

5.3 Vocabulary development

Vocabulary development phrasal verbs with *out* and *up*

1 Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

- We need to ___ up with an interesting name for the new business.
a think c come
b decide d imagine
- More than 70,000 people are expected to ___ up at the festival.
a come c arrive
b turn d go
- I didn't think I'd enjoy the lecture, but it ___ out to be very interesting.
a ended c became
b came d turned
- He didn't want to go to the meeting, so he ___ up an excuse about having to go to the dentist.
a invented c designed
b created d made
- Something urgent ___ up, so I wasn't able to call you.
a came c happened
b turned d arrived
- The printer has ___ out of ink.
a gone c run
b used d finished
- I'm having problems with my visa application. I hope it's ___ out before I go away.
a dealt c solved
b sorted d done
- The doctors will ___ out some tests to determine the cause of his allergy.
a bring c do
b carry d pass
- I missed the beginning of the film, so I'm trying to ___ out what's going on.
a know c work
b mind d understand
- Don't you hate those annoying adverts that ___ up on the computer screen?
a pop c bring
b arrive d hang

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2 Match the phrasal verbs in bold in sentences 1–6 to meanings a–f.

- My trainers were **worn out** at the soles, so I threw them away.
 - I need to **brush up** my German before I go to Hamburg.
 - I wonder why that police car's just **pulled up** outside the house.
 - She thinks our course would be better if it was **spread out** over twelve weeks, not eight.
 - It was very dark in the corridor and I could only just **make out** the numbers on the doors.
 - A suspicious package was **blown up** in a controlled explosion by police.
- a (about a vehicle) stop, especially for a short time
b covering a wide area or long time; extended
c manage to see or read something
d damaged because of being used a lot
e improve knowledge of something learnt but partly forgotten
f destroy by detonation

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of phrasal verbs from exercise 2.

- Payment was _____ over six months.
- Taxis can't _____ here. We'll have to go a bit further along the street.
- The bridge had been _____ during the war and rebuilt.
- The sign had faded and I couldn't _____ what it said.
- The carpet in the hotel room was dirty and _____.
- This cake tastes horrible. I need to _____ my baking skills!

➔ **STUDY TIP** Some phrasal verbs are often used in the passive form, e.g. *worn out*, *spread out*, *blown up*. Look out for examples and write them in your vocabulary notebook.