

Phrasal Verb Quiz

Fill in the blanks using the prepositions before each group of questions to form phrasal verbs.

Phrasal Verb Quiz Part 1: apart for in of off on out over through to up with

1. Quiet! Dad is trying to figure _____ how to pay all the bills! They keep _____ coming even though his pay is reduced. He needs to keep track _____ the ones he can't pay yet so he can pay them first when we get some money. It's so hard to make ends meet in this economy!
2. I really look _____ Ana. She's quiet, and she doesn't stand _____ in a crowd, but she's dependable. You know if she promises something she'll follow _____ with it.
3. Bill finally got _____ touch _____ his mother. He realized he can't take his parents _____ granted; they won't be around forever. He said he needed to take advantage _____ his opportunity to call her while she can still hear the telephone!
4. Can you cover _____ me while I'm in the meeting? I'll take some of your patients the next time you need a break.
5. Jim often misses work, but he always shows _____ when there's an office party.
6. Those bills aren't our responsibility. It's _____ the Accounting Department to pay them.
7. You made so many mistakes on this essay you should just do it _____.
8. That cat is always _____ the way. I tripped over her again, and almost fell down.
9. If you put _____ resolving the problem with Joe, it will go _____ getting worse.
10. Since Barbara brought _____ the layoffs, I think we should discuss them first.
11. You need to make _____ the time you missed when you were sick.
12. That storyteller makes _____ interesting stories. I never know how they will turn _____. Will the lovers make _____ after their fight? Will the good guys win? Read on!
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14. You can't back _____ now! You promised to finish the costume before the play!
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Phrasal Verb Quiz Part 2: about after along back down in into of off on out over to up with

16. Our supervisor looked _____ buying new equipment so she could get rid _____ the old.
17. Maria was so scared of the test she passed _____ before the teacher even finished passing _____ all the exams.
18. Once when my friend was shopping until very late, her husband got worried. When she got home he told her, "I was _____ call the police!"
19. All the people in my department are friendly. We get _____ well _____ each other.
20. Watch _____! (or: Look out!) The boss is in such a bad mood he blew _____ at Larry over a very small mistake.
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28. Don't come _____ to work until you get _____ the flu.
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Answers

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