really had his set on playing for them.'
- 6 'You look a bit bored.'
'Well, I've been at a loose since I finished the book I was reading.'
- 7 'You weren't planning to go to Singapore on holiday, were you?'
'No. I got to the travel agent's and just decided to go there on a '
- 8 'I can't believe you built the Eiffel Tower out of matchsticks!'
'I guess I must have had a lot of on my hands.'
- 9 'Does Jenny ever move from in front of the TV?'
'I think she's in danger of becoming a bit of a couch '
- 10 'You've got a great suntan!'
'I went away for a few days to recharge my '

Word formation

M Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals.

- 1 The cricket ground and the theatre make this a very area to live in. **DESIRE**
- 2 My family have always gone in for traditional country, such as hunting, shooting and fishing. **PURSUE**
- 3 What I like about Stravinsky's music is the complexity, which has a powerful effect on the listener. **RHYTHM**
- 4 After ten matches, we had the record of played ten, won none, lost ten. **ENVY**
- 5 I know you'd rather take your holiday in August, but when the boss is offering you extra days off, I don't think you can afford to be so **CHOOSE**
- 6 You don't need to be quite so in your work, and you might find you enjoy it more if you take a little time off. **ZEAL**
- 7 You don't have time to do all the sports you'd like to, so you're going to have to be a bit **SELECT**
- 8 After dinner, we went for a stroll along the seafront. **LEISURE**
- 9 We're only two weeks into the school holidays and already my children are **REST**
- 10 I don't mind Annabel spending time on her computer, but playing this latest game has become almost an **OBSESS**