

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**.