

PHRASAL VERBS - UNIT 20

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

get through - hold up - run out of - break into - burn down - wear out

1. I must go to the bank because I've.....cash.
2. A gang of terrorists.....the embassy with a petrol bomb.
3. It was such a good book that I.....it in one evening.
4. Decorating the house all day has.....me.....
5. My younger brother.....my money box and stole my savings.
6. Bandits.....the bus and robbed the passengers.

II. Change these sentences into the passive.

e.g. A mugger *held* me *up*.

□ I *was held up* by a mugger.

1. A burglar *broke into* my flat.
2. Cleaning the house *wore* him *out*.
3. Some men *held up* the van.
4. Some terrorists *burned down* the embassy.

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

e.g. The robbers *held up* the train. (*it*)

□ The robbers *held it up*.

1. Looking after the children *wore* them *out*. (*the nurses in the hospital*)
2. Three men *held* it *up*. (*my uncle's newspaper shop*)
3. Someone *broke into* our house. (*it*)
4. John *got through* his homework. (*it*)
5. They *burned* it *down*. (*part of the city*)

IV. Complete the passage using *run out of/wear out/burn down*.

My father is a fireman. Yesterday he helped fight a big fire in a warehouse. When he got home he was..... Unfortunately, the warehouse.....because the firemen.....water.

V. Complete the passage using *get through/hold up/break into*.

I was working at the bank trying to.....the weekly accounts when some gunmen.....my office and.....me.....

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

e.g. Could I have a cold drink? (*run out of*)

□ No, I'm sorry you can't because I've *run out of* ice.

1. Would you like to go dancing tonight? (*wear out*)
2. What happened to the old cinema? (*burn down*)
3. Why were you in such a hurry this morning? (*run out of*)
4. How did you get all this money? (*hold up*)
5. Why did you come home from work so early? (*get through*)
6. Why did the police arrest you? (*break into*)

ANSWER KEY

I.

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| 1. run out of | 2. burned down |
| 3. got through | 4. worn (me) out |
| 5. broke into | 6. held up |

II.

1. My flat was broken into (by a burglar)
2. He was worn out cleaning the house
3. The van was held up (by some men)
4. The embassy was burned down (by some terrorists)

III.

1. wore out the nurses in the hospital/wore the nurses in the hospital out
2. held up my uncle's newspaper shop/held my uncle's newspaper shop up
3. broke into it
4. got through it
5. burned down part of the city/burned part of the city down

IV. worn out, burned down, ran out of

V. broke into, held (me) up

VI.

1. No, I'm completely worn out (etc.)
2. It burned down last year (etc.)
3. Because I ran out of time (etc.)
4. I held up a bank (etc.)
5. Because I got through my work quickly (etc.)
6. Because they thought I'd broken into my neighbour's house (etc.)

Notes.

- *get through*: làm xong hết (việc...)

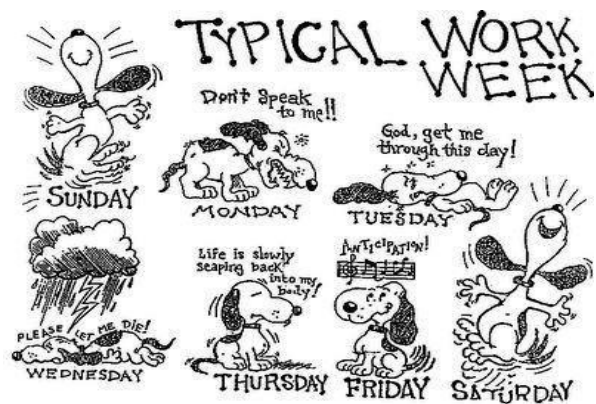
- *hold up*: bắt chặn lại (trấn lột)

- *run out of*: hết cạn; cạn túi (= be broke)

- *break into*: lên vào nhà

- *burn down*: cháy rụi; thiêu rụi

- *wear out*: làm kiệt sức (= make exhausted)



Get through work



Break into



Hold up!



Burn down



Run out of money



Wear out (worn-out)

