

Sentence Match-Up: *An activity for inseparable phrasal verbs*

Instructions for the teacher:

Step 1 – Hand out Quiz 1. Have students try the quiz solo, completing as many items as possible. Note that it is all right to leave unfamiliar items blank. Then ask them to pair up to compare their answers. Finally, correct the quiz as a class. [Definitions based on the *Longman Dictionary of American English*.]

Step 2 – Copy enough sets of sentence match-ups for students to play pairs (small groups of 3 are also possible). Cut out all sentence beginnings and all sentence endings to create 40 slips of paper. Note: This game must be played around a flat surface (either a small table or a few desks pushed together to create a central area).

Step 3 – Playing the game: Matches will be made in sets of ten (10 blue, 10 red). If playing in pairs, have Student A hold all the sentence beginnings in blue while Student B holds all the sentence endings in blue. Student A will show a sentence beginning, and Student B will create a match. Matches can be confirmed by looking at the answers to Quiz 1. Students A and B will reverse roles for the next set of matches in red.

For small groups of 3: Have students assume the same roles as above but only one student (Student A) will hold the sentence beginnings while the other two (Students B and C) will match sentence endings. For the second set, allow Student A to switch roles with either Student B or C.

Step 4 – After the game is over, have students take Quiz 2. Correct answers as a class.

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QUIZ 1

Fill in the missing particle(s). An asterisk (*) means that two particles are needed. The first has been done for you.

1. come up with = think of, invent*
2. end _____ = get an unexpected result*
3. drop _____ = quit (school, college, a course, etc.)*
4. run _____ = meet by accident
5. go _____ = review
6. count _____ = depend on
7. get _____ = leave (a bus, a train, etc.)
8. get _____ = board (a bus, a train, etc.)
9. come _____ = to become sick with a certain illness*
10. look _____ = take care of
11. go _____ = agree or support*
12. look _____ = think that you are better than another*
13. run _____ = begin to have problems
14. get _____ = not be punished for something wrong*
15. get _____ = reach (a destination)
16. look _____ = wait for with excitement*
17. follow _____ = complete as planned*
18. watch _____ = be careful about*
19. look _____ = admire*
20. think _____ = remember*

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QUIZ 2

Fill in the missing particle(s). An asterisk (*) means that two particles are needed. The first has been done for you.

1. Unfortunately, I came* down with a bad cold the day before the party, so I couldn't go.
2. The babysitter looked _____ the children while the parents went out for the evening.
3. I ran _____ an old friend at the supermarket. It was such a nice surprise.
4. When little Anna gets _____ the bus, her mother is there to meet her.
5. Please go _____ your work before you submit it to me.
6. We need to come* _____ a plan to fix the house on a low budget. Any ideas?
7. The contest ended* _____ two winners, so the prize money had to be shared.
8. When I think* _____ my childhood, I realize how lucky I was to have such great parents.
9. I asked how to get _____ North Station because I was a little lost.
10. I followed* _____ my decision, even though people warned me of the risk I was taking.
11. I look* _____ seeing you next week. I've really missed you.
12. Melissa's decision to drop* _____ school greatly disappointed her parents, who were both college graduates.
13. When little Anna gets _____ the bus, her mother stands on the sidewalk and waves good-bye.
14. My cousin looks* _____ poor people and says they are poor because they don't work hard.
15. You can always count _____ me, my friend. Anytime you need help, just ask.
16. Mike will go* _____ whatever decision we make. He's very agreeable.
17. I've always looked* _____ my father. He's done much in life that can be admired.
18. The man got* _____ the murder because no one ever learned of his connection to the victim.
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