

PHRASAL VERBS - UNIT 16

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

take over - pass away/pass on/pass over - turn into - wear off - brush up - die out

- I'm going to.....my spare bedroom.....a bathroom.
- Paul wants to.....his knowledge of modern history.
- The government wants to.....the country's computer industry.
- The effects of the drug took some time to.....
- These rare animals will.....if people don't stop hunting them.
- I'm sorry to hear that your grandmother.....

II. Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets.

- (*brush up*) I'm taking private lessons.....
- (*pass away/on/over*) How many years is it since.....
- (*wear off*) The smell of the paint.....
- (*turn into*) The magician took my handkerchief and.....
- (*take over*) I'm going on holiday for three weeks so I'd like you to.....
- (*die out*) If people were allowed to shoot as many elephants as they wanted,

III. Complete the passage using *die out* / *wear off* / *brush up*.

Last week, I decided to.....my knowledge of natural history by going to the library and borrowing a few books on the subject. In one of the books, I learned that many kinds of animals and birds are.....because of the terrible things people do to them. The shock of this discovery took a long time to.....

IV. Complete the passage using *turn into*/*pass away* or *pass on* or *pass over* / *take over*.

Young Eric.....when his poor father..... . His father's death has.....him.....a much stronger person.

IV. Use the words in brackets to reply to the following.

e.g. What have they done to the old cinema?

(*turn into*)

□ They've *turned* it *into* a supermarket.

- Why do you look so sad?
- Why did you buy that book?
- Who is going to be chairman when Tim leaves?
- What has happened to that ancient custom?
- What are you going to do with your old garage?
- Are you still feeling uncomfortable?

(*pass away/pass on/pass over*)

(*brush up*)

(*take over*)

(*die out*)

(*turn into*)

(*wear off*)

ANSWER KEYS

I.

- turn (my spare bedroom) into
- brush up
- take over
- wear off
- die out
- passed away/on/ over

II.

- to brush up my English (etc.)
- she passed away/on/over (etc.)
- hasn't worn off yet (etc.)
- turned it into an egg (etc.)
- take over my job (etc.)
- they would soon all die out (etc.)

III. brush up, dying out, wear off

IV. took over, passed away/on/over, turned (him) into

V.

- Because my uncle has just passed away/on/over (etc.)
- To brush up my English (etc.)
- Tom will take over (etc.)
- It died out years ago (etc.)
- I'm going to turn it into a spare bedroom (etc.)
- No, the pain's worn off now (etc.)

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**Notes.**

- **take over:** *đảm nhận thay ai*

- **pass away / pass on / pass over:** *qua đời (die; kick the bucket)*

- **turn into:** *biến thành; chuyển thành (= convert into)*

- **wear off:** *tan dần. phai dần*

- **brush up:** *ôn luyện lại*

- **die out:** *tuyệt chủng (= become extinct)*

**Brush up on your English**

Carla Heslop has recently started a new business, providing English coaching to Kiwi business managers and PAs who wish to brush up on the formal writing skills they need, to maintain professional image.

She asks a few questions: Does the standard of your company's business correspondence uphold your professional image? Common mistakes often made. (Could this be you?)

- Thoughts written down as they occur, without any attempt to organise the information into topics, leading to unnecessary repetition.
- A space between each sentence or couple of sentences, with the information becoming disjointed, rather than organised into coherent paragraphs.
- Writers leaping straight to the point, without the bother of a friendly opening sentence.
- Similarly, writers ending their correspondence abruptly (often without restating their main point).
- Words or phrases incorrectly used.
- Poor sentence construction.
- Commas in the wrong places.

Some of the requirements of effective communication are:

- It should be well organised so that the reader understands your message without the need of a codebook or oxygen tank.
- It should have some PR content where the writer acknowledges the reader as a human being.
- It should be grammatically correct, in order to present a professional image and inspire respect.

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**Brush up**



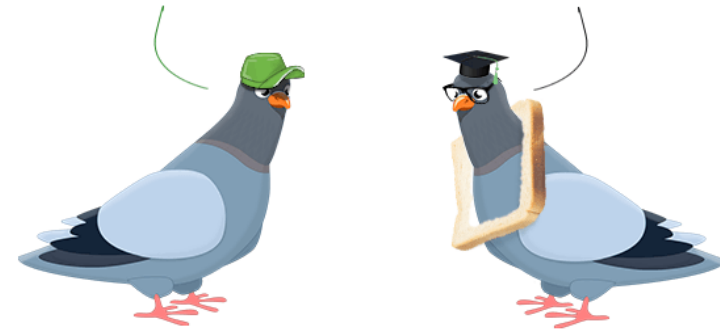
**Die out**



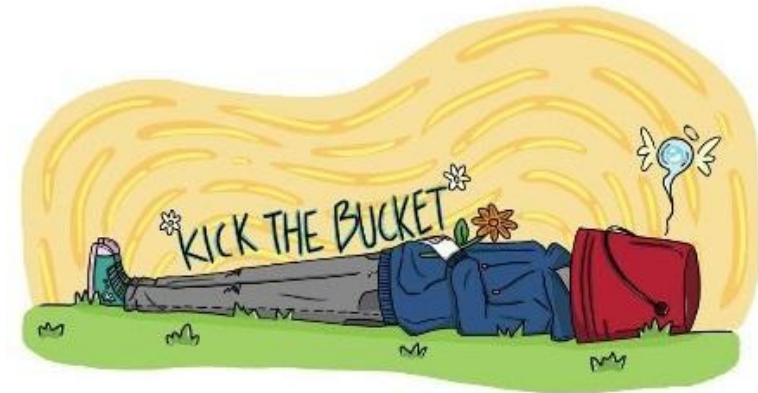
Take over

what are other words for wear off ?

erode, gnaw, wear away, corrode, wear down, wear, reduce, diminish, consume, crumble



"I was at his side when he passed away."



Turn into