



# Checking for Understanding – Confusing Phrasal Verbs

## Exercise 2

Underline the phrasal verbs in the passages below. If the phrasal verbs are wrong, write the correct answers above them.

### Passage A

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### Passage B

On Mr Williams' eightieth birthday, he decided to let his son take off the running of their family restaurant. His son, James, was delighted. He had been waiting for the day for a long time. However, Mr Williams was worried that his son would not be able to cope. He continued to turn up at the restaurant, looking on as his son went about his work. This annoyed James who felt that his father did not trust him. His father started to pick up everything he did and criticised him for the way he worked. Jordan was so frustrated that he wanted to leave the restaurant and even move away of the house that he shared with his father. However, his mother persuaded him to work hard and prove to his father that he could do the job.



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