

**Phrasal Verbs Practice | Lesson 29****boil over | press on/ahead | give away | sum up | get about****Example Dialogues**

**Wayne** : Was there any tension during the meeting?

**Patrick** : Yes. A lot. At one time, I was afraid it was going to boil over.

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**Robin** : We should buy more farm land. I think it is something we have to press on with.

**Phil** : Yes, but we don't have the money. People don't just give away land.

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**Charlie** : To sum up, our profits have risen by 16% in the first quarter.

**Clara** : Well, it won't take long for the news to get about to our competitors.



Try to figure out the meaning of these phrasal verbs.

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### Example Passage

Tensions between me and my business partner were about to **boil over**, so we decided that it was not worth it to **press on**. I sold my shares in the company (I couldn't just **give** them **away**) and I decided to go on a long vacation. I had a lot of free time, so I started to **get about**. I visited France and Switzerland and now I am heading for Italy. To **sum up**, selling my shares in the company was the best thing that I have ever done.



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

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#### Definitions

**boil over**

| to become uncontrollable; to erupt into violence

*The protest **boiled over** and the police had to intervene.*

*He **boiled over** when he saw his car scratched and hit.*

**press on/ahead**

| to continue to do something, despite difficulties, interruptions..

*It started to rain, but we **pressed on** to the finish line regardless.*

*They **pressed ahead** regardless of objections.*

**give away**

| to give for free; to reveal or make known (usually a secret)

*I heard they are **giving away** gift cards at the mall.*

*The producers of the show will not **give away** the ending.*

**sum up**

| to summarize; to form a quick opinion of something or someone

*After a two-hour lecture, the professor began to **sum up** the main ideas.*

*I **summed him up** in five minutes.*

**get about**

| to walk; to visit places; to become known

*The news quickly **got about**.*

*She is very old, so she doesn't **get about** much these days.*

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

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### Practice

Answer using the correct **phrasal verbs** (in the correct form) to complete the sentences.

- 1 | Would anyone like to \_\_\_\_\_ what we talked about in this meeting?
- 2 | It will take us two hours to \_\_\_\_\_ to that village.
- 3 | Do you think we should \_\_\_\_\_ with this strategy or try something else?
- 4 | She \_\_\_\_\_ at the mention of his name.
- 5 | We are not yet ready to \_\_\_\_\_ details about the contract.
- 6 | Tensions in the area were about to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 | Santa Claus \_\_\_\_\_ presents to children all over the world.
- 8 | Did you \_\_\_\_\_ the city easily?
- 9 | We have to \_\_\_\_\_ toward the goal of finding a cure for this illness.
- 10 | It is hard to find the proper words to \_\_\_\_\_ my feelings right now.



#### APPLICATION:

Create your own sentences using these phrasal verbs.

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#### Exercise

Answer using the correct **phrasal verbs** (in the correct form) to complete the dialogue.

*James is in a meeting with his manager.*

**Manager** : James, please \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion with the department heads for me.

**James** : Of course. The department heads were worried because rumors of upcoming layoffs has \_\_\_\_\_. They asked me to find out if the company is looking to \_\_\_\_\_ with this.

**Manager** : Yes. We are going to let some employees go from the less efficient departments. We have to think about the company's profits, so we can't just \_\_\_\_\_ money to employees who are not doing their job properly. Please inform them of this decision.

**James** : Ok. I just hope that tempers will not \_\_\_\_\_ after I make the announcement.

**Manager** : Don't worry. They have a chance to prove themselves until we make a final decision about who will leave and who will stay.

#### APPLICATION:

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

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