

## **Practice Questions on Phrasal Verb**

**Question 1: Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence.**

The company had to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

- a. Call off
- b. Call over
- c. Call in
- d. Run out

**Question 2: Choose the correct meaning of the phrasal verb "run into."**

- a) Start a new project
- b) Collide with something
- c) Accomplish a task
- d) Enter a building

**Question 3: Fill in the blank with the appropriate phrasal verb.**

She promised to send the \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as she's done with her revisions.

- a. Send over
- b. Hand over
- c. Carry on
- d. Get back to

**Question 4: Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verb.**

The politician tried to play down the seriousness of the issue.

- a) play up
- b) play along
- c) play down
- d) play around

**Question 5: Choose the synonym for the phrasal verb "bring about."**

- a) Prevent
- b) Introduce
- c) Cancel
- d) Accomplish

**Question 6: Choose the correct meaning of the phrasal verb "back up."**

- a) Support or help
- b) Retreat
- c) Backup files
- d) Pass by

**Question 7: Fill in the blank with the appropriate phrasal verb.**

**The sudden rain forced us to \_\_\_\_\_ our picnic plans.**

- a) call off
- b) Hold Off
- c) call in
- d) Hold up

**Question 8: Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verb.**

**He finally managed to \_\_\_\_\_ his illness and return to work.**

- a) Pull through
- b) Pull off
- c) Pull up
- d) Pull down

**Question 9: Choose the synonym for the phrasal verb "settle down."**

- a) Disturb
- b) Calm down
- c) Stand up
- d) Stand by

**Question 10: Fill in the blank with the appropriate phrasal verb.**

**The committee needs to \_\_\_\_\_ the issues before making a decision.**

- a) Sort out
- b) Sort off
- c) Hold back
- d) Hold off

**Question 11: Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence.**

**The teacher asked the students to \_\_\_\_\_ unfamiliar words in the dictionary.**

- a) Look up
- b) Look forward
- c) Look into
- d) Look onto

**Question 12: Choose the meaning of the phrasal verb "give in."**

- a) Surrender
- b) Distribute

- c) Investigate
- d) Modify

**Question 13: Fill in the blank with the appropriate phrasal verb.**

The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ with the new marketing strategy.

- a) Go ahead
- b) Go on
- c) Lead on
- d) Take up

**Question 14: Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verb.**

The concert was \_\_\_\_\_ due to bad weather.

- a) Called back
- b) Hold off
- c) Called off
- d) Put off

**Question 15: Choose the synonym for the phrasal verb "take up."**

- a) Lift
- b) Begin
- c) Reduce
- d) Abandon

**Question 16: Fill in the blank with the appropriate phrasal verb.**

She was able to \_\_\_\_\_ her fear of public speaking with practice.

- a. Get out
- b. Get over
- c. Shake off
- d. Lead off

**Question 17: Choose the correct meaning of the phrasal verb "break down."**

- a) Destroy
- b) Analyse or stop functioning
- c) Retreat
- d) Organise

**Question 18: Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verb.**

The athlete had to \_\_\_\_\_ of the competition due to an injury.

- a. Back down
- b. Back up
- c. Back out
- d. Back in

**Question 19: Choose the synonym for the phrasal verb "come across."**

- a) Encounter
- b) Retreat
- c) Ignore
- d) Distribute

**Question 20: Fill in the blank with the appropriate phrasal verb.**

**The negotiations between the two parties were difficult, but they managed to \_\_\_\_\_ a compromise.**

- a) Work out
- b) Work in
- c) Work on
- d) Work at

**Question 21: Passage:**

*John had always been afraid of speaking in public. He often backed out of opportunities to give presentations or speeches. But this time, he decided it was time to face up to his fear. He signed up for a public speaking workshop, hoping to get over his anxiety. The workshop was intense, and the trainers encouraged participants to bring out their inner confidence. Over the course of a week, John noticed a significant improvement. He began to speak up during practice sessions and even volunteered to step in for one of the main speakers who had fallen ill.*

**Q - (i): In the sentence "John often backed out of opportunities," what does the phrasal verb "back out" mean?**

- a) Moved backwards
- b) Made progress
- c) Cancelled or withdrew from
- d) Supported

**Q - (ii): What does the phrasal verb "face up to" mean in the sentence "He decided it was time to face up to his fear"?**

