Phrasal Verbs Exercise

Phrasal verbs are two or three word verbs whose meanings are quite different from the meanings of the individual words in them. Examples are: put off, get along, come up, bring down and put out.

Test your understanding of phrasal verbs with this grammar exercise.

Fill in the blanks with a suitable phrasal verbs.

1. You are quite good at excuses.

coming up

making up

making off

bringing up

2. The thieves with the jewels in the middle of the night.

made up

made out

made off

3. Things have finally started

bringing up

coming up

looking up

4. Although she was quite upset, she managed to her tears

bring, back

hold, back

cut, down

hold, down

5. I think I am with a flu.

coming down

going down

falling down

6. She well with her neighbors.

puts off

gets along

gets away

comes along

7. It is really cold. Why don't youyour coat?

put off

put on

put out

put up

8. Can you with a solution to this problem?

bring up

come up

put up

take up

9. The unruly boy was with a strict warning.

let off

get off

let down

bring off

10. I an old friend of mine

yesterday.

came across

came at

came off

11. Profit has been recently.

falling off

getting off

letting off

Answers

- 1. You are quite good at making up excuses.
- 2. The thieves made off with the jewels in the middle of the night.
- 3. Things have finally started looking up.
- 4. Although she was quite upset, she managed to hold her tears back.
- 5. I think I am going down with a flu.
- 6. She gets along well with her neighbors.
- 7. It is really cold. Why don't you put on your coat?
- 8. Can you come up with a solution to this problem?

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- 9. The unruly boy was let off with a strict warning.
- 10. I came across an old friend of mine yesterday.
- 11. Profit has been falling off recently.
- 12. Major policy reforms are required to bring about substantial improvements in the housing sector.