

Phrasal verbs worksheet

Phrasal verbs are two or three word verbs whose meaning cannot be guessed easily. There are several phrasal verbs in English and they cause a great deal of confusion.

This grammar exercise tests your understanding of common phrasal verbs.

Complete the following sentences using appropriate phrasal verbs. Choose your answers from the options given below.

1. We from our vacation yesterday.

- got up
- got back
- got off

2. I an old friend of mine in the morning.

- came on
- came across
- came by

3. Please I will call father.

- call on
- hold on
- put on

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4. The accident near the post office.

took place

brought about

came about

5. They the meeting because of the chairman's illness.

put off

called off

Either could be used here

6. Please walk slowly. I can't with you.

hold up

put up

come up

keep up

7. The boy a story to avoid punishment.

came up

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made up

put up

8. She a hat because it was very hot.

put off

put on

hold on

9. The boy was by his uncle.

put up

brought up

bought up

taken up

10. The smell of hospitals me

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puts, off

comes, off

breaks, off

Answers

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1. We got back from our vacation yesterday. (get back = return)
2. I came across an old friend of mine in the morning. (come across = meet by chance)
3. Please hold on. I will call father. (hold on = wait)
4. The accident took place near the post office. (take place = happen, occur)
5. They called off the meeting because of the chairman's illness. (call off = cancel)
6. Please walk slowly. I can't keep up with you. (keep up = progress at the same speed)
7. The boy made up a story to avoid punishment. (make up = invent, create)
8. She put on a hat because it was very hot. (put on = wear)
9. The boy was brought up by his uncle.
10. The smell of hospitals puts me off.