4 Practice with Phrasal Verbs



- **A.** Match the phrasal verb in *italics* with its meaning from the box below. The first one has been done as an example for you.
- 1. I'm going to set off early so I don't get stuck in traffic.

Answer: 1.f

- 2. As a child, I always looked up to my parents.
- **3.** The price of petrol usually *goes up* every year.
- **4.** If you feel hot and your throat hurts, you could be *coming down with* flu.
- **5.** My car *broke down* on the motorway so I had to call the emergency services.
- **6.** I was *brought up* to tell the truth and respect other people.
- 7. I've put off my dentist appointment until next week because I've got too much work to do.
- 8. I often call in on my grandma after school for a chat and a cup of coffee.
- 9. She takes after her mother. They're both sociable people.
- 10. You should try to get on with your colleagues if you want to maintain good working relationships.
- 11. If you keep in with your boss, there's a chance you'll get a pay rise.
- 12. I don't believe you. I think you're making it all up.
 - a) to admire or respect someone
 - b) to get an illness
 - c) to visit a person or place while you are on your way to somewhere else
 - d) to stop working
 - e) to try to stay friendly with someone, especially because this helps you
 - f) to start to go somewhere
 - g) to look after and influence a child until he or she is grown up
 - h) to delay doing something or to arrange to do something at a later time or date
 - i) to increase in price, amount, level etc
 - i) to have a friendly relationship with someone
 - **k)** to look or behave like an older relative
 - I) to pretend that something is true in order to deceive someone
- **B.** Ask your partner the following questions:
- 1. Who did you look up to as a child?
- 2. What's the most imaginative story you've ever made up?
- 3. What did your parents bring you up to believe in?
- 4. Which friend do you get on with best?
- 5. What would you do if your car broke down on a busy road?
- 6. When was the last time you called in on a friend?
- 7. How often do you put off appointments?
- 8. What do you think has gone up in price recently?
- **9.** What time do you set off for work/school in the morning?
- 10. Would you ever keep in with your boss just to get a promotion?
- 11. When was the last time you came down with an illness?
- **12.** Who do you take after in your family?



Teacher's Notes

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Time: 45 - 60 minutes

Aims:

■ To give students practice with some common phrasal verbs.

- To practise deducing meaning.
- Tell the students they're going to learn some phrasal verbs. Do they understand what phrasal verbs are? Give an example.
- Divide them into pairs and check they understand what they have to do in exercise A.
- **3.** Once they've finished, tell them to check their answers in the **Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English** and/or on the CD-ROM.
- **4.** They then interview their partner using the questions in exercise B. The whole class discusses what they learned about their partners.
- 5. As a follow-up, students can look up some more phrasal verbs and teach them to each other, or tell each other how the meanings are expressed in their own language.

Answers:

1. f; 2. a; 3. i; 4. b; 5. d; 6. g; 7. h; 8. c; 9. k; 10. j; 11. e; 12. l