

PHRASAL VERBS

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I. Choose the appropriate preposition to fill in the gap. In some cases more than one answer may be possible.

1. It was a long time before we came....the truth.
2. The dog came....us with teeth bared.
3. Come....! We are late for the bus.
4. How is your English coming....?
5. The words I had forgotten are coming....to me now.
6. I was picking up the teapot when it came....in my hands.
7. She has been very ill, but now she is coming....fine.
8. We must not let this silly quarrel come....us.
9. The price of oil has come....dramatically recently.
10. I come....Liverpool, but I have spent most of my life in Scotland.
11. John has come....the money; he inherited £5,000.
12. The town came....sight when we turned the bend.
13. The hook came....the wall when I hung up my coat.
14. This tool will come....very handy for my uncle.
15. Snails come....as soon as it rains.
16. When did you first come....to Europe?
17. Your talk came....very well.
18. It has come....my attention that he is very short-tempered.
19. He came....the conclusion that someone was having an affair with his wife.
20. He came....and asked me if I had the time.
21. Much of the tea consumed in England comes....Sri Lanka.
22. He comes....an interesting family.
23. How's your orchard coming....?
24. Sometimes it's very difficult to come....the truth.
25. He never lets anything come....him and his morning paper.

KEY I

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| 1. to/upon | 2. at/towards |
| 3. on/along | 4. on/along |
| 5. back | 6. apart |
| 7. along | 8. between |
| 9. down | 10. from |
| 11. into | 12. into |
| 13. off/away from | 14. in |
| 15. out | 16. over/across |
| 17. over/across | 18. to |
| 19. to | 20. over/up/across |
| 21. from/out of | 22. off/from |
| 23. on/along | 24. to |

25. between

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

1. British company decided to come into the venture.
2. When his father died, Oscar was very happy because he came into a small fortune.
3. He has squandered most of it and, as you know, poverty is what comes of being a spendthrift.
4. The soles came off his shoes.
5. Come on! The train is going to leave.
6. The fisherman suddenly came across a pool full of trout.
7. As he is taking German classes, I asked him, "How is your German coming along?"
8. The Conservative party came out against the measure when the subject was discussed in Parliament.
9. If you want to convince him, listen to my advice. Then maybe he will come round.
10. This quantity comes to £100.
11. The stains came out when he used the stain remover.
12. You look very disappointed. What has come over you?
13. They are expected to come round the houses to give information.
14. A beggar came up to me asking for money.
15. That question always comes up when they are discussing the subject.
16. That item comes under "Grammar" in old books.
17. They came up against some serious problems when they tried to evict her.
18. When it comes to treating the children, she is the best nurse we have.
19. Will no one come forward as a candidate?
20. We shall write to you if a vacancy comes up.
21. When did you first come over to Spain?
22. She came out with a really stupid remark.
23. The exam results have not come through, then?
24. He'll soon come round to her point of view.
25. How did the accident come about?

KEY II

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| 1. take part in | 2. inherited |
| 3. results of | 4. became separated from |
| 5. Hurry up | 6. found |
| 7. progressing | 8. opposed |
| 9. change his mind | 10. adds up to |
| 11. disappeared | 12. happened to |
| 13. visit | 14. approached |
| 15. presents itself | 16. is listed under |
| 17. were confronted by | 18. is a matter of |
| 19. volunteer | 20. arises |
| 21. visit | 22. made |

23. *been given*

24. *agree with*

25. *happen*

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

come after, come from, come forward, come about, come up with, come at, come apart, come down, come over, come in, come round, come up to, come upon, come by, come back, come up, come to.

1. The Policeman....the thieves with his wooden truncheon.
2. I have no other explanation. It simply....this way.
3. The teapot was damaged; it....in my hands.
4. Those are legends which have....to us from our ancestors.
5. They couldn't play tennis on the beach because the tide was....
6. Much of the olive oil consumed in Spain....Andalucia.
7. Although there is a reward, no witness to the attack has....yet.
8. What has....you? Why have you changed in this way?
9. All the roads were blocked, so we had to....by the river.
10. My lottery ticket....; I won two hundred pounds.
11. During the flood, the water....my waist.
12. In the end he was the only one who....a solution.
13. How did all this....?
14. The word "Britannia"....the word "Britain" in the Dictionary.
15. How did you....the solution to the mystery?
16. He....first in the marathon.
17. I don't know what....her.
18. His voice....clearly on the walkie talkie.
19. The singer....the public's expectations.
20. They....the stairs.
21. The poor girl is only just....from the shock.
22. How much does all that....?
23. This young girl has....the answer.
24. The old woman....him with her umbrella.
25. Two planes have....this week.

KEY III

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| 1. <i>came after/at</i> | 2. <i>came about/ out</i> |
| 3. <i>came apart</i> | 4. <i>came down</i> |
| 5. <i>coming in</i> | 6. <i>comes from</i> |
| 7. <i>come forward</i> | 8. <i>come over</i> |
| 9. <i>come over/ down/back</i> | 10. <i>came up</i> |
| 11. <i>came up to</i> | 12. <i>came up with</i> |
| 13. <i>come about</i> | 14. <i>comes after</i> |
| 15. <i>come/upon</i> | 16. <i>came in</i> |
| 17. <i>came over</i> | 18. <i>came over</i> |
| 19. <i>came up to</i> | 20. <i>came up</i> |
| 21. <i>coming round</i> | 22. <i>come to</i> |
| 23. <i>come up with</i> | 24. <i>came at/after</i> |
| 25. <i>come down</i> | |

IV. Replace the words in italics with a phrasal verb.

1. My posting to the London office will be received by fax.

2. There was a meeting of the trade unions yesterday. The matter of salaries was discussed but nothing was decided.

3. How is the book you are writing progressing? When will you finish it?

4. It was a long time before we discovered the truth.

5. When I make plans for the future, they never seem to succeed.

6. He had a nasty shock, and he fainted. Fortunately, it was not long before he regained consciousness.

7. They will let nothing separate them.

8. How did you obtain that old watch? Did you inherit it?

9. These old buildings will have to be demolished.

10. He lost prestige in the world when his past was discovered.

11. They ascended the hill very slowly.

12. He rushed at me with a sword.

13. This work of his is progressing fine.

14. It will take a long time for permission to be conceded.

15. The door handle became separated from the door.

16. He descended the stairs in despair.

17. They did not arrive at a conclusion at the meeting.

18. The dog approached us defiantly.

19. Hurry up! We are going to miss the train.

20. This tool may be useful in the future.

21. When I was looking for my pad I found by chance this old map.

22. Someone entered the church in silence.

23. When is the wedding going to take place?

24. He fainted but soon recovered consciousness.

25. A policeman approached and asked if everything was all right.

KEY IV

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| 1. <i>come through</i> | 2. <i>came up</i> |
| 3. <i>coming along/on</i> | 4. <i>came at/upon/by</i> |
| 5. <i>come off</i> | 6. <i>came round/to</i> |
| 7. <i>come between</i> | 8. <i>come by</i> |
| 9. <i>come down</i> | 10. <i>came down</i> |
| 11. <i>came up</i> | 12. <i>came at/after</i> |
| 13. <i>coming along/on</i> | 14. <i>come through</i> |
| 15. <i>came away from/off</i> | 16. <i>came down</i> |
| 17. <i>come to</i> | 18. <i>came at/after/ towards</i> |
| 19. <i>come on/ along</i> | 20. <i>come in handy</i> |
| 21. <i>came across/upon</i> | 22. <i>came into</i> |
| 23. <i>come about/off</i> | 24. <i>came round/to</i> |
| 25. <i>came up</i> | |