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1 Put each of the following phrasal verbs in its correct place in the sentences below.

- (a) Don't worry about the journey to the airport. I'm coming to **see** you **off**
- (b) The other car didn't stop after the accident but luckily I was able to **take down** its number.
- (c) The car's in quite good condition but you can **try** it **out** before you make any decision to buy.
- (d) Would you like to **bring up** any other matters before the meeting closes?
- (e) Stop worrying about it. Don't let this failure **get** you **down**.
- (f) I'm afraid we'll have to **call** the meeting **off**. Alice and John can't come.
- (g) Her parents died when she was eight and her uncle decided to **bring** her **up** himself.
- (h) I've got a spare room, so I can **put** you **up** if you're ever here again.

2. \_ Instructions as above.

- (a) I'm depending on you to pay me back the money on Monday. Please don't **let** me **down**
- (b) To cover his absence he decided to **make up** a completely false story about being involved in a car accident.
- (c) If you think I 'm wrong, check in the encyclopaedia I'm sure it will **bear** me **out**
- (d) Because of pressure of work, he had to **put off** his summer holiday until October.
- (e) we want to give younger players a chance in the team. That's why we've decided to **leave** you **out** of next Saturday's match.
- (f) They're very two-faced They're very nice to her when she's there, but they **run** her **down** behind her back.
- (g) I'd like to **put forward** a proposal. I suggest we start production in May.
- (h) The government intend to take very serious measures against this interference in their country's affairs. They do not **rule out** the possibility of military action.

3 Instructions as above.

- (a) The authorities intend to **pull down** these old buildings and **put up** a modern office block in their place.
- (b) They'll never believe you're American. Your British accent will **give** you **away** immediately.
- (c) If you persist in refusing to pay the rent for this flat, we shall have no option but to **turn** you **out**.
- (d) When I was in New York, I was able to **look up** several old friends I hadn't seen for years.
- (e) We're very sorry to have to **turn** you **away**--, but I'm afraid the hotel is fully booked.
- (f) The flat hasn't been very well looked after, but I think that after I **do** it **up** it'll look very nice.

(g) The old-fashion appearance of the hotel might **put off** some people but in fact it's really very modern and comfortable inside.

4 Instructions as above.

(a) The initials V.I.P. **stand for** Very important Person.

(b) Scientist are mystified by the sudden increase in the world's temperature They are quite unable to **account for** it.

(c) I don't think he'll ever completely **get over** his wife's death. He'll always miss her.

(d) John works in that office. I quite often **run into** him in the streets round here.

(e) I can't think of a way to **get round** the problem.

(f) She has a very pleasant manner. I'm sure the children will **take to** her at once.

(g) He expects to **come into** a lot of money in his grandfather's will.

(h) My father and I have the same character. I **take after** him much more than my mother.

5. Instructions as above.

(g)

(a) If they **go back on** their promise, I'll never trust them again.

(b) You must make your suggestion to the director. Then I'll **be up to** him to decide.

(c) He missed a month's school through illness, so now he'll have to work hard to **catch up with** the other pupils.

(d) I don't think I can **put up with** this noise any longer I'm going mad.

(e) I'm sorry we had to cancel the party, but to **make up for** it let's all go to the cinema.

(f) The growing use of credit cards may ultimately **do away with** the use of cash altogether.

(g) There are some strange noises coming from Jane's room. What on earth can she **be up to**?

(h) I'm afraid they're very snobbish. They **look down on** their poorer relations.

6 Instructions as above.

(a) It's past midnight and I'm tired. I think I'll **turn in**

(b) I waited nearly an hour for them, but they didn't **turn up**

(c) After all the trouble you've taken, I hope your plans don't **fall through**

(d) There is a very real fear that war may **break out** soon.

(e) We've had some hard times recently, but I think things are beginning to **look up**

(f) The emergency services thought that the bomb might **go off** at any moment.

(g) The schools **break up** next week. It's almost holiday-time.

(h) Her new book is due to **come out** next month. I wonder what the critics will think of it.

7 Instructions as above.

(a) The number of tourists visiting Britain is at its peak in July and August and begins to **drop off** in September.

(b) The subject of higher salaries will probably **come up** at the meeting.

(c) Don't get so nervous about your speech tonight I'm sure it'll **go down** very well.

(d) She's not a very strong person. I'm afraid she might **break down** when she hears the news.

(e) They haven't spoken to each other since that argument about the taxi fare. How silly to **fall out** over such a trivial thing.

(f) | think we're going in the wrong direction, **Hold on** Ill look at the map.

(g) | live at 32, Rutherford Street. **Drop in** if youre in the district.

(h) The meeting was long and the room was hot. I was afraid I might **fall off**

## Rhyming Expressions

1 A number of common colloquial expressions consist of rhyming parts.

Put each of the following expressions in its correct place in the Sentences below.

go-slow

nitty-gritty

brain-drain

big-wigs

prime-time

pell-mell

humdrum

higgledypiggledy

(a) We've got some important visitors coming to see the factory tomorrow. They're government inspectors. Members of Parliament, officials from the Ministry and other **big wigs**.

(b) The programme is only of limited interest. I can't understand why it's shown on **prime-time** television.

(c) The two world leaders met and after the usual greetings and formalities got down to the **humdrum** of their talks.

(d) It wasn't exactly a strike. All the workers did as little as possible. It WAS A **go-slow**

(e) After the robbery everything was in a mess, **nitty-gritty** all over the place.

(f) she'd like to find a more interesting, exciting job . She finds her present work very **brain-drain**.

(g) It's been a terrible morning. I overslept, rushed out **higgledy-piggledy** to the bus-stop, missed the bus, had to get a taxi.. .

(h) The **pell-mell** of doctors, scientists and academics leaving this country is having a serious effect on our health service, industries and universities.