

Phrasal Verbs Exercise

Phrasal verbs are two or three word verbs whose meanings are very different from the meanings of the individual words in the expression. There are several phrasal verbs in English. While a student is not required to learn all of them, they must at least be familiar with the most common phrasal verbs.

This grammar exercise tests your ability to use phrasal verbs correctly.

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate phrasal verb.

1. The teacher an explanation of his conduct.

called off

called out

called in

called for

2. the doctor immediately.

Call on

Call in

Call at

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3. Julie us yesterday.

called on

called in

called out

4. My grandfather cannot past events.

call up

bring out

bring up

5. His arrogance his ruin.

brought in

brought up

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brought about

6. The publishers are planning to a cheap edition of their new dictionary.

bring up

bring out

bring in

7. She the orphan as her own child.

brought out

brought up

brought in

brought about

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8. How did these things

come up

come about

bring out

bring about

9. The question before the municipal corporation last week.

came out

came up

came off

10. He seems to be

well out

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pull off

run off

well off

11. They against the gross injustice meted out to them.

cried up

cried out

cried away

12. The rope while they were hauling up the pillar.

gave up

gave in

gave way

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gave out

Answers

1. The teacher called for an explanation of his conduct.
2. Call in the doctor immediately.
3. Julie called on us yesterday.
4. My grandfather cannot call up past events.
5. His arrogance brought about his ruin.
6. The publishers are planning to bring out a cheap edition of their new dictionary.
7. She brought up the orphan as her own child.
8. How did these things come about?
9. The question came up before the municipal corporation last week.
10. He seems to be well off.
11. They cried out against the gross injustice meted out to them.
12. The rope gave way while they were hauling up the pillar.