

## 1A Phrasal verbs on the spot

### Aims

- to practise prepositional phrases from the unit
- to practise open cloze task skills

### Activity type

a gap-fill activity where students complete sentences with the correct preposition

### Classroom dynamics

individual and pairwork

### Time taken

10 minutes

### Preparation

You will need a copy of the activity sheet per pair.

### Procedure

- 1 Divide the class into pairs and give each student one half of the activity sheet.
- 2 Tell students that they and their partner each have a different set of sentences, but with the same phrasal verbs missing prepositions. Students must first work individually to complete their own set of sentences with the correct prepositions. Set a time limit of 4 to 5 minutes for this stage.
- 3 When completed, Student A reads their sentence 1 aloud. Student B confirms whether they wrote the same preposition to complete *their* sentence 1. If not, Student B reads aloud their own completed sentence and Student A accepts or rejects Student B's answer. If they are unsure, students can check with you, or just confirm answers at the end of the activity.
- 4 Student B then reads their completed sentence 2, and Student A compares it with their answer for sentence 2. Students continue in this way, taking turns reading out sentences and checking that they have used the same preposition in each case.
- 5 Conduct class feedback to check answers and deal with any queries.

### Adaptation and extension

For weaker groups, write the necessary prepositions on the board for them to refer to. This could also be done to aid self-checking after the task has been completed.

### Answer key

- 1 with   2 forward   3 to   4 on   5 up   6 into  
7 on   8 for   9 down   10 in   11 with   12 for

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### Student A

- 1 Italy is associated \_\_\_\_\_ many types of food, such as pasta, pizza and ice cream.
- 2 Everyone in the group had to put \_\_\_\_\_ some ideas for how to solve the problem.
- 3 In her later years, she devoted herself \_\_\_\_\_ writing her autobiography.
- 4 This new type of wearable technology will never catch \_\_\_\_\_!
- 5 Now that it's early spring, flowers have begun to spring \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere in my garden!
- 6 When she got a promotion, she really threw herself \_\_\_\_\_ her work – she sometimes worked 14 hours a day!
- 7 It's the exam tomorrow, so don't forget to read up \_\_\_\_\_ phrasal verbs!
- 8 Don't forget to pay your brother back \_\_\_\_\_ the meal; he paid for everything on his credit card!
- 9 My father is so stubborn! Even when he knows he's wrong, he never backs \_\_\_\_\_!
- 10 The man was totally taken \_\_\_\_\_ by the scam and lost a lot of money as a result.
- 11 My little sister is always coming out \_\_\_\_\_ such funny words – she's only four so she invents most of them!
- 12 When I'm playing with my dog, sometimes I pretend to throw the ball but really, I hide it. He falls \_\_\_\_\_ it every time!

### Student B

- 1 Many people associate studying architecture \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of hard work.
- 2 His boss put him \_\_\_\_\_ for a promotion thanks to his fantastic work.
- 3 He devoted himself \_\_\_\_\_ his family and spent every possible moment with them.
- 4 He worked hard on designing his new gadget, but it never really caught \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Have you noticed how many new coffee shops have sprung \_\_\_\_\_ in the town centre recently?
- 6 Whenever I take up a new hobby, I always throw myself \_\_\_\_\_ it for a few months, but I usually end up losing interest.
- 7 Before playing Charles Darwin in a play, the actor decided to read up \_\_\_\_\_ the biologist's life.
- 8 My friend never pays me back \_\_\_\_\_ anything when we go out together – I hate it!
- 9 When the boy realised he had made a mistake, he reluctantly backed \_\_\_\_\_ and accepted his friend was right.
- 10 Don't be taken \_\_\_\_\_ by his stories – he exaggerates so much!
- 11 I like spending time with her, but she does come out \_\_\_\_\_ some strange ideas sometimes!
- 12 It can be very difficult to avoid falling \_\_\_\_\_ an internet scam – they can be so convincing!