

B2 Phrasal Verbs Worksheet 5

Learning & Problem Solving

1. Figure Out (Separable)

Definition: to understand or solve

Formal alternative: determine

Examples:

- I figured out the answer.
 - I figured the answer out.
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2. Think Over (Separable)

Definition: to consider carefully

Formal alternative: consider

Examples:

- I'll think over your suggestion.
 - I'll think your suggestion over.
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3. Look Over (Separable)

Definition: to examine quickly

Formal alternative: review

Examples:

- The lawyer looked over the contract.
 - The lawyer looked the contract over.
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4. Go Over (Separable)

Definition: to review carefully

Formal alternative: review

Examples:

- Let's go over the details.
 - Let's go the details over.
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5. Brush Up On (Inseparable)

Definition: to improve existing knowledge

Formal alternative: revise

Example:

- I'm brushing up on my grammar.
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6. Rule Out (Separable)

Definition: to eliminate a possibility

Formal alternative: eliminate

Examples:

- We ruled out that option.
 - We ruled the option out.
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7. Work Out (Separable)

Definition: to solve a problem

Formal alternative: resolve

Examples:

- We worked out the issue.
 - We worked the issue out.
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8. Come Up With (Inseparable)

Definition: to think of an idea

Formal alternative: devise

Example:

- She came up with a solution.
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9. Get Across (Separable)

Definition: to communicate successfully

Formal alternative: convey

Examples:

- He got across his point.
 - He got his point across.
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10. Look Into (Inseparable)

Definition: to investigate

Formal alternative: investigate

Example:

- The team is looking into the problem.
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11. Read Up On (Inseparable)

Definition: to read extensively about a subject

Formal alternative: research

Example:

- I need to read up on artificial intelligence.
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12. Come To (Inseparable)

Definition: to reach a conclusion

Formal alternative: conclude

Example:

- We came to the same conclusion.
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13. Break Down (Separable)

Definition: to divide into smaller parts for analysis

Formal alternative: analyse

Examples:

- Let's break down the process.
 - Let's break the process down.
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14. Sum Up (Separable)

Definition: to express the main points briefly

Formal alternative: summarise

Examples:

- Can you sum up the article?
 - Can you sum the article up?
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15. Build On (Inseparable)

Definition: to develop an existing idea

Formal alternative: develop

Example:

- This theory builds on previous research.