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331 Use only one word to fill in each of the numbered blanks.

The Sun is the brightest object in our solar (1), the centre around which we (2) and without (3) life on Earth could not exist. At one (4) people believed that the Sun encircled the Earth; our knowledge has (5) considerably since then, (6) to sophisticated equipment. The Sun is in fact a star of the type (7) as "yellow dwarfs" and has a volume more than a million times (8) than that of our planet. Although to the naked (9) the Sun and Moon appear to be (10) the same size (most noticeable (11) eclipses), the Sun is in fact about 400 times (12) distant from us than the Moon. In 1922 the International Astronomical Union calculated (13) average distance from the Earth (14) 92,897,000 miles, but this figure is (15) to change as modern technology enables us to make more (16) calculations. Light emitted (17) the Sun takes approximately eight minutes to (18) us; if it were suddenly to go out, it would take that (19) until we realised (20) had happened!

Phrasal Verbs 1

talk about : 1) gossip about sb
2) consider

talk at : speak to sb without listening to his replies

talk back : reply rudely

talk down to : speak to sb as if they were less clever than oneself

talk into : persuade sb to do sth

talk out : settle a problem by talking

talk out of : persuade sb not to do sth

talk round : persuade sb to agree to sth

tell against : show negative evidence

tell apart : distinguish

tell off : scold

think of : take sth into account

think out : produce by thinking

think over : reflect upon sth before making a decision

think up : invent or devise sth

332 Fill in the correct preposition or adverb.

- He was against the plan at first, but they managed to talk him **round**.
- Ann was told by her father for coming home late.
- You can't talk me giving you more money. I've given you enough.
- His lack of a convincing alibi will tell him at the trial.
- Our boss talks us as if we were idiots.
- He insisted that children who talk ought to be severely punished.
- If you can't talk your differences, you'd better break up.
- Stop behaving like that or the neighbours will start to talk you.
- The only way I can tell the twins is by their haircut.
- He keeps talking moving to another city, but I doubt if he will.
- I've never had a real "conversation" with Peter; he just talks you.
- My parents advised me to think things before accepting the job.
- Racing drivers rarely think the dangers involved in their profession.
- She thought her ideas carefully before putting them down on paper.
- We need to think an exciting advertising campaign for our new product.
- Jane was so determined to become a model that her parents couldn't talk her it.

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Phrasal Verbs 2

333 Look at Appendix 1 and fill in the correct preposition or adverb from the box below, then give a synonym for each phrasal verb.

away, in, on, out, off, up, down, over, into, to

1. I'd better turn **in** early. I didn't sleep well last night.
2. They want to turn that basement room a wine cellar.
3. Hundreds of people turned to welcome the Royal Family back to London.
4. Please turn the page and study the table given there.
5. When her business failed, she turned her parents for financial help.
6. Although Mark said he'd be there at 8.00, he didn't turn until 10.30.
7. Could you turn that light? I can't see very well.
8. I offered to help him but he turned me
9. We were turned at the door of the club for being improperly dressed.
10. You ought to turn the heat before the sauce burns.
11. That factory turns hundreds of small appliances every day.
12. The lorry turned in the middle of the motorway, causing an enormous pile-up.
13. He turned to be a liar and a thief.
14. I have a feeling I forgot to turn the cooker before we left.
15. Could you please turn the volume a bit? I can't hear it very well.
16. The woman turned her son to the police because he was selling drugs.

Idioms 1

334 Look at Appendix 2 and explain the following idioms in bold italics.

1. I don't think we have **a cat in hell's chance** of finishing this work by the deadline.
2. The politician **put the cat among pigeons** by causing a national scandal.
3. Those two have **fought like cat and dog** since the day they got married.
4. You can ask me **until the cows come home** but I'll never agree.
5. Peter made such **a pig of himself**; it's no surprise he's got a stomach-ache now.
6. London to Birmingham is about 180 miles **as the crow flies**.
7. I heard it **straight from the horse's mouth** so I know it's true.
8. The woman **made a fool of** herself when she knocked over a display in a crowded shop.
9. Something must have made John really angry; he's been **like a bear with a sore head** all day.
10. We don't need any more furniture - there's **no room to swing a cat** in here as it is!
11. I managed to **kill two birds with one stone** by inviting the boss to dinner; I made a good impression and got some useful information.
12. It's time to **take the bull by the horns** instead of trying to avoid reaching a decision.
13. Ann has **got a bee in her bonnet** about people talking about her behind her back.
14. It is **raining cats and dogs**; we'll have to cancel the fête.
15. I'm sure things can't possibly be so bad; you're just **making a mountain out of a molehill**.
16. The man broke a vase and knocked over two chairs; he was **like a bull in a china shop**.
17. The thriller was based on a maniac **playing cat and mouse** with his blind victim in a deserted house.
18. Kate has been **as busy as a bee / a busy bee** getting everything ready for tonight's party.
19. He was so tired of **the rat race** that he gave up his job in the city and moved to an island.
20. I accidentally **let the cat out of the bag** when I mentioned that I'd seen Jim and Mandy together.
21. Any mention of animal abuse to Tony is like **a red rag to a bull**.
22. Jack **bought it** when he was accidentally caught in the crossfire of a gang war.

