



Checking for Understanding

Exercise 3

Explain the meaning of the phrasal verb in each of the following sentences.

- 1 They wanted to get out of the country before things **boiled over** into a civil war.

(Answer: _____)

- 2 Unfortunately, peace talks have **broken down** over the question of reparations.

(Answer: _____)

- 3 At dawn, 300 tanks were ready to **break through** the heavily fortified enemy lines.

(Answer: _____)

- 4 The President has **brushed off** the opposition's demands for a public enquiry into the assassination attempt.

(Answer: _____)

- 5 There was strong evidence to suggest that the judge presiding the case had been **bought off** by the mafia.

(Answer: _____)

- 6 The proliferation of cyber cafes in the city certainly **calls for** stricter controls by the government before they become a social problem.

(Answer: _____)

- 7 Despite all the difficulties and obstacles, James was determined to **carry through** the task.

(Answer: _____)

Vocabulary Builder

- civil war - a war between different groups in a country
- reparations - money that a country that lost in a war had to pay to the other countries for the damage caused
- dawn - the time in the morning when light first appears
- public enquiry - to try to find out the cause of something, usually organised by the government
- presiding - being in charge of something
- proliferation - a sudden increase in the amount of something
- obstacle - something that prevents you from reaching a goal
- midst - while an event is happening

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- 8 It was shocking how Maria suddenly **flared up** in the midst of our discussion.
(Answer: _____)
- 9 Henry's business finally **folded up** after it had been in the red for three years.
(Answer: _____)
- 10 The landless peasants had always **hankered after** a plot of their own before the revolution.
(Answer: _____)
- 11 My grandfather likes to **harp on** the poverty and deprivations he experienced during the war years.
(Answer: _____)
- 12 More workers will be **laid off** when they restructure the company at the end of the year.
(Answer: _____)
- 13 There were problems, but the country managed to **muddle through** somehow.
(Answer: _____)
- 14 They worked very hard in their new business venture and their efforts eventually **paid off**.
(Answer: _____)
- 15 The oppressed people finally **rose up** against the despot and overthrew him.
(Answer: _____)

- in the red - to owe more money than you have
- deprivation - not having the things that you need to be comfortable, happy, etc.
- restructure - to change the way something such as a company is organised
- venture - a new business activity that could be dangerous or risky
- despot - a ruler who is wicked and unfair
- overthrow - to remove someone from power

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|----|--|---|---------------------|
| 10 | longed for | 5 | bribed |
| 9 | collapsed | 4 | rejected |
| 8 | lost one's temper | 3 | force a way through |
| 7 | complete | 2 | failed |
| 6 | demands | 1 | got out of control |
| 5 | rebellen | | |
| 4 | succeeded | | |
| 3 | reach successful results without much planning | | |
| 2 | retrenched | | |
| 1 | talk continuously | | |

Answers:



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Exercise 4

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in Practice 12.2.

- 1 There is a quaint house _____ at the end of this street.
- 2 My neighbour _____ my grandfather when I met her at the shopping mall as she had not seen him for a while.
- 3 I do not know what you are _____. Why don't we discuss what you mean over a cup of coffee?
- 4 Jordan _____ a harrowing experience when he was living alone overseas last year.
- 5 Ben is _____ his year end bonus to pay for the down payment of a new car.
- 6 My sister is always _____ me to see who scores the highest marks in the examinations.
- 7 This area will be _____ once restoration works on the old shop houses take place.
- 8 I was _____ by my school work and was unable to practise for my piano examination.
- 9 Please _____ what you are doing before you go for your holiday.
- 10 The superstitious girl carried a charm in her pocket to _____ evil spirits.

Answers: 1 tucked away 2 asked after 3 driving at 4 went through 5 banking on 6 vying with 7 sealed off 8 bogged down 9 finish off 10 ward off