

PHRASAL VERBS - UNIT 19

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

go off - put out - blow up - cut down on - blow up (2) - break out

1. My friend, Harry, was killed when the gun he was cleaning suddenly.....
2. The soldiers.....the enemy tank.
3. The *Great Fire* of London.....in the year 1666.
4. Give me the pump and I'll.....the tyres on your bicycle.
5. The firemen.....the fire in the warehouse.
6. When I lost my job I had to.....my spending.

II. Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets.

1. (*break out*) A fight.....
2. (*blow up*) The soldiers put explosives on the bridge and.....
3. (*go off*) We lit the fireworks and.....
4. (*blow up*) Give me the bicycle pump and.....
5. (*put out*) If you don't want me to smoke I'll.....
6. (*cut down on*) You're too fat, you must.....

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

e.g. James **put out** the fire.

(*it*)

☐ James put *it* out.

1. We blew *them* up. (*as many balloons as we could find*)
2. You must cut down on *the number of telephone calls you make*. (*them*)
3. The terrorists blew *it* up. (*the aeroplane*)
4. Please put *it* out. (*your cigar*)

IV. Complete the passage using *cut down on/put out/blow up*.

Last Christmas, I was driving home from a party when a policeman stopped my car. First, he asked me to.....my cigarette; and then he told me to.....a plastic bag that measured the amount of alcohol in my blood. After this he checked the bag and warned me that if I didn't.....my drinking I would lose my driving licence.

V. Complete the passage using *go off/break out/blow up*.

Fighting.....between rival gangs after the big football match. Shop windows were smashed and many alarms..... One of the gangs even tried to.....the supermarket with petrol bombs.

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

e.g. That light is too bright.

(*put out*)

☐ Don't worry, I'll **put it out**.

1. How was that bridge destroyed? (*blow up*)
2. What are you going to do about your weight? (*cut down on*)
3. Didn't you see that '*no smoking*' sign? (*put out*)
4. Your car tyres are flat. (*blow up*)
5. What was that noise? (*go off*)

6. What happened in 1914*?

(break out)

* World War I started in 1914.

ANSWER KEY

I.

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|-------------|------------|----------------|
| 1. went off | 2. blew up | 3. broke out |
| 4. blow up | 5. put out | 6. cut down on |

II.

1. broke out (etc.)
2. blew it up.
3. they went off/watched them go off (etc.)
4. I'll blow up your tyres/blow your tyres up.
5. I'll put out my cigarette/put out my cigarette out (etc.)
6. cut down on your eating (etc.)

III.

1. blew up as many balloons as we could find
(or) blew as many balloons up as we could find
2. cut down on them
3. blew up the aeroplane/blew the aeroplane up
4. put out your cigar/put your cigar out

IV. put out, blow up, cut down on

V. broke out, went off, blow up

VI.

1. It was blown up (etc.)
2. I'm going to cut down on chocolate (etc.)
3. No, I didn't, but I'll put my cigarette out now (etc.)
4. I know they need blowing up (etc.)
5. It sounded like a bomb going off (etc.)
6. *World War I* broke out in 1914.

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### Notes.

- go off: *nổ (bom, súng = explode)*
- put out: *dập tắt*
- blow up (1): *thổi phồng lên; bơm (hơi) lên*
- cut down on: *cắt giảm (rượu, thuốc lá,...)*
- blow up (2): *làm nổ tung; phá cho nổ tung*
- break out: *bùng phát (chiến tranh, hỏa hoạn, bệnh dịch, ...)*



Go off



Blow up balloons



Put out a fire



Blow up a tyre



Cut down on fat & sugar



Blow up a bus with a bomb



A quarrel **broke out**.