

PHRASAL VERBS - UNIT 14

I. Complete these sentences using the six verbs from the list below. Use each verb only once.

soak up - break up - tell off - beat up - go for - calm down

1. The meeting.....at ten o'clock.
2. The boys.....the old man and took his money.
3. My boss.....me.....for being late.
4.! There's nothing to worry about.
5. The carpet.....the wine.
6. The madman.....John with a knife.

II. Complete these sentences using the 'ing' form of the verb in brackets.

e.g. I told him off for..... (not do his homework)

□ I **told** him **off** for *not doing his homework*.

1. The teacher **told** her **off** for..... (be rude)
2. The teacher **told** him **off** for..... (eat in class)
3. I was **told off** for..... (not help my mother)

III. Replace the words in *italics* by the words in brackets. Change the word order if necessary.

e.g. They **beat up** my friend.

(*him*)

□ They **beat** **him up**.

1. I told *her* off. (*Janet*)
2. Let's **beat** him **up**. (*George*)
3. The protesters **broke up** *the meeting*. (*it*)
4. The student **soaked it up**. (*a lot of information*)
5. The dog **went for** *the postman*. (*him*)
6. This glass of whisky will **calm** *him down*. (*Phillip*)

IV. Complete the passage using *go for/break up/calm down*.

Last night's meeting.....in disorder when a man from the audience.....the chairman with a knife. It took us twenty minutes.....to the man.....and take his knife from him.

V. Complete the passage using *tell off/soak up/beat up*.

Last week, Roy had a fight with three older boys. He.....a lot of punishment as they.....him.....and he had to go to hospital. When his mother visited him, she cried and.....him.....for fighting.

VI. Use the verbs in brackets to reply to the following.

e.g. Sue is very upset.

(*calm down*)

□ Don't worry, I'll **calm** her **down**.

1. Your son was very rude to his teacher. (*tell off*)
2. I'm really worried about my exam. (*calm down*)
3. What happened when the police arrived at the party? (*break up*)
4. How did Colin get that black eye? (*beat up*)
5. Why are you looking so frightened? (*go for*)
6. Why is this cloth damp? (*soak up*)

ANSWER KEYS

I.

1. broke up
2. beat up
3. told (me) off
4. Calm down
5. soaked up
6. went for

II.

1. being rude
2. eating in class
3. not helping my mother

III.

1. told Janet off/told off Janet
2. beat George up/beat up George
3. broke it up
4. soaked up a lot of information/soaked a lot of information up
5. went for him
6. calm Phillip down

IV. broke up, went for, calm (the man) down

V. soaked up, beat (him) up, told (him) off

VI.

1. You should tell him off (etc.)
2. Don't worry! Calm down (etc.)!
3. They broke it up (etc.)
4. Someone beat him up last night (etc.)
5. I'm worried in case that dog's going to go for me (etc.)
6. Because I used it to soak up the wine spilt on the carpet (etc.)

Notes.

- **soak up:** ướt sũng, ướt đầm đìa (= absorb liquid, or water thoroughly)
- **break up:** tan (hợp); giải tán (= be over; finish; come to an end)
- **tell off:** mắng; la rầy (= scold; reprimand)
- **beat up:** đánh túi bụi; đánh bầm dập (= hurt badly by hitting and kicking repeatedly)
- **go for:** tấn công (= attack)
- **calm down:** bình tĩnh trở lại; yên lòng đi! (= stop feeling excited, worried, upset...)



They are soaked-up.



Calm down! I just wish to touch your mane.



The dog went for the thief.



His Mum is telling him off.



I'll beat you up!



The meeting has broken up.