Phrasal Verbs — Worksheet

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Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. It's cold outside, so put _____ a warm coat before you leave.
   a) off b) up c) down d) on

2. This music is too loud. Could you _____, please?
   a) turn down it b) turn it down c) turn it up d) turn up it

3. My grandmother is ill, so my uncle is _____ this week.
   a) looking her after b) looking after c) looking after her d) looking for her

4. We've _____ milk, so I'll buy some on the way home.
   a) run out of b) ran out of c) run out d) run out from

5. Anna _____ her job at the bank last year to become a teacher.
   a) has given up b) gived up c) give up d) gave up

6. Your phone is on the floor. _____ before somebody steps on it.
   a) Pick it up b) Pick up it c) Pick it out d) Pick it on

7. The children are really looking forward _____ to the beach on Saturday.
   a) to go b) going c) to going d) for going

8. This recipe is great. I _____ in an old magazine last week.
   a) came across it b) came it across c) came across d) came over it

9. The bus _____ halfway up the hill, so we walked the rest of the way.
   a) broke it down b) broken down c) breaked down d) broke down

10. Your boots are muddy. Please _____ before you come into the kitchen.
    a) take off them b) take them off c) put them on d) take off

11. I called the station to _____ what time the last train leaves.
    a) look for b) come across c) find out d) pick up

12. We had to _____ the meeting until Friday because the manager was ill.
    a) put on b) put off c) take off d) turn off

13. I'm _____ my keys. Have you seen them anywhere?
    a) looking after b) looking at c) looking up d) looking for

14. My aunt _____ her own company ten years ago, and now it has fifty employees.
    a) set off b) set up c) took up d) put up

15. They offered him a job in another city, but he _____ because he didn't want to move.

a) turned it down b) turned down it c) turned it off d) took it off

16. Sorry I interrupted you. Please _____ — what happened next?

a) carry out b) put off c) carry on d) give up

17. Can you _____ the children from school today? I have to work late.

a) pick up b) pick out c) get up d) set up

18. Please fasten your seat belts — the plane is about to _____.

a) get off b) put off c) get up d) take off

19. I usually _____ at six on weekdays, but on Sundays I stay in bed until nine.

a) stand up b) get up c) put on d) give up

20. The crossword was so hard that I _____ after ten minutes.

a) carried on b) put off c) found out d) gave up

21. I'm _____ a babysitter who can _____ my son on Friday evenings.

a) looking for … look after b) looking after … look for c) looking for … look for d) looking after … look after

22. It's warm in here, so I'll _____ my jacket and _____ again later.

a) put on … take it off b) take off … put on it c) take off … put it off d) take off … put it on

23. I can't find my glasses. Can you help me _____? I need to _____ before I drive.

a) look them for … put them on b) look for them … put on them c) look for them … put them on d) look after them … put them on

24. My car _____ last night, so a friend came and _____.

a) broke down … picked up me b) broke down … picked me up c) broke it down … picked me up d) broken down … picked me up

25. Don't _____ now! If you _____ practising, you'll pass the test.

a) carry on … give up b) put off … carry on c) give up … carry on d) give up … carry out

26. Which sentence is correct?

a) Nice lamp! How do you turn on it?
b) Nice lamp! How do you it turn on?
c) Nice lamp! How do you turn it on?
d) Nice lamp! How do you turn on?

27. Which sentence is correct?

a) Our aunt looks after us when our parents are away.
b) Our aunt looks us after when our parents are away.
c) Our aunt looks after we when our parents are away.
d) Our aunt look after us when our parents are away.

28. Which sentence is correct?

a) We ran out money on the last day of our trip.
b) We ran out of money on the last day of our trip.
c) We runned out of money on the last day of our trip.
d) We ran out from money on the last day of our trip.

29. Which sentence is correct?

a) My sister has given up to eat meat.
b) My sister has given up eat meat.
c) My sister has gave up eating meat.
d) My sister has given up eating meat.

30. Which sentence is correct?

a) I came across an old coin and picked up it.
b) I came across an old coin and picked it up.
c) I came an old coin across and picked it up.
d) I came an old coin across and picked up it.

Answer Key

Phrasal Verbs · Explanations are shortened — the full interactive version is at gramvoy.com/exercises/phrasal-verbs/

1. d) on
Put on means to start wearing clothes, so the particle is on: put on a…

2. b) turn it down
With a pronoun, the particle comes after it: turn it down (= make it…

3. c) looking after her
Look after (= take care of) doesn't split, so the pronoun follows the…

4. a) run out of
Run out of has three parts, and the thing you no longer have comes…

5. d) gave up
Last year is a finished time, so the past simple gave up: only the verb…

6. a) Pick it up
Pick up (= lift) is separable, and a pronoun must go in the middle:…

7. c) to going
In look forward to, to is a preposition, not part of an infinitive, so…

8. a) came across it
Come across (= find by chance) doesn't split, so the pronoun goes after…

9. d) broke down
Break down (= stop working) takes no object, and only the verb part…

10. b) take them off
Muddy boots come off, and with a pronoun the particle goes after it:…

11. c) find out
Find out means to learn a fact you didn't know — here, what time the…

12. b) put off
Put off means to move something to a later time, and until Friday gives…

13. d) looking for
Look for means to try to find something, and the question that follows…

14. b) set up
Set up means to start a business or an organisation: set up her own…

15. a) turned it down
Turn down can also mean 'refuse', as with a job offer here, and the…

16. c) carry on
Carry on means to continue, and asking what happened next shows the…

17. a) pick up
Pick up can also mean 'collect someone', and from school shows that…

18. d) take off
Take off has a second meaning: a plane takes off when it leaves the…

19. b) get up
Get up means to get out of bed, and stay in bed until nine is the…

20. d) gave up
Give up means to stop trying because something is too difficult, and so…

21. a) looking for … look after
You look for something you want to find, so looking for a babysitter,…

22. d) take off … put it on
It's warm, so you take off the jacket; later you wear it again, so you…

23. c) look for them … put them on
Look for doesn't split, so look for them; put on does, so the pronoun…

24. b) broke down … picked me up
Break down takes no object, so broke down; pick up takes one and splits…

25. c) give up … carry on
The warning is against stopping, so give up, and carry on + -ing means…

26. c) Nice lamp! How do you turn it on?
Turn on is separable, so the pronoun goes between the verb and the…

27. a) Our aunt looks after us when our parents are away.
Look after doesn't split, so the object pronoun follows the particle:…

28. b) We ran out of money on the last day of our trip.
Run out of needs all three parts: We ran out of money.

29. d) My sister has given up eating meat.
Give up is followed by -ing, not to: has given up eating meat.

30. b) I came across an old coin and picked it up.
Come across doesn't split, so the noun follows the particle: came…