

PHRASAL VERBS

1/ Read the examples below and match each verb with its meaning:

DO

do with	manage without
do without	prevent from having
do out of	renovate
do up	need, want

Examples:

*I could **do with** something to eat.*

*We have to **do without** a holiday this year as money is so short.*

*He **did me out of** my rightful heritage.*

*The old house needs to be **done up**.*

MAKE

make for	compensate for
make of	move in the direction of
make up for	think /opinion/
make out	elaborate, write down

Examples:

*Let's **make for** the city centre and find a restaurant on the way.*

*What do you **make of** him?*

*The superb food at the hotel **made up for** the uncomfortable rooms.*

*I must **make out** a list of things we have to buy.*

BRING

bring up	destroy, remove from power, lower
bring off	raise
bring down	succeed

Examples:

*She **brought up** three children on her own.*

*Don't **give up**. I am sure you'll bring it off.*

*Inflation will **bring down** the government. Don't **bring me down**. They promised to **bring down** the taxes.*

TAKE

take after	to cause sb to believe sth which is not true, or to trick
take off	form a liking for sb
take to	put off, leave the ground, imitate
take sb in	resemble

Examples:

*He **takes after** his father.*

*You can **take off** your coat. The plane **took off** 2 hours late. She is very good at **taking off** her teacher.*

*She **took to** him at once*

*The liar **took her in**.*

GET

get away with
get behind
get down

come to a successful end, use up all of...
recover from
be able to live/deal with a difficulty, usually
by having just enough of something you need,
such as money
do something wrong without being caught
depress
fail to do something at the right time

Examples:

*The robbers **got away with** several thousands of pounds.*

*I've **got** terribly **behind** with my work.*

*This weather is really **getting me down**.*

*She's **getting over** bad flu.*

*She **got through** all her exams. He **got through** his month's salary in just one weekend.*

*We have to **get by** on my father's salary.*

COME

come across to have to deal with a problem
come down with to be mentioned or talked about in conversation
come up to start to suffer from an illness, especially one that is not serious
come up against sth to find something by chance

Examples:

I came across my old friend the other day, what a coincidence!

*She **came down** with flu.*

*The topic of elections **came up** in the conversation.*

*If you **come up against** difficulties, let me know and I'll help out.*

A/ Rewrite the sentences using no more than 5 words and using the word in bold:

1. All students face the problem of phrasal verbs.

come All students _____ phrasal verbs.

2. Is this the first time you've heard of phrasal verbs?

come Have you ever _____ phrasal verbs before?

3. What is another way of saying: I fell ill with a cold.

came How can I say: I _____ a cold?

4. What about: We often discuss this subject in our lessons?

comes What about: This subject _____ our lessons.

5. Did the man deceive you too?

take Did he _____ as well?

6. I can just live on this amount of money.

get I can _____ this amount of money.

7. You mustn't allow your troubles to depress you, you know.

get You mustn't let your troubles _____, you know.

8. I'll never forget how rude he was to me.

get I just can't _____ his rudeness to me.

B/ Complete each sentence using a phrasal verb:

1. Can you really _____ all this information?

2. These books _____ ten shelves. Can't you get rid of a few of them?

3. An American organization may _____ this company.

4. I'm sorry, sir, but you've already worn these shoes. That's why we can't _____ them _____.