WORKSHEET 2
Phrasal verbs in context

Exercise 1
Things we do every day

These very common phrasal verbs are used to describe the type of actions that we do every day. Choose the correct form of a phrasal verb from the box to replace the words in italics in the sentences below. Put the verbs in the correct tense.

work out  get up  turn off  put on  go out  take off  wake up

1. I (1) stopped sleeping very early this morning.
2. I (2) stop sleeping and get out of bed at 7 o’clock during the week.
3. She (3) removed her jacket as she came in.
4. I (4) donned a coat and left the house.
5. He (5) left the house for a social activity with some friends.
6. She (6) does physical exercise in the local gym every day.
7. Is the computer turned on? Will you (7) stop it working by pressing a button, please?

Exercise 2
Food

These phrasal verbs are all about food. Complete the sentences below using the correct form of a phrasal verb from the box.

rustle up  dish up  tuck into  finish off  eat out

1. The children were all at the table waiting for me to ____________.
2. I’m afraid there isn’t any cake left - we __________ it ______.
3. Judging by the way they __________ dinner, they must have been very hungry.
4. I can probably __________ a meal with what’s left in the fridge.
5. There are some very good restaurants in the city centre if you like to ____________.
Exercise 3
Travelling and transport

These common phrasal verbs are connected with travelling and transport. Complete the text with the phrasal verbs below. Put them in the correct tense.

| check in | get on | get off (2x) | break down | take off | turn back |

John and David’s flight home from Amsterdam was at nine in the morning. They had arranged to meet with John’s friend Mark at half past six but Mark arrived at the hotel almost half an hour late – that, however, was just the beginning of their problems. On the way from the hotel to the airport, their car (1) ___________ in the middle of a busy intersection, causing a traffic jam. Then, David realized that he had left his mobile phone in the hotel, but it was too late for them to (2) ___________. When they arrived at the airport, they had just enough time to (3) ___________, go through passport control and security check and (4) ___________ the plane. The plane (5) ___________ very shortly after that and eight hours later, they landed in New York, but they couldn’t (6) ___________ the plane because there was a problem on the runway. They felt a jet lag and finally, forty-five minutes after landing, they (7) ___________.

Exercise 4
Journeys

Complete the conversation with a phrasal verb from the box in the correct form. The definitions in brackets will help you.

| set off | pick up | hang on | get in |

A: You’re arriving in Rome next Friday, right?
B: Yes, that’s right.
A: I’ll (1) _______ you _______ if you like? (collect)
B: That would be lovely.
A: What time does your plane (2) ___________? (arrive)
B: (3) ___________ (Wait). I’ll just check on the ticket. Er.....20.45.
A: OK. If I (4) ___________ (leave the house) at about 8.00p.m., I’ll be there on time.
Exercise 5
Tidying and cleaning

This exercise is about phrasal verbs which describe cleaning or tidying actions. Choose an adverb or preposition from the box below to make a phrasal verb in sentences 1 – 5. Note that one of the prepositions/adverbs will be used twice.

| up      | down | back | away |

1. The house was such a mess after the party so I helped to clear _______.
2. He dried the plates and put them _______.
3. Could you put the books _______ on the shelves after you have used them?
4. I've wiped _______ all the surfaces in the kitchen.
5. I like cooking dinner but I hate washing _______ after.

Exercise 6
Money

These phrasal verbs are all about spending and saving money. Use the correct form of a phrasal verb from the box to replace the words in italics in the sentences below.

| splash out | save up | fork out | settle up | dip into | put down |

1. I’ve paid a part of the cost and promised to pay the rest later a deposit on a new house.
2. I’m not spending when I do not want four hundred pounds on ski clothes!
3. I may have to take a small amount of money from my savings to pay for the repairs.
4. I’m keeping my money so I can use it in the future for a round the world trip.
5. If you pay for dinner I’ll pay you the money I owe you at the end of the evening.
6. She’s just spent a lot of money on a smart new car.
Exercise 7
Emotions

These phrasal verbs all relate to emotions and feelings. Try to match them to their meanings on the right:

1. calm down a. to feel happier
2. chill out b. an informal phrasal verb meaning to make someone angry and upset
3. cheer up c. to stop being angry, excited or upset
4. look forward to sth d. an informal phrasal verb meaning to relax
5. wind sb up e. to feel pleased and excited about something that is going to happen
6. freak out f. an informal phrasal verb meaning to be very excited or emotional or to cause someone be this way

Exercise 8
Relationships

These phrasal verbs all relate to relationships. Complete the dialogues with the phrasal verbs below.

[put up with  split up  get over  go out with (someone)]

A: Did you hear that Sarah and David have ____________ (end a relationship)?
B: Really? They’ve been ____________ (be boyfriend and girlfriend) for years! What went wrong?
A: Sarah said all they did was argue because he was very jealous, and she couldn’t ____________ (tolerate) it anymore. David apparently is very upset.
A: I’m sure he is, but he’ll ____________ (begin to feel better).
Answers:

Exercise 1
Things we do every day
(1) woke up
(2) get up
(3) took off
(4) put on
(5) went out
(6) works out
(7) turn it off

Exercise 2
Food
1. dish up
2. ‘ve finished it off
3. tucked into
4. rustle up
5. eat out

Exercise 3
Travelling and transport
(1) broke down
(2) turn back
(3) check in
(4) get on
(5) took off
(6) get off
(7) got off

Exercise 4
Journeys
(1) pick you up
(2) get in
(3) Hang on
(4) set off

Exercise 5
Tidying and cleaning
1. up
2. away
3. back
4. down
5. up

Exercise 6
Money
1. put down
2. forking out
3. dip into
4. saving up
5. settle up
6. splashed out

Exercise 7
Emotions
1. c
2. d
3. a
4. e
5. b
6. f

Exercise 8
Relationships
1. split up
2. going out
3. put up with
4. get over