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UNIT 1

MULTI-WORD VERBS

I. Replace the words in bold with a suitable phrasal verb having the same meaning.

1. He **happened to find** this old box while he was browsing in the attic yesterday.
2. Can we stop now or **continue**?
3. John was late for our meeting because he was **delayed** in the traffic.
4. She usually accepts to work overtime, but she wants to **leave** early today.
5. You should **come** and **see us** next time you're in town.
6. I didn't finish my telephone conversation with Mary because I was suddenly **disconnected**.
7. Jack and Tom were fighting and neither of them wanted to **surrender**!
8. Whenever the subject of the inheritance **arises**, the three brothers get quite angry.
9. The teacher has given us this difficult math exercise. Can you help me **solve** it?
10. They thought his song would never **become popular** around the world!

II. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the list below. Pay attention to the prepositions.

*ask, depend, listen, argue, believe, succeed,
go, thank, suffer, invest, write*

1. He became rich after money *in* real-estate.
2. She was very scared when she visited the castle because she *in* ghosts.
3. Don't *to* her! She's just saying that to upset you.
4. They *in* saving a lot of money and they bought a new apartment.
5. Sarah always *with* her boyfriend when she has problems at work.
6. Luke hasn't *to* me for a while.
7. Are you *for* a walk today?
Well, it *on* the weather.
8. Jane me *for* the birthday card I sent her last week.
9. I want to *for* another cup of coffee, but I don't speak Portuguese.
10. Do you know that Lisa *from* agoraphobia?

III. Complete the sentences by adding the correct particle.

1. "Come, Mike. Everybody has finished except you!"
2. She told me that John has come a lot of money. His rich aunt died and left him a fortune.
3. We're going out tonight. Would you like to come?
4. Why don't you come to our house for lunch tomorrow?
5. "How often does this magazine come?" "Weekly."

6. Most small companies are often taken by bigger ones.
7. In order to get fit, I've decided to take an active hobby such as jogging.
8. "Do you take your mother or your father?"
"Well, people say I look just like my father, but I have my mother's nature."
9. The dress I have recently bought is rather loose. I think I'll have to take it at the waist.
10. One day, when I came back from school, I told mom that I failed the exam. For a moment she was completely taken, but then she realised I was joking.

IV. Complete the sentences by adding the correct particle.

1. Tom got with the payments, so they cut off the power.
2. He has been broken-hearted since his girlfriend left him. I think he will never get it completely.
3. This pizza is absolutely delicious, but I don't think I'll get it all.
4. Jack didn't know what he was getting when he signed that partnership.
5. Although I've been studying hard, I don't seem to have made much progress. It's really beginning to get me.....
6. I don't think that this skirt goes your blouse.
7. I don't have time to go all the details right now.
8. You should stop wearing those bell-bottomed trousers. They went years ago!
9. They say a camel can go water for thirty days.
10. It suddenly got dark as the street lights went

V. Complete the sentences by adding the correct preposition to form prepositional verbs.

1. Jane got married her childhood friend. That's so nice!
2. You are always spending all your money clothes and beauty products!
3. Although Tom doesn't earn much, he never complains his salary.
4. Who does this coat belong?
5. The two girls were quarrelling. They were shouting one another.
6. I'm thinking taking a personal development course.
7. When we arrived the station, the train had already left.
8. We are looking forward seeing you all soon!
9. Susan had been waiting Chris for half an hour when he appeared holding a bunch of flowers. He smiled her and she blushed.
10. My friend insisted paying lunch.

VI. Complete the sentences by adding the correct particle.

1. Your new pink suit makes you stand in the crowd.
2. The match had to be put because of the heavy rain.
3. "Let's watch TV!" "Ok, what's?"
4. It's getting late. I'd better be before mother calls me.
5. "Do you have any hobbies?" "Yes, I am really stamp collecting."
6. His grandfather passed last week. He was ninety-nine years old.

7. Tom invited Julia out to the theatre, but she turned him
8. “Mr. Bennet wants to see you, sir” “Show him!”
9. John went to the airport to see his sister
10. “Why don’t you speak to each other? Have you fallen again?”

