

Phrasal Verbs Exercise

Can you use common phrasal verbs correctly? Take a moment to do this exercise.
Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition or adverb particle.

1. James worked very hard, but he could not win the prize, so please don't bring it

- on
- out
- up

2. His liver cancer was brought by years of drinking.

- up
- in
- on

3. I will call you this evening if I am free.

- out
- in
- on

4. Although she was in the last place, her parents

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cheered her throughout the race.

up

on

Either could be used here

5. I wanted to tell him that I was getting married, but the chance never came

up

over

in

6. I was going to take my kids to the movies, but something came and I had to cancel.

out

off

up

7. While I was cleaning the attic, I came this diary of my grandmother.

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at
across
down

8. At last her mother gave and allowed her to sleep over at her friend's house.

up
out
in

9. After two weeks of trying to build my own website, I gave and hired a professional web designer.

in
off
up

10. After leaving university, I tried to stay close to my classmates, but slowly, we grew

away
up
apart

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11. When we were young we used to hang
..... in the cafe after work.

- up
- over
- out

12. He hung on me even
before I could finish a sentence. I will never call
him again.

- over
- up
- in

Answers

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2. His liver cancer was brought on by years of drinking.
3. I will call on you this evening if I am free.
4. Although she was in the last place, her parents cheered her on throughout the race.
5. I wanted to tell him that I was getting married, but the chance never came up.
6. I was going to take my kids to the movies, but something came up and I had to cancel.
7. While I was cleaning the attic, I came across this diary of my grandmother.
8. At last her mother gave in and allowed her to sleep over at her friend's house.
9. After two weeks of trying to build my own website, I gave up and hired a professional web designer.

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10. After leaving university, I tried to stay close to my classmates, but slowly, we grew apart.
11. When we were young we used to hang out in the cafe after work.
12. He hung up on me even before I could finish a sentence. I will never call him again.