- a) Show his emotions
- b) Look upwards
- c) Confront or deal with
- d) Accept with joy

**Q - (iii): In the context of the passage, what does "get over" mean?**

- a) Acquire
- b) Overcome
- c) Avoid
- d) Receive

**Q - (iv): What does the phrasal verb "bring out" mean in the context of the sentence "The trainers encouraged participants to bring out their inner confidence"?**

- a) Remove
- b) Reveal or emphasise
- c) Contribute to
- d) Keep hidden

**Q - (v): What is the meaning of the phrasal verb "speak up" in the sentence "He began to speak up during practice sessions"?**

- a) Speak louder
- b) Speak in a foreign language
- c) Speak more politely
- d) Speak more softly

**Q - (vi): What does "step in for" mean in the sentence "He even volunteered to step in for one of the main speakers"?**

- a) Step into a puddle
- b) Replace or substitute for
- c) Interrupt
- d) Step out of the spotlight

**Question 22:**

**Reading Comprehension: Traveling Abroad**

*Sarah had always dreamed of traveling abroad, exploring new cultures, and meeting people from around the world. Last summer, she finally set out on her journey. Her first destination was Paris, a city known for its rich history and romantic charm. As she wandered around the streets of Paris, she was amazed by the stunning architecture and the aroma of freshly baked pastries that seemed to waft through the air. Sarah decided to sign up for a local cooking class to learn how to make traditional French dishes. During the class, she struck up conversations with fellow participants, exchanging stories and culinary tips. By the end of her trip, Sarah felt like she had truly immersed herself in the French way of life.*

**Q - (i): What does the phrasal verb "set out" mean in the sentence "Last summer, she finally set out on her journey"?**

- a) Returned home
- b) Started a journey
- c) Decided not to go
- d) Arrived at her destination

**Q - (ii): What does the phrasal verb "wandered around" imply in the context of the sentence?**

- a) Got lost
- b) Walked without purpose
- c) Ran quickly
- d) Visited tourist attractions

**Q - (iii): What is the meaning of "waft through" as used in the sentence "the aroma of freshly baked pastries that seemed to waft through the air"?**

- a) Vanish suddenly
- b) Spread gently through
- c) Disappear entirely
- d) Hit with force

**Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrasal verbs (Q.23 - Q.26):**

**Question 23. The manager asked the employees to \_\_\_\_\_ the new company policies.**

- a. Comply on
- b. Comply with
- c. Comply with respect to
- d. Follow

**Question 24. The magician managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd with his incredible tricks.**

- a. put on
- b. take off
- c. hold back
- d. mesmerise

**Question 25: The team had to \_\_\_\_\_ their plans due to unexpected weather conditions.**

- a. Call off
- b. Call out
- c. Call in
- d. Call to

**Question 26: She was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the difficult task by breaking it into smaller steps.**

- a. Rectify
- b. Tackle
- c. Manage
- d. Solve out

**Question 27: Identify the sentence with the incorrect usage of a phrasal verb:**

- a) He needs to take care of his health more seriously.
- b) She needs to take her cat care while she's away.
- c) The company is taking up a new project next month.
- d) The chef always spices up his dishes with unique ingredients.

**Choose the synonym or antonym of the given phrasal verb(Q.28 - Q.29):**

**Question 28: Accelerate**

- a) Speed up (Synonym)
- b) Slow down (Antonym)
- c) Put off (Antonym)
- d) Carry on (Synonym)

**Question 29: Give up**

- a) Continue (Antonym)
- b) Surrender (Synonym)
- c) Take off (Antonym)
- d) Look after (Synonym)

**Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence using the given phrasal verb(Q.30 - Q.31) (TITA):**

**Question 30 :** (1)new, (2)The,(3) has, (4)management, (5)taken, (6)the, (7)company, (8)over, (9) Project

**Question 31:** (1) their, (2)They, (3) should, (4)plans, (5)stick to, (6)despite, (7)challenges.

**Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence:**

**Question 32:** The CEO's speech \_\_\_\_\_ the company's commitment to innovation and growth.

- a) brought up
- b) pointed out
- c) Set out
- d) highlighted

**Question 33:** The teacher had to \_\_\_\_\_ the students for their lack of preparation.

- a) put up
- b) bring down

- c) call out
- d) take to

**Read the passage and answer the questions using the appropriate phrasal verbs:**

**Passage:**

The company decided to **34)**\_\_\_\_\_ the outdated equipment and invest in new technology. The decision was not easy, but the potential benefits outweighed the initial costs. The employees were initially apprehensive, but they quickly **35)**\_\_\_\_\_ to the changes.

