

COMMONLY USED PHRASAL VERBS

MEMORY TEST

Underline the correct word in the brackets.
 • The fireman are putting (on, away, out) the fire.
 • Paul is taking (off, on, in) his shoes.
 • Muthu is picking (up, out, by) the litter on the floor.
 • Shanti is blowing (out, up, down) the candles on her birthday cake.

(A) Verb + back

- bring back — recall
- come back — return to memory
- draw back — move away
- fall back — turn back
- get back — return to one's home
- give back — return to owner
- hold back — conceal/suppress
- keep back — retain
- look back — recall
- pay back — repay
- pull back — withdraw
- put back — return
- set back — delay the development
- sit back — relax



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Choose the correct answer.
 • Leela her little sister when her parents are at work.
 A takes after
 B looks after
 C tidy up
 D back up



(E) Verb + for

- bargain for — expect
- fall for — yield to charm/attracted to
- go for — like/prefer/choose
- look for — search
- press for — demand
- speak for — express the thoughts

(F) Verb + off

- back off — give up a claim
- branch off — leave a main road
- break off — separate
- brush off — reject
- call off — cancel



(D) Verb + up

- build up — establish gradually
- call up — recollect
- chalk up — achieve or register (a success)
- clean up — gain
- clear up — tidy up
- close up — draw together
- cook up — invent falsely
- cough up — produce something reluctantly
- cover up — hide
- done up — made more beautiful
- draw up — arrive at a certain point and stop
- ease up — be less active
- eat up — eat all
- end up — eventually
- feed up — fatten
- fetch up — arrive at a certain place
- fill up — become completely full
- finish up — be in the end
- fix up — repair
- flare up — show sudden increased anger
- follow up — take further action

(B) Verb + aside

- brush aside — ignore
- lay aside — stop for a time
- put aside — save for later use

(C) Verb + by

- come by — obtain/find
- go by — pass/directed by /opinion from
- stand by — support/show oneself to be a friend

(D) Verb + up

- add up — amount to
- back up — support
- beat up — assault violently
- blow up — explode
- book up — reserve
- break up — disperse/split/end
- bring up — educate and care for
- brush up — improve one's knowledge
- buck up — cheer up/hurry up



MEMORY TEST

Replace the underlined word with the correct phrasal verb.
 • Did Salleh return the book which he borrowed from you?
 A look for C draw up
 B give back D help out

(G) Verb + out

- back out — withdraw
- black out — faint/lose one's memory
- blow out — put out (a flame)
- branch out — extend
- break out — escape
- breathe out — exhale
- burn out — become extinguished
- call out — officially order
- carry out — execute
- check out — leave after paying the bill
- come out — appear
- die out — extinct
- dine out — eat dinner away from home
- do out — cause to lose by cheating
- drive out — expel/chase
- drop out — withdraw
- figure out — come to understand/solve
- find out — discover
- fill out — get fatter/become larger
- get out — escape/leave
- give out — distribute
- go out — leave the house
- help out — help somebody to complete something
- iron out — make smooth



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Choose the correct answer.
 • The couple married next month.
 A made up
 B gave up
 C broke down
 D give up

MEMORY TEST

Replace the underlined word with the correct phrasal verb.
 • The football match was cancelled due to heavy rain.
 A called off C broke down
 B gave up D back away

(H) Verb + away

- back away — retreat
- boil away — boil until nothing is left
- break away — escape with a sudden violent effort
- die away — disappear gradually
- do away (with) — abolish
- dream away — waste (time)
- get away — escape
- pass away — present die





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Choose and underline the correct phrasal verb in each of the following sentences.

- Please (take off, take away, break away) the broken vase.
- I cannot (make out, make up, make of) what animal he is drawing.



(I) Verb + over

- bowl over
- carry over
- get over
- go over
- hand over
- hold over
- look over
- read over
- run over
- knock down by running
- continue
- return to one's usual state/forget
- repeat/run through
- surrender/pass on
- postpone
- inspect
- examine thoroughly
- overflow/review/pass over

(J) Verb + down

- boil down
- bow down
- break down
- reduce
- submit
- fail or collapse
- bring down
- burn down
- close down
- come down
- cut down
- die down
- get down
- go down
- cause to come down
- destroy by fire
- stop broadcasting at the end of the day/shut completely
- descend
- reduce
- decrease in heat
- swallow/leave table after meal
- be recorded/fall ill

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Choose the correct answer.

- Mr Kelvin will _____ his store to his daughter next month.

- A hand in
- B hand up
- C hand over
- D pass away



MEMORY TEST

Choose the correct answer.

We all _____ Betty when she said she believed in elves.

- A got along
- B looked
- C laughed at
- D pulled through

(P) Verb + on

- carry on
- come on
- fix on
- get on
- go on
- hit on
- keep on
- look on
- push on
- put on
- turn on
- continue
- appear/follow/develop
- select/decide to have
- have a friendly relationship with somebody
- continue
- find by lucky chance
- persist
- regard or consider
- go on in a determined way
- dress oneself/increase in weight/ assume/deceive
- switch on/ excite

(Q) Verb + to

- come to
- set to
- stand to
- regain consciousness
- begin eagerly
- to take up a position (army)

(R) Verb + along

- come along
- get along
- go along
- appear/progress/try harder
- manage/make progress
- proceed/accompany

(S) Verb + at

- come at
- drive at
- get at
- laugh at
- look at
- attack/reach
- mean/intend
- reach/discover/taunt
- mock/ amused by/disregard
- examine closely/consider/ view or regard something



(L) Verb + in

- break in
- bring in
- burst in
- call in
- cash in
- cave in
- check in
- chip in
- come in
- fill in
- get in
- hand in
- join in
- intrude
- introduce/include
- interrupt
- ask to return for help
- profit/benefit/take advantage of
- collapse/cause to fall in
- register upon arrival
- interrupt/share expenses
- be received/enter
- put in
- arrive/enter
- submit/ give by hand
- participate

(M) Verb + upon

- call upon
- fall upon
- invite/short visit to
- attack somebody fiercely

(N) Verb + through

- fall through
- follow through
- look through
- pull through
- run through
- see through
- fail to be completed
- carry out or continue something to the end
- examine/revise/inspect
- live in spite of illness
- connect (by telephone)
- rehearse/check quickly
- not to be deceived by/transparent

(O) Verb + across

- cut across
- put across
- go a shorter way/contrary to
- convey successfully

(K) Verb + about

- beat about
- bring about
- come about
- get about
- hang about
- set about
- search
- cause something to happen/cause ship to change direction
- happen
- move from place to place
- move around/set to work at
- loiter/doing nothing definite
- begin/attack/spread rumours