Phrasal verbs and particles

1 Choose the right word from the box below to complete each of the sentences. You might need to use some of the words more than once.

under  on  off  up  back  out  around  down

a) Sorry I’ve been so short-tempered this week. I’ve been _______ a lot of pressure at work.
b) I haven’t got any plans for this weekend; I think I’ll just lounge _______ at home.
c) What time shall we set _______ for the airport?
d) Mr Goddard handed _______ the marketing brochures at the end of the meeting.
e) We got to the wedding really early so we just drove _______ the town for a while before the ceremony.
f) Do you know what time Kate is coming _______ from the concert?
g) Harry carried _______ his music lessons during the summer holidays because he absolutely loved learning the piano.
h) Has anyone locked _______ the bicycle sheds at the back of the school?
i) The traffic slowed right _______ as it approached the bridge, which had been closed for two hours.
j) That sounds like a really interesting place. Could you write _______ the name for me please?
k) We’ve just about finished tidying _______ the house. It looks really neat now.
l) Do you think that Jill will go _______ to Spain after her break with her family in France?

2 Discuss the following questions with your partner. Give reasons for your answers.

a) Are you good at taking back goods that you are not happy with to shops?
b) How long do you think you’ll carry on learning English?
c) If someone leaves you a phone message, do you phone back right away or wait until you have a spare moment?
d) If you had a choice between cutting down on your favourite drink or cutting down on your favourite food, which would you choose?
e) Do you work well under pressure?
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TEACHER’S NOTES:

Aim: to provide further practice of phrasal verbs and particles. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 10.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: copy of the worksheet for each student

1 Ask students to read the sentences and fill in the gaps. Some words in the box will be used more than once. Check answers with the class.

   | Answers: a) under; b) around; c) off; d) out; e) around; f) back; g) on; h) up; i) down; j) down; k) up; l) back

2 Students discuss the questions using phrasal verbs and particles. Check they understand each of the phrasal verbs/particles before they start. Monitor while they talk and ask for class feedback.