VII. Find the right phrasal-prepositional verb for each of the following meanings.

Example: *watch out for* = “be careful, aware, or watchful”

- = “compensate for”
- = “defend”
- = “despise”
- = “have respect for”
- = “do something that you could have done earlier”
- = “make a brief visit”
- = “get rid of something”
- = “deal with a problem”

VIII. Choose the verb which best completes each sentence.

1. The new block of flats well with its surroundings.
 a) *blends in* b) *stands out* c) *sets off*
2. Many villages have been by the floods.
 a) *wiped out* b) *called off* c) *run down*

3. You shouldn't things that don't concern you.
a) bump into b) meddle with c) come across
4. It seems that one employee spoke to a reporter and the whole thing
a) leaked out b) spilled over c) poured forth
5. When he got into trouble, all his friends deserted him. His wife was the only one who him.
a) held to b) stuck by c) leaned on
6. Tom wants to his Italian before going on a trip to Italy.
a) brush up (on) b) cut down c) build up
7. She still can't how he managed to find the letter.
a) do out b) break out c) puzzle out
8. Working all day really you
a) hangs on b) wears out c) comes along
9. An urgent problem, so I had to leave straight away.
a) cropped up b) came by c) checked in
10. When we have a new exciting project at work, I just
a) dive in b) give out c) go by

IX. Choose the correct answer.

1. Jane said she couldn't come to our party because she was under with work.
a) rained b) snowed c) iced
2. Our boss has just announced us that he is off 5 employees.
a) laying b) giving c) setting
3. Sam has with his schoolwork as he's been sick.
a) fallen behind b) got through c) held on
4. I went to the supermarket after at Tina's.
a) walking out b) stopping off c) going around
5. He doesn't have enough money to pay the rent anymore, so he'll have to soon.
a) move in b) move over c) move out
6. He's a good communicator; he always manages to his messages
a) call off b) let go c) get across
7. The actress against violence at the ceremony last night.
a) spoke out b) talked about c) set aside
8. The paparazzi have some new information about the singer's private life.

a) *passed out* b) *dug out* c) *backed out*

9. Unfortunately, such wonderful customs have in this region.

a) *broke out* b) *moved out* c) *died out*

10. His friend's death has him down.

a) *weighed* b) *held* c) *sat*

X. Complete the sentences using the verbs in the list below.

*break down, stay in, speak up, look out, give away,
work out, take after, live off, get over, look after*

1. We've managed to all our misunderstandings.
2. He his little sister when their parents are at work.
3.! The wall is about to collapse!
4. I couldn't hear him well, so I asked him to
5. John hasn't found a job yet, so he still his parents.
6. My phone yesterday so I couldn't call you.
7. She needs to her breakup with Sam.
8. What about tonight and watch a movie?
9. My parents used to all the clothes I had outgrown.
10. Helen her mother. She's got the same strong nature.

XI. Complete the second sentence using the word in brackets so that it has a similar meaning to the first one.

1. The villagers managed to extinguish the fire.
The villagers..... (PUT)
2. I was raised in the countryside.
I..... (UP)
3. She finally succeeded in solving the crossword.
She..... (OUT)
4. I should drink less coffee.
I..... (ON)
5. He continued telling the same lies.
He..... (CARRY)
6. Gina helped me to choose this dress.
Gina..... (OUT)
7. The police accidentally found a new clue.
The police..... (COME)
8. The First World War began in 1914.
The First World War..... (BREAK)
9. I met my boss at the concert. I didn't know he was fond of rock music.
I..... (INTO)
10. We're going to the theatre tonight. Do you want to join us?
Do you.....? (ALONG)

XII. Write one verb in each gap so that the second sentence has a similar meaning to the first one.

1. Jack wants to improve his general knowledge by watching many documentaries on TV.
Jack wants to *up* on his general knowledge by watching many documentaries on TV.
2. Lisa's painting was noteworthy due to her original painting technique.
Lisa's painting *out* due to her original painting technique.
3. Let's go to the new store and see what it's like!
Let's go to the new store and it *out*!
4. It was rainy in the morning, but then the sun started shining.
It was rainy in the morning, but then it *up*.
5. She has become more stylish since she moved to Monaco.
She has herself *up* since she moved to Monaco.
6. Mary has started to talk more about her feelings lately.
Mary has started to *up* lately.
7. This biographical film impressed me very much.
This biographical film me *away*.
8. It is said that the dinosaurs disappeared when a comet hit the earth.
It is said that the dinosaurs *out* when a comet hit the earth.
9. Can you wait for a minute?
Can you..... *on* for a minute?
10. He was desperate as problems kept accumulating.
He was desperate as problems kept *up*.

XIII. Make sentences using the following phrasal-prepositional verbs.

run out of.....
cut down on
come up with
get along with.....
look up to.....
put up with.....
look forward to.....
make up for.....
drop in on
do away with

XIV. Fill in the gaps with the right verb from the list.

*do up, make out, put across, put out, get over,
get at, take on, turn in, pass out, speak up*

1. John's boss always him without reason.
2. They called the firemen to the fire in the factory.
3. It was so hot in the room that I almost
4. They the house before they moved in.
5. You should if you don't agree with his decision.
6. I can't what they are saying.
7. Although she's very busy, she keeps more responsibilities.
8. It took her a long time to that breakup.

9. Sue got scolded because she didn't her work on time.
10. Mary managed to her argument at the meeting.