

Phrasal Verbs Practice | Lesson 09

fix up | try out | end up | go after | stick with

Example Dialogue

Gray : Did your instructor say we all have to **stick with** the original plans for the project?

Olive : Yes. Did you get to **try out** the new software? I heard that there were a lot of problems with it.

Gray : Yes! We were the first to try it. At first it would load very slowly but now it is all **fixed up**.

Olive : Good for you. For us it didn't work. We **ended up** creating a new one.

Gray : So, what is left for you to do?

Olive : Designs. We made a couple, but I think we are **going after** the latest one we made.

Gray : Good luck with that.

Q *Try to figure out the meaning of these phrasal verbs.*

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Example Passage

Gray's team is almost finished with their special software for deaf people. They had to **fix up** the software and to **try** it **out** on different systems. They decided to **go after** the computer market in Asia. The project was a lot of hard work and tough choices, but they **stuck with** it. They were worried at first that their software wasn't saleable. The whole team **ended up** getting promoted.

Q Again, try to figure out the meaning of these phrasal verbs.

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Definitions

fix up ...

fix ... up

| to improve the appearance or condition of something, such as a building, by repairing it, making changes to it, etc.

*This house is falling apart. We need to hire people to **fix it up**.*

try out ...

try out

| to use something to discover if it works or if you like it

*Josh is going to **try** the new video camera **out** before buying it.*

end up ...

| to reach or come to a place, condition, or situation that was not planned or expected

*Somehow they all **ended up** at my house.*

go after ...

| to try to get something or someone

*Are you planning to **go after** Paul's job when he leaves?*

stick with ...

| to continue to do *something* or use *someone to do work for you*, without changing to something or someone else.

*I know that there are lots of new brands, but I'll **stick with** the one I'm using now.*

Make sure you can understand the meaning of these phrasal verbs.

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Practice

Use the correct **phrasal verbs** (in a correct form) to complete the sentences.

- 1 | In this experiment we will _____ how effective the drug is.
- 2 | Even though there is new information out there, some people prefer to _____ what they have.
- 3 | The owner better _____ the building before selling it.
- 4 | All determined people _____ their dreams.
- 5 | Isa doesn't care if her job is tiring, she is _____ it.
- 6 | Her parents wanted to go to the lake but _____ going to the beach.
- 7 | Cindy doesn't like _____ new make-up. Her skin is very sensitive.
- 8 | I will _____ that new job opening at the bank.
- 9 | Nick loves _____ old cars for some reason.
- 10 | If Dee hadn't been careful, she would've _____ in the hospital.

APPLICATION:

Create your own sentences using these phrasal verbs.

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Exercise

Use the correct **phrasal verbs** (in a correct form) to complete the dialogue.

(Lenny and Flor are preparing for the prom.)

Lenny : I can't believe it! I counted on my brother to get my dress from the dry cleaners!

Flor : You relied on your brother? You know that he is lazy!

Lenny : I know. But, I was busy _____ the video camera I wanted to buy.

Flor : What brand was it? I recommend you _____ the brand Electro.

Lenny : Well, I haven't bought it yet. I think I can still _____ my old one.

Flor : Isn't your old one working? I don't think you can fix it anymore.

Lenny : I'm still thinking about it. Getting a new video camera is too expensive. I guess I am _____ my old one for now.

APPLICATION:

Create your own dialogue using these phrasal verbs with your teacher.

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