**Question 34:**

- a) Phase in
- b) Phase out
- c) Phase of
- d) Phase at

**Question 35:**

- a) adapt to
- b) adapt of
- c) adapt in
- d) adapt on

**Choose the correct idiomatic phrasal verb to complete the sentence(Q.36 - Q.38):**

**Question 36:** The comedian's jokes always \_\_\_\_\_ well with the audience.

- a) go off
- b) go down
- c) go for
- d) go through

**Question 37:** The project was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, but we managed to \_\_\_\_\_ and complete it on time.

- a) pull through
- b) pull over
- c) pull out
- d) pull off

**Question 38:** "The company had to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances."

- A. call for
- B. call up



- C. call off
- D. call in

**Question 39: Identify the phrasal verb that best fits in the sentence below:**  
**"She promised to look into the matter and get back to us."**

- A. look after
- B. look into
- C. look up to
- D. look out for

**Question 40: Identify the sentence with the incorrect usage of a phrasal verb:**

- a) The students should look up to their teachers for guidance.
- b) He needs to look up the meaning of that word in the dictionary.
- c) The manager asked the employee to look into the matter.
- d) The cat looked away when I tried to pet it.

**Complete the analogy with the appropriate phrasal verb:**

**Question 41: Shy : \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Open up
- b) Get over
- c) Close off
- d) Break down

**Question 42: Forget : \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Keep up
- b) Bring back
- c) Slip through
- d) Give in

**Question 43: Complete the sentence with the appropriate phrasal verb:**  
**"After the long day at work, he decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and relax."**

- A. wind up
- B. wind down
- C. wind off
- D. wind on

**Passage:**

**Read the following passage and answer the question below.**

*John had been looking forward to the vacation for months. However, his flight got delayed, and when he finally arrived at the resort, he was informed that his booking had been accidentally canceled. He was frustrated and didn't know what to do.*

**Question 44: Which phrasal verb best describes John's situation upon arriving at the resort?**

- A. set off
- B. give up
- C. check in
- D. run out

**Question 45: Identify the sentence with the incorrect usage of a phrasal verb:**

- a) She handed in her assignment yesterday.
- b) The company is handing out free samples of their new product.
- c) He's been trying to hand over smoking for years.
- d) The detective is determined to hand off the case to his colleague.

**Choose the synonym or antonym of the given phrasal verb (Q.46 - Q47):**

**Question 46: Overcome**

- a) Surrender (Antonym)
- b) Face up to (Synonym)
- c) Conquer (Synonym)
- d) Give away (Antonym)

**Question 47: Put off**

- a) Delay (Synonym)
- b) Speed up (Antonym)
- c) Call off (Synonym)
- d) Carry out (Antonym)

**Question 48: Identify the error in the following sentence and choose the correct phrasal verb to replace the incorrect one:**

**"The project manager needs to follow up on the progress regularly."**

- A. follow up
- B. follow on
- C. follow with
- D. follow by

**Passage:**

**Read the following passage and answer the question below.**

*The team had been working tirelessly on the project for months. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, they had to put off the presentation to a later date. Despite the setback, they remained determined to carry on and deliver a successful outcome.*

**Question 49: What does the phrasal verb "put off" mean in the context of the passage?**

- A. Postpone
- B. Speed up
- C. Finish
- D. Begin

**Direction: Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence:**

**Question 50: The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the old manufacturing process and adopt a more efficient one.**

- a) phase out
- b) phase in
- c) phase off
- d) phase up

## **Solutions**

**Answer 1: a) call off**

Explanation: "Call off" means to cancel or postpone something.

**Answer 2: b) Collide with something**

Explanation: "Run into" means to collide with or encounter unexpectedly.

**Answer 3: A) send over**

Explanation: "Send over" means to transmit or forward something, often electronically.

