

Phrasal Verbs Challenge: Day 4 Review & Practice

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Review:

Phrasal Verb	Definition	Example
drown in	be overwhelmed by	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- drowning in paperwork when buying a new house- drowning in homework during a busy semester
tip someone off	give someone secret information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- someone tips off the police about a crime being planned- someone tips off the media about a celebrity scandal
strike out	failing to get the desired result	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- striking out in a job search when unable to get an interview- trying to bake a cake several times and striking out; none of the cakes were good
settle down	become calmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- crowded subway begins to settle down mid-morning- trying to get kids to settle down after dinner when bedtime is coming soon
throw someone off	confuse or mislead someone, or cause to lose focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- new road signs threw me off and I took the wrong exit- sudden noise throws off your concentration during a golf game

catch on	begin to understand / be able to do something	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - needing lots of training in order to catch onto a complicated software system - when it comes to languages, young children catch on very easily
stick with	persist, stay committed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - you need to stick with an exercise program to see results long term - a married couple choosing to stick with each other despite problems in the relationship
angle for	try to get something indirectly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - someone angling for a promotion by trying to befriend the director - a politician visiting lots of churches, angling for votes from religious people
pan out	become successful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a career as a professional musician didn't pan out - putting money in a somewhat risky investment and hoping it will pan out
turn up	appear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - problems turning up with a product you recently purchased - inviting 50 people to a party, but only 5 turn up

Practice:

Complete each sentence with a phrasal verb from the box. You might need to change the form of the phrasal verb (ex. catch on → catches on, catching on, caught on) to fit in the sentence.

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catch on	stick with	tip someone off
drown in	strike out	turn up
pan out		

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2. I don't particularly like to try new foods; I've _____ the same diet for years.
3. The last question on the exam _____ me _____ because it didn't seem related to anything we studied.
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6. She found out her boyfriend was cheating on her - a flirty text message from another woman was what _____ her _____.
7. The company was _____ bills it couldn't pay, and eventually it went bankrupt.
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Answers:

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