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Basics. Common Phrasal Verbs for Daily Life

Medium | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | Imperative mood | Infinitive | Past tense | Phrasal verb | Phrase | Present tense | Questions | Verb | Perfect tense | Progressive tense | Simple tense | Collocations

1. Help the forgetful professor finish his text message by dragging the right phrasal verbs to the blanks.

I am trying to _____ my missing glasses. If you _____ where my cat hid them, please tell me! We need to _____ so we don't miss the bus.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) look at
B) look for
C) look after

Blank 2

A) point out
B) find out
C) look out

Blank 3

A) hurry on
B) hurry up
C) run up

2. Read these passive-aggressive sticky notes left by a frustrated roommate. Select ALL the notes that use the daily life phrasal verbs correctly!

Select all that apply.

A) Please **take out** the trash; it is starting to smell like a swamp in here.
B) You need to **clean up** this mess in the kitchen before dinnertime.
C) Don't forget to **throw away** your nice, clean clothes in the closet.
D) Can you please **put away** your dirty dishes in the trash can?

3. Help the sleepy student complete his morning diary entry by dragging the correct phrasal verbs into the blanks.

I always _____ my loud alarm clock at 7:00 AM, but I refuse to _____ until 7:15. Then, I quickly _____ my school uniform and run to the kitchen for pancakes.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) wake up
B) turn off
C) take out

Blank 2

A) get on
B) get up
C) stand out

Blank 3

A) take off
B) put on
C) try out

4. Help the sleepy student describe their morning routine! Select ALL the sentences that use phrasal verbs correctly and make logical sense.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I always **turn off** my alarm as soon as it rings.
- **B)** I **put on** my favorite sweater because it is chilly today.
- **C)** I need to **wake up** my clothes before I go to school.
- **D)** I usually **get up** the lights when I want to go to sleep.

5. Fill in the blanks in this slightly panicked note left on the kitchen counter.

We completely _____ coffee this morning, which is a true emergency! Please _____ two bags from the store on your way home. Also, don't forget to _____ that expired milk in the fridge before it starts to smell.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** ran out of
- **B)** ran away from
- **C)** ran into

Blank 2

- **A)** pick up
- **B)** pick out
- **C)** pick off

Blank 3

- **A)** throw away
- **B)** throw out of
- **C)** throw off

6. You are organizing a surprise party and texting your friend for help. Select ALL the text messages that use phrasal verbs correctly!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** We just **ran out of** milk, so please buy some at the store!
- **B)** Can you **pick up** the birthday cake from the bakery at noon?
- **C)** I need to **look after** my lost keys; I cannot find them anywhere!
- **D)** Please **drop off** the balloons on the ceiling.

7. Help the shivering student decide what to do before stepping into the snow. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence.

"It's absolutely freezing outside!" shivering Sam said. "Make sure you _____ your heavy winter jacket before you leave the house."

Select one.

- **A)** take off
- **B)** put on
- **C)** try on
- **D)** look for

8. Complete the desperate text message from a parent trying to watch their favorite TV show.

How do I _____ this new smart TV? The screen is completely black! I already made sure to _____ the power cable to the wall. And once it's working, how do I _____ the volume? It was so loud yesterday that it woke up the dog!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** turn on
- **B)** turn up
- **C)** turn in

Blank 2

- **A)** plug in
- **B)** plug on
- **C)** plug off

Blank 3

- **A)** turn down
- **B)** turn off
- **C)** turn around

9. Complete the anxious roommate's text message by choosing the correct phrasal verb.

Hey! I'm already on the bus, but I can't remember if I touched the stove this morning. Could you please check the kitchen and _____ the oven if I left it running?

Select one.

- **A)** turn up
- **B)** turn on
- **C)** turn off
- **D)** turn down

10. Complete the frustrated roommate's sticky note by dragging the correct phrasal verbs into the spaces.

Please _____ your massive mess in the kitchen. You need to _____ the expired milk and _____ the trash before it starts a new civilization in our apartment!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** clean down
- **B)** clean up
- **C)** wash out

Blank 2

- **A)** give away
- **B)** throw away
- **C)** run away

Blank 3

- **A)** take off
- **B)** take out
- **C)** make out

11. Finish the panicked student's morning complaint by selecting the correct phrasal verb.

I am going to be so late for my morning class! I have been _____ my car keys for twenty minutes, and they are nowhere to be found.

Select one.

- **A)** looking at
- **B)** looking after
- **C)** looking for
- **D)** looking up

12. Help the frantic roommate complete their morning text message by choosing the correct phrasal verbs.

I can't find my keys! I need to quickly _____ my shoes and _____ them before I miss the bus. Also, please don't be mad, but I didn't have time to _____ the kitchen after making breakfast.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** put on
- **B)** take off
- **C)** try on

Blank 2

- **A)** look for
- **B)** look at
- **C)** look after

Blank 3

A) clean up
B) clean out
C) clean off