

# EXERCISES

## Phrasal Verbs

### I. Choose the correct choice of the three suggested:

1. School has broken up.
  - a. the school has been demolished
  - b. Holidays have finished and lessons have begun.
  - c. Lessons have finished and holidays begun.
2. She has taken up dressmaking.
  - a. She has shortened all her dresses
  - b. She has always made all her dresses
  - c. She has begun dressmaking.
3. He got angry with me, so I rang off.
  - a. I put the receiver down
  - b. I telephoned him
  - c. I rang the bell
4. We are going to give these books away.
  - a. We are going to throw them away
  - b. We are going to them as a present
  - c. We are going to sell them.
5. He kept on speaking.
  - a. He began to speak.
  - b. He stopped speaking.
  - c. He continued speaking.
6. They have put the meeting off
  - a. The meeting has been cancelled.
  - b. The meeting has been postponed.
  - c. The meeting isn't going to take place.
7. Police held up the traffic
  - a. Police lifted up the traffic.
  - b. Police stopped the traffic.
  - c. Police diverted the traffic.
8. The next door neighbour has passed away.
  - a. He has gone away on holiday.
  - b. He has died.
  - c. He has passed our house.
9. Old Tom was very run down.
  - a. He ran too much
  - b. He was knocked down by a car.
  - c. He was in poor health.

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## II. Fill in the blanks with correct preposition from the list provided:

1. I have looked \_\_\_\_\_ my purse everywhere, but I still haven't found it.  
After/for/at/up
2. He has decided to take \_\_\_\_\_ golf.  
In/after/up/off
3. They asked us to turn the radio \_\_\_\_\_ because it was too loud.  
Up/of/down/on
4. I haven't got \_\_\_\_\_ their surprise visit yet.  
Up/on with/over/in
5. I sat \_\_\_\_\_ until two o'clock in the morning to finish my essay.  
Up/down/in/on
6. She looked \_\_\_\_\_ my dog for me while I was away on holiday.  
At/on/after/for
7. She broke \_\_\_\_\_ when she heard the news.  
Up/down/out/in
8. He gave the shopkeeper the cheque which he made \_\_\_\_\_.  
Out/for/up/up for
9. They will come \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money when the old man dies.  
Into/to/across/round
10. Hasnae is a fantastic mimic. You should see her when she takes \_\_\_\_\_ her teachers.  
Up/after/off/to

## III. Replace the underlined words with the correct phrasal verb from the list provided:

1. He invented a fabulous alibi.  
Pulled up / looked up / made up / called up
2. They have abandoned the idea of moving the house.  
Taken up / kept up / broken up / given up
3. The dog escaped before I could catch it.  
Kept away / got away / put away / passed away
4. The hotel fire was soon extinguished.  
Put out / set out / made out / left out
5. The committee meeting has been cancelled.  
Kept off / called off / set off / seen off
6. The old theatre has been demolished.  
Turned down / pulled down / looked down / let down
7. She hasn't really recovered from her serious illness.  
Gone over / run over / got over / taken over
8. They have rejected my application for the job.  
Turned down / pulled down / let down / broken down
9. To become a member of the club, you must complete this form.  
Give in / take in / get in / fill in.