

7A Phrasal verb hunt

Aims

- to review the phrasal verbs from the unit
- to practise word formation skills

Activity type

a pairwork activity in which students complete sentences and find a hidden phrasal verb

Classroom dynamics

pairwork

Time taken

10 minutes

Preparation

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

Procedure

- 1 Divide the class into pairs, and give each pair a copy of the activity sheet.
- 2 Explain to students that they need to work in pairs to rephrase the sentences, completing them using the correct phrasal verb from the unit.
- 3 Once students have completed all the sentences, they use the numbers at the bottom of the activity sheet to make the hidden phrasal verb. Give students about 8 minutes to complete the task.
- 4 If pairs finish before the time limit, have them write a sentence that uses the hidden phrasal verb to share with the class. Review the answers as a class at the end of the activity.

Adaptation and extension

- If you feel it is appropriate for your class, you can set this activity up as a race.
- If students are struggling to remember the phrasal verbs from the unit, after a few minutes you can allow pairs to share their answers, or you could write the verbs (or only the particles) on the board as prompts.
- To extend the activity, have pairs write three of their own gapped sentences with the phrasal verbs missing. They then exchange their sentences with another pair and complete them.

Answer key

- 1 dispose of 2 make up 3 draw on 4 die out
5 tap into 6 track down 7 speed up 8 go into

Hidden phrasal verb: keep (something) from (someone)

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- 1 You should always discard your old batteries responsibly!
You should always _____ your old batteries responsibly!
- 2 You shouldn't invent excuses, just be honest.
You shouldn't _____ excuses, just be honest.
- 3 I try and use all my experience when solving problems at work.
I try and _____ all my experience when solving problems at work.
- 4 There are a number of theories about what caused the dinosaurs to go extinct.
There are a number of theories about what caused the dinosaurs to _____.
- 5 The politician tried to express the mood of the voters so that they would vote for her.
The politician tried to _____ the mood of the voters so that they would vote for her.
- 6 The police are trying to find the criminals, who escaped this morning.
The police are trying to _____ criminals, who escaped this morning.
- 7 Why are you driving so slowly on the motorway? You should go faster!
Why are you driving so slowly on the motorway? You should _____!
- 8 I don't really want to tell you about what happened. I'm too upset.
I don't really want to _____ what happened. I'm too upset.

Hidden phrasal verb:

6 4 7 5 something 1 3 8 2 someone