

Phrasal Verbs Challenge: Day 3 Review & Practice

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Review:

| Phrasal Verb | Definition | Example |
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| stumble upon | find by chance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a construction company stumbling upon ancient artifacts- stumble upon a great job opportunity when you weren't even looking |
| weigh in | give one's opinion/thoughts | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- weigh in on a topic in a discussion- weigh in on possible plans |
| be fired up | be excited or passionate | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a sports team is fired up for the championship game- kids are fired up to go to the circus |
| sift through | search for something among many objects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- sift through a pile of papers to find some receipts- sift through a collection of jewelry looking for a particular bracelet |
| be laid off | lose one's job | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- be laid off when the company is not doing well financially- be laid off unexpectedly |
| straighten something out | resolve confusion, disorder, or misunderstanding | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- straighten out customers' orders which got mixed up |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - straighten out a miscommunication about the date of a party |
| mess with | touch or play with something | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a teenager messing with his dad's tools in the garage - a co-worker messing with the office thermostat and changing the temperature |
| snuff out | end suddenly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - failing a class snuffed out my hopes of being a doctor - young lives snuffed out by gang violence |
| gear up | getting ready | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a country gearing up to host the Olympics - families gearing up for the holiday season |
| grow on someone | become more liked and appreciated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a book grew on you when you read it again later in life - the taste of coffee grew on you the more you drank it |

Practice:

Complete each sentence with a phrasal verb from the box. You might need to change the form of the phrasal verb (ex. gear up → gears up, gearing up, geared up) to fit in the sentence.

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| be fired up | mess with | straighten something out |
| be laid off | sift through | stumble upon |
| gear up | snuff out | weigh in |
| grow on someone | | |

1. During the interview, the senator will _____ on the issues of high taxes and unemployment rates.
2. Everyone _____ for the release of the new movie - it's said to be the best of the entire series.
3. Her recent knee injury _____ any possibility of competing in the martial arts tournament.
4. I moved back in with my parents after I _____ and couldn't afford my rent.
5. They bought tons of diapers and baby items when they were _____ for the birth of their first child.
6. Someone stole my credit card and also took out a loan in my name - I was on the phone with the bank for hours trying to _____ everything _____.
7. The detective is _____ the mountain of evidence, looking for clues to the identity of the criminal.
8. We _____ an amazing waterfall while hiking; we'd had no idea it was even there.
9. You should stop _____ your hair while you're talking - it makes you look nervous and insecure.
10. I used to think the yellow paint in the bedroom was ugly, but it eventually _____ me - now I find it cheerful.

Answers:

1. During the interview, the senator will **weigh in** on the issues of high taxes and unemployment rates.
2. Everyone **is fired up** for the release of the new movie - it's said to be the best of the entire series.
3. Her recent knee injury **snuffed out** any possibility of competing in the martial arts tournament.
4. I moved back in with my parents after I **was laid off** and couldn't afford my rent.
5. They bought tons of diapers and baby items when they were **gearing up** for the birth of their first child.
6. Someone stole my credit card and also took out a loan in my name - I was on the phone with the bank for hours trying to **straighten everything out**.
7. The detective is **sifting through** the mountain of evidence, looking for clues to the identity of the criminal.
8. We **stumbled upon** an amazing waterfall while hiking; we'd had no idea it was even there.
9. You should stop **messing with** your hair while you're talking - it makes you look nervous and insecure.
10. I used to think the yellow paint in the bedroom was ugly, but it eventually **grew on** me - now I find it cheerful.