Idioms 2

335 Look at Appendix 2 and explain the following idioms in bold italics.

- Some people think this country has been **going to the dogs** since the 1970s.
- The terrorists said that the dead soldiers had been "**sitting ducks**".
- An old friend who I haven't seen for **donkey's years** called me today.
- The old man felt like **a fish out of water** at the children's tea party.
- Seeing life as a case of **dog eat dog**, he treated people ruthlessly for his own benefit.
- Ronald was so thick-skinned that all his boss's criticisms were **like water off a duck's back**.
- I'm not lending him any more books; they always come back **dog-eared**.
- The hairdresser made such **a dog's dinner / breakfast** of my hair that I had to have it done again.
- "What you're talking about is **a different kettle of fish**; let's keep to the point."
- Sarah is so depressed that she has been **drinking like a fish** since she split up with her boyfriend.
- If I don't remember her birthday, I'll **be in the doghouse**.
- Our business rivals **cooked our goose** by making a higher bid for the company.
- Steve was fed up with doing **the donkey work** while his colleagues were given interesting jobs.
- Jane is a real **night owl**; she loves going to discos and staying up late.
- Richard could **talk the hind legs off a donkey** with stories of his army days.
- Don't rush into a decision. Just **hold your horses** and wait for a while.
- My nephew was brought up near the sea and could **swim like a fish** from the age of four.
- We tried so many times to persuade him to come but it was obvious we were **flogging a dead horse**.
- The lawyer advised me not to pursue the matter but to **let sleeping dogs lie**.
- Being in the army was a real **dog's life**; up at 6 a.m. every day, no money and irregular leave.

Prepositions

336 Look at Appendix 3 and fill in the correct preposition.

- to have no intention **of** helping sb
- to be guaranteed breakage
- to result an accident
- a visitor the city
- to sigh pleasure
- a sequel a film
- to stay good
- fruits season
- to resign your job
- the matter hand
- death drowning
- to struggle your rights
- to feature the cinema
- to have a talent acting
- entry the EEC
- to keep sth secret a friend
- to take a shot the enemy
- to buy sth a discount
- bags shopping
- to be satisfied the results
- a choice drinks
- to trip a stone
- a doctor profession
- freedom speech
- to be valid five years
- to fall in love first sight
- the bearer good news
- a decline standards
- a bus crowded tourists
- the bottom the sea
- to admit a fault
- to be full life
- to be trouble with the law
- to live the suburbs
- on top the world
- to fall despair
- a series disasters
- dance the dance floor
- sing the top of one's voice
- to have your heart your mouth
- to live the outskirts
- to stand president
- to bestow someone gifts
- to fail an attempt

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337 Look at Appendix 3 and fill in the correct preposition.

1. Having always been good **at** maths, he decided to study it to degree level when he went to University.
2. She's very good animals and every morning takes food out to the stray dogs in the street.
3. It will be good Thomas to have a strict teacher; he's never had any discipline at home.
4. The new wonder watch from Seiko is guaranteed any type of breakage including water damage and accident!
5. His new stereo system was expensive but it's guaranteed fifteen years so it was worthwhile paying more.
6. There is a popular superstition which says that anyone who has a gap their two front teeth will be lucky throughout their life.
7. A strong draught blew into the room through the gap the door.
8. Ruth was a genius mathematics and was awarded a scholarship to Cambridge when she was only fourteen years old.
9. She has a real genius languages and has already mastered the rudiments of Greek!
10. He's a genius a pencil and can capture a likeness in a few deft strokes.
11. I've just heard his unexpected promotion.
12. My sister is worried because she hasn't heard her boyfriend for days.
13. Have you heard the lake "Loch Ness" in Scotland?
14. Nervous about facing an interview panel she hesitated the door and took a deep breath before entering the room.
15. She hesitated taking any action, hoping all the while that there was no real cause for alarm.
16. I can't honestly say that I'm happy your decision but I respect your right to privacy and won't interfere.
17. He doesn't seem to be very happy his new girlfriend; he always looks rather worried and depressed these days.
18. As she handed over a gift she said that she hoped we would be very happy our new home.
19. The dispute occurred because the manager is so hopeless people; he has absolutely no idea of how to handle his workforce.
20. Delia is so hopeless Chemistry that she has taken her Chemistry exam four times and failed every time.

338 For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence but using the word given. The word must not be altered in any way.

e.g. *Photography interests me.*

FIND

I find photography interesting.

1. She is well-known for her vast knowledge of Renaissance painting.
AUTHORITY
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2. He couldn't explain the difference between the two sets of instructions.
ACCOUNT
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3. The members of the government have failed to agree on the new budget.
REACHED
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4. We liked the new teacher right away.
TOOK
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5. Everyone knows they are wealthy.
KNOWN
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