

# Phrasal Verbs - Practice

## Exercise

Rewrite the following statements by replacing the specified phrasal verbs with more formal equivalents. In certain cases, the direct/indirect object may be between the verb and the preposition.

*For screen reader users, (\*) surround the phrasal verbs to indicate their locations within the sentences.*

1. They **\*put up\*** the building in record time. It only took them 30 days to build it all!
2. The thief **\*got away\*** with over one million dollars.
3. Do you think the rain will **\*let up\***?
4. We **\*went over\*** our budget by ten dollars.
5. The applicant **\*gave off\*** an air of arrogance.
6. While crossing the street, you should always **\*look out for\*** cars.
7. The corrupt officials **\*covered up\*** their scheme to embezzle government funds.
8. When she found a stray kitten, she **\*took it in\*** and cared for it like a child.
9. She always **\*gets up\*** at dawn.
10. She always **\*goes over\*** her notes from class. It is why she always gets good grades.
11. I was **\*taken in\*** by his lies.
12. I had my trousers **\*taken in\*** by the tailor.
13. Do you think the cost of gasoline will **\*go up\***?

14. We had to **\*put off\*** our vacation this year.
15. He really **\*takes after\*** his father.
16. He **\*took up\*** gambling after his sojourn in Macau.
17. He **\*fessed up to\*** having a gambling addiction.
18. His family **\*talked him into\*** seeking help for his addiction.
19. They could only **\*put up with\*** his wasting of their money for so long.
20. After studying English for ten years, he finally **\*got it\***.

# Answers

1. They **built** the building in record time. It only took them 30 days to build it all structure!
2. The thief **escaped** with over one million dollars.
3. Do you think the rain will **stop**?
4. We **exceeded** our budget by ten dollars.
5. The applicant **exuded** an air of arrogance.
6. While crossing the street, you should always **be cautious of** cars.
7. The corrupt officials **hid** their scheme to embezzle government funds.
8. When she found a stray kitten, she **provided shelter for** it and cared for it like a child.
9. She always **arises** at dawn.
10. She always **reviews** her notes from class. That is why she always gets good grades.
11. I was **deceived** by his lies.
12. I had my trousers **altered** by the tailor.
13. Do you think the cost of gasoline will **increase**?
14. We had to **postpone** our vacation this year.
15. He really **resembles** his father.
16. He **started** gambling after his sojourn in Macau.
17. He **admitted** having a gambling addiction.
18. His family **convinced him to** seek help for his addiction.
19. They could only **tolerate** his wasting their money for so long.
20. After studying English for ten years, he finally **understood it**.