

Test Your Grammar Skills

20 Common English Phrasal Verbs – Mixed Tenses 2

Complete the sentences below with one of these phrasal verbs in the most suitable form:

hold up	zip up	tell off	slow down
make up	let down	swot up on	log out of
work out	turn up	look after	take over
throw away	pipe down	think about	slog away
set off	leave out	put up with	walk in on

1. Incredibly, every year people in the UK _____ around 15 million tonnes of food!
2. My mate _____ me _____, because he offered me a lift but didn't turn up.
3. I _____ for work by the time you've made your first cup of tea.
4. Jo has got an exam tomorrow, so she _____ Tudor history all afternoon.
5. We _____ in the gym for twenty minutes, when there was a power cut.
6. The Robinson family _____ stray dogs for ten years by the end of this year.
7. I had already _____ the boys for playing football in the hall, but then one of them broke a window.
8. Sheila _____ at her desk all Sunday afternoon, while you are at the fair.
9. I _____ what you said, and it's true – we do need a holiday.
10. If you're going to _____ lies about me, then at least try to be original!
11. The police officer _____ the traffic due to a problem with a high-sided vehicle.
12. I've got to _____ Facebook and do something more productive!
13. Have you ever _____ your parents when they were in the middle of a massive row?
14. You can _____ your cardigan, or leave it undone – it's up to you.
15. Julie Falmer _____ as head of the lower sixth form from next term.
16. Look – Philip's just _____! I wonder what he wants.
17. Can everybody _____, please? I can't hear myself think!
18. The van _____, when it suddenly hit the kerb and span out of control.
19. I don't know how you _____ me, mum, but I'm so glad that you do!
20. Horace _____ bread for the birds since his grandma died last autumn.

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