

PHRASAL VERBS - UNIT 11

I. Complete these sentences using the six verbs from the list below. Use each verb only once. If the answer is 'give up' say if it is (1), (2) or (3)

give (oneself) up (1) - try out - give up (2) - catch on - give up (3) - drop off

1. The escaped convict.....himself.....to the police.
2. I.....; this maths problem is too difficult for me.
3. Peter.....eating sweets because the dentist told him they were bad for his teeth.
4. Ben asked the salesman if he could.....the car before deciding whether to buy it.
5. It's a great new product and the sale's figures show that it's.....very quickly.
6. Harry.....on the train and missed his station.

II. Choose words from the list below to fill the gaps. Use each word only once.

themselves – playing – the – to – trying – drinking

1. Don't give up, keep.....
2. Rachel gave up playing.....piano because she couldn't afford the lessons.
3. The robbers gave.....up.....the authorities.
4. Colin wants to give up.....alcohol because it's bad for his health.
5. Sam gave up.....the guitar when he broke his arm.

III. Complete the passage using *give up* (3)/*catch on*/*try out*.

Jogging is beginning to.....in a big way, so I've decided to.....it and.....tennis.

IV. Complete the passage using *drop off*/*give up* (1)/*give up* (2).

The escaped prisoner was surrounded by the police, but he still refused to.....himself..... After twenty hours, however, he had to.....his struggle because he kept.....

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

e.g. I can't swim any further. (*give up* (2) => Don't *give up* yet, we're almost there.

1. What do you think of my idea?
(catch on)
2. What did the murderer do?
(give oneself up (1))
3. What happens when grandfather sits in front of the television?
(drop off)

4. Did your expedition get to the top of the mountain?

(give up (2))

5. Would you like a whisky?

(give up (3))

6. Can I have the job?

(try out)

ANSWER KEYS

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1. gave (himself) up (1)
2. give up (2)
3. gave up (3)
4. try out
5. catching on

6. dropped off

- II.** 1. trying 2. the 3. themselves (up) to 4. drinking 5. playing

III. catch on, try (it) out, give up

IV. give (himself) up, give up, dropping off

V.

1. I think it'll catch on (etc.)
2. He gave himself up (to the police) (etc.)
3. He always drops off (etc.)
4. No, we gave up half-way up (etc.)
5. No, thanks, I've given up drinking alcohol (etc.)
6. Yes, but we'll try you out for a month first (etc.)

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**Notes.**

- **give up:** bỏ cuộc; bỏ (một thói quen = quit); chịu thua, "bỏ tay"

- **give oneself up:** đầu hàng; đầu thú

- **try out:** thử tài; thử tay nghề; kiểm tra trình độ

- **catch on:** hiểu thấu (= understand); trở nên phổ biến (= become popular)

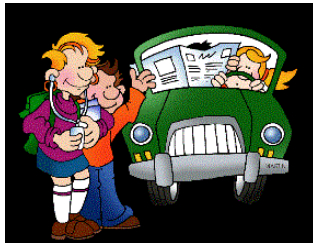
- **drop off:** giảm sút (= become less); cho xuống xe, trả khách (= take someone to some place)



Give up



A terrorist gives himself up.



Drop off