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.
19. Please watch* __________ icy spots on the road. You must drive slowly in snowy weather.
20. You can easily run __________ debt if you spend too freely with credit cards.
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