

PHRASAL VERBS WITH “RUN”

I. Fill in the gaps using appropriate prepositions or adverbs.

1. She was **run**....and killed by a lorry.
2. They **ran**....the flag on the king's birthday.
3. I **ran**....an old friend in the supermarket.
4. Remember that the car is new and you have to **run**....its engine.
5. The police have managed to **run**....one of the most dangerous criminals in the country.
6. Whenever there's a cat around, my dog **runs**....it.
7. I **ran**....from home at the age of 14.
8. He **ran**....with his best friend's wife.
9. He believes that I'm his servant and wants me to **run**....him all day.
10. My salary doesn't **run**....buying a new flat, I'm afraid.
11. The meeting **ran**....until ten at night.
12. The mining industry is **running**....
13. Mark Anthony's servant **ran** his sword....his master.
14. I can't play with you, children. **Run**....
15. The tailor **ran** my suit....in several hours.
16. Please hurry up with your work; time is **running**....
17. The actors have to **run**....the same scenes a lot of times.
18. I forgot to turn off the tap and, by the time I realised, water was **running**....the sink.
19. When he plunged into debt, he **ran** his family.
20. When the Government put forward the new conscription law, it **ran** strong opposition.
21. He **ran**....an iron fence and the bonnet of the car was dented.
22. My electric alarm clock has **run**....and doesn't work any more.
23. When they discovered that he was a swindler he was **run** town.
24. I haven't got time to read the text carefully; I've only **run**....it.
25. Your complaints are understandable but don't let your temper **run** you.

II. Replace the following phrasal verbs with another word or phrase of the same meaning.

1. My children dislike living in big cities; they prefer to **run about** in the country.
2. The old lady was **run over** by a bus.
3. Stop making noise and **run along**, you children.
4. He **ran away** with the idea that he was going to be sacked.
5. My secretary was said to be very efficient, but in fact, she **runs away** from her duties whenever she's able to.
6. When we are happy we tend to believe that days **run by** in seconds.
7. Several gunmen have been **run in** during the night.
8. The Socialist Party has always **run down** the profits of large companies.
9. I **ran into** James at the railway station.
10. This play is a fiasco; it has only **run for** two nights.

11. The policeman **ran after** the thief.
12. They needed more water and asked the plumber to **run** another pipe **into** the house.
13. The police riot squads have **run at** the violent supporters.
14. I **ran across** this ring in the drawer.
15. Don't **run away** with the idea that I am going to blame her.
16. My wife has **run through** my fortune in the last two years.
17. He is broke and is **running up** bills.
18. He **ran up** the stairs as the lift was out of order.
19. We cannot **run to** more than £1,000 while we're on holiday.
20. You'll have to choose; time's **running out**.
21. We **ran out of** water on our visit to the Sahara.
22. The concert **ran on** for two hours.
23. He spends too much and will undoubtedly **run into** debt.
24. The tide will begin to **run out** at seven.
25. If you want to marry that girl, you'll probably **run up against** her father.

III. Replace the words in italics with an appropriate phrasal verb.

1. My dog likes to *pursue* cats.
2. Don't *take on* the idea that I hate you.
3. He *escaped* from home at the age of 16.
4. He'll *encounter* a lot of opposition if he doesn't accept our rules.
5. I *met* my uncle in the supermarket quite by chance.
6. This clock is useless because the battery has *become discharged*.
7. He's always *criticizing* his parents.
8. When I came home, I found that the bath was *overflowing* with water.
9. He *wasted* his water supplies during the drought.
10. The car skidded off the road and *collided with* a lamp post.
11. Please *revise* your instructions before using the machine.
12. Let's *repeat* the first scene again.
13. The policeman managed to *catch* the criminal.
14. The pianist *performed* a very nice piece of music.
15. The old man was *knocked down* by a lorry.
16. He soon *spent* his wife's fortune.
17. They have debts *reaching* thousands of pounds.
18. He *walked out* on his family and friends.
19. They *eloped* to get married.
20. I *found* an old map in this cabinet.
21. She *examined* the dress before buying it.
22. This book *has had* five editions.
23. This river *ends* in the Atlantic Ocean.
24. You may have to *deal with* her father.
25. The bills *add up* to millions.

IV. Fill in the gaps using one of the following phrasal verbs.

*run across, run after, run away, run back, run down,
run into, run off, run on, run out, run over, run through,
run to, run up, run across to, run over to, run away with*

1. His dream was to **run**....and go to sea.
2. The grocer **ran**....with the milkman's daughter.
3. I **ran** my neighbour's house to borrow some eggs.
4. The flag was **run**....the mast as the anthem was played.
5. He's convinced that the government's budget will not **run**....any opposition.
6. I **ran**....my uncle Robert in the local bookshop.
7. He **ran**....his notes before giving an answer.
8. The cat was **running**....a mouse.
9. He's very talkative and will **run**....for hours if we don't stop him.
10. The battery has **run**....and needs recharging.
11. He soon **ran**....the money he had inherited.
12. You should look ahead and not **run**....over the past.
13. If you insult him, his patience will soon **run**
14. The cashier **ran**....with the money from the safe.
15. He swerved and the car **ran**....an iron fence.
16. **Run** the tape...., I want to listen to it again.
17. I **ran**....my old classmate Tony in Dublin.
18. The fishermen **ran** the rope....
19. A bus **ran**....him years ago and he became disabled.
20. The Spanish tennis player has **run** the second set.
21. The disease will **run**....until he dies.
22. He **runs** me....because I don't agree with him.
23. If he spends his money like that, he'll soon **run**....debt.
24. If we don't pay, we'll **run**....a very big bill.
25. I told the publisher to **run**....one thousand copies of the book.

ANSWER KEYS

KEY TO I		
1. down/ over	9. after	17. through/over
2. up	10. to	18. over
3. across/into	11.on	19. out on
4. in	12. down	20. up against
5. in	13. through	21. into
6. after	14. along	22. down
7. away	15. up	23. out of
8. away/ off	16. out	24. through/ over
		25. away with

KEY TO II

1. frolic/ play	9. came across/ met	17. accumulating debt
2. knocked down	10. been on show for	18. climbed quickly
3. go away	11. pursued	19. spend
4. got	12. install /in a charged against	20. coming to an end
5. escapes	14. found	21. finished
6. pass	15. get	22. went on/continued
7. captured/ arrested	16. spent	23. finish up in
8. criticised		24. go out
		25. confront

KEY TO III

1. run after	9. ran through	18. ran out
2. run away with	10. ran into	19. ran away/off
3. ran away	11. run through/over	20. ran across
4. run up against	12. run through/over	21. she ran her eye over
5. ran into	13. run in	22. run into
6. run down	14. ran off	23. runs into
7. running down	15. run over/down	24. run up against
8. running over	16. ran through	25. run into
	17. running into	

KEY TO IV

1. away/off	10. down	18. out
2. away/ off	11. through	19. over
3. across to/ over to	12. back	20. away with
4. up	13. out	21. on
5. into	14. off/a way	22. down
6. into/ across	15. into	23. into
7. over/throug	16. back	24. up
8. after	17. across/ into	25. off
9. on		

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