**Answer 4: c) play down**

Explanation: "Play down" means to minimise the importance or significance of something.

**Answer 5: a) Support or help**

Explanation: "Back up" means to provide support, assistance, or validation.

**Answer 6: a) Support or help**

Explanation: "Back up" means to provide support, assistance, or validation.

**Answer 7: b) Hold off**

Explanation: "Hold off" means to delay or postpone something, usually due to unfavourable conditions.

**Answer 8: a) pull through**

Explanation: "Pull through" means to recover from a difficult situation, illness, or challenge.

**Answer 9: b) Calm down**

Explanation: "Settle down" can mean to become calm, relaxed, or establish a stable life.

**Answer 10: a) sort out**

Explanation: "Sort out" means to resolve, organise, or clarify a situation or problem.

**Answer 11: a) look up**

Explanation: "Look up" means to search for information in a reference source, like a dictionary or encyclopaedia.

**Answer 12: a) Surrender**

Explanation: "Give in" means to yield or surrender, especially in a contest or argument.

**Answer 13: a) go ahead**

Explanation: "Go ahead" means to proceed or continue with a plan or action.

**Answer 14: c) called off**

Explanation: "Called off" means to cancel or postpone an event or activity.

**Answer 15: b) Begin**

Explanation: "Take up" means to start or begin a new activity or hobby.

**Answer 16: b) get over**

Explanation: "Get over" means to recover from or overcome something, such as a fear or illness.

**Answer 17: b) Analyze or stop functioning**

Explanation: "Break down" can mean to analyse something into its components or to stop functioning properly.

**Answer 18: c) back out**

Explanation: "Back out" means to withdraw or pull out of a commitment or event.

**Answer 19: a) Encounter**

Explanation: "Come across" means to encounter or find something unexpectedly.

**Answer 20: a) work out**

Explanation: "Work out" means to resolve or find a solution to a problem or situation.

**Answers for Q 21:**

- (i) Answer: c) Cancelled or withdrew from
- (ii) Answer: c) Confront or deal with
- (iii) Answer: b) Overcome
- (iv) Answer: b) Reveal or emphasise
- (v) Answer: a) Speak louder
- (vi) Answer: b) Replace or substitute for

**Answers for Q22:**

- (i) Answer: b) Started a journey
- (ii) Answer: b) Walked without purpose
- (iii) Answer: b) Spread gently through

**Answer 23: b) comply with**

Explanation: The correct phrasal verb here is "comply with," which means to follow or adhere to something.

**Answer 24: d) mesmerise**

Explanation: "Mesmerize" means to captivate or fascinate someone.

**Answer 25: a) call off**

Explanation: "Call off" means to cancel or postpone an event or activity.

**Answer 26: b) tackle**

Explanation: "Tackle" means to deal with or approach a problem or task.

**Answer 27: b) She needs to take her cat care while she's away.**

Correction: She needs to take care of her cat while she's away.

**Answer 28: a) Speed up (Synonym)**

**Answer 29: b) Surrender (Synonym)**

**Answer 30: 274358619 (The company's management has taken over the new project.)**

**Answer 31: 2351467 (They should stick to their plans despite challenges.)**

**Answer 32: d) highlighted**

**Answer 33: c) call out**

**Answer 34: b) phase out**

**Answer 35: a) adapt to**

**Answer 36: b) go down**

**Answer 37: d) pull off**

**Answer 38: c) call off**

**Answer 39: b) look into**

**Answer 40: d) The cat looked away when I tried to pet it.**

**Answer 41: a) Open up**

**Answer 42: b) Bring back**

**Answer 43: b) wind down**

**Answer 44: c) Check in**

**Answer 45: c) He's been trying to hand over smoking for years.**

Correction: He's been trying to give up smoking for years.

**Answer 46: c) Conquer (Synonym)**

**Answer 47: a) Delay (Synonym)**

**Answer 48: b) follow on**

**Answer 49: a) Postpone**

In the context of the passage, the phrasal verb "put off" means to postpone or delay. The passage mentions that the team had to delay the presentation to a later date because of unforeseen circumstances. The correct option is "Postpone."

When encountering phrasal verbs in reading comprehension passages, pay close attention to the surrounding context to determine their meanings, as they can often carry specific nuances in different situations.

**Answer 50: a) phase-out**