

PHRASAL VERBS - UNIT 9

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

call off - put off - be taken aback - be over - be off - give out

- The audience is leaving the theatre because the play.....
- My parents.....by my unexpectedly bad examination result.
- Dave and Sally had a terrible argument and decided to.....their wedding.
- Julia and Fred are very young, so they have decided to.....their wedding for a few years.
- The nurse.....the tablets to the patients.
- The wedding.....because Deborah has decided not to marry Bill.

II. Change these sentences into the passive. Do not include the agent in your answer.

e.g. They *called* the match *off*. => The match *was called off*.

- The man gave out the pamphlets.
- The chairperson put off the next meeting until after Christmas.
- The police called off the search.

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

e.g. They called off *the concert*. (*it*)

=> They *called it off*.

- Mother gave *them* out. (*the sweets*)
- Jack put off *the cleaning*. (*it*)
- Mr Smith called *it* off. (*the meeting of the students' club*)

IV. Complete the passage using *give out/be over/be taken aback*.

I.....when I saw a man.....money in the street to passers-by. By the time I reached him, his act of generosity.....because he didn't have any money left!

V. Complete the passage using *call off/put off/be off*.

~ A: ".....the lecture.....?"

~ B: "No, it hasn't been..... They've just.....it.....until next week."

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

e.g. What shall I do with these examination papers? (*give out*)

=> *Give* them *out* to the students.

- How did you feel when they told you the news? (*be taken aback*)
- Has the meeting been cancelled? (*put off*)
- The students have used all their paper. (*give out*)
- People are leaving the cinema. (*be over*)
- Why can't we go to the meeting tonight? (*be off*)
- What do you think we should do about the business deal? (*call off*)

ANSWER KEYS

I.

- is over
- were taken aback
- call off/put off
- put off
- gave out
- is of

II.

- The pamphlets were given out.
- The next meeting was put off until after Christmas.
- The search was called off.

III.

- gave the sweets out/gave out the sweets
- put it off
- called off the meeting of the students' club/called the meeting...off

IV. was taken aback, giving out, was over

V. is (the lecture) off, called off, put (it) off

VI.

- I was taken aback (etc.)
- No, it's been put off until tomorrow (etc.)
- The teacher will give (them) out some more (etc.)
- The film must be over (etc.)
- Because it's off (etc.)
- We should call it off (etc.)

Notes.

- call off : hủy bỏ = cancel; decide that something will not happen
- put off : hoãn lại = postpone
- be taken aback : ngạc nhiên = be surprised
- be over : kết thúc = finish; end, come to an end
- be off : bị hủy = be cancelled; no longer going to happen
- give out : phân phát; phát ra = hand out



He's taken aback .



They are giving out candies.