

Consolidation 15

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

A trip to the Middle East might as well be a trip to another planet; (1) different are the lands, the people and their culture! Vast expanses of desert (2) on endlessly for miles, dotted here and there with cleverly camouflaged camels. Temperatures soar sky-high, (3) in the so-called winter, scorching everything and anything. But it is the women in this alien world (4) I find the most fascinating.

In the strictest Muslim States, women are concealed from head to (5) in black, although one might be lucky enough to catch a (6) of a pair of eyes beneath the thinner fabric (7) conceals their faces. It is a strange enough sight to see anyone swimming, but an even (8) one to see a woman in the water still fully clad. Movement is also severely (9); public transport remained exclusively a male domain in many parts until only (10) Now, on most buses, women have been provided (11) two rows of seats at the back, carefully separated (12) the rest of the vehicle by a roof-to-floor (13) and accessed privately through its own entrance. It can be a criminal offence for a woman to be (14) in a car with a man who is not her husband or her father; (15) getting into a taxi presents no such problems.

Such a world seems far removed (16) our own; all that we take so readily for (17) is missing. Even with more freedom, a (18) to the cinema, pub or disco, for (19) would be out of the (20) — they simply do not exist.

Phrasal Verbs 1

throw about : scatter sth

throw away : discard sth as useless

throw back on : have to depend on (pass.)

throw oneself into : begin to do sth energetically

throw oneself on sb/sth : rely on sb/sth

throw off : escape from, get free of

throw sb out : force sb to leave

throw over : abandon sb

throw sb together : bring people into contact with each other

throw up : 1) give up (a job etc)
2) vomit (food)

try on : try the fit (of clothes)

try out : test

358 Fill in the missing preposition or adverb.

1. He threw **up** his studies when he was offered a well-paid sales job.
2. He threw his fiancée in favour of a rich actress.
3. Would you like to try this new electric shaver?
4. He was thrown of the bar when he started harassing the other customers.
5. It was fate that threw them
6. During the French Revolution the people tried to throw the chains of poverty.
7. She has tried at least twenty dresses but she can't find one she likes.
8. I wish you threw these old magazines
9. She felt very sick and threw several times.
10. When they both lost their jobs they were thrown their savings.
11. On finishing university, she threw herself her new editing career with great enthusiasm.
12. Joan threw books and papers the room trying to find her passport and her cheque book.
13. When Paul lost his job and his wife left him he threw himself his parents for financial and emotional support.

Phrasal Verbs 2

wear away : become thin, damaged, weak etc. by constant use

wear off : disappear gradually (effect of sth)

wear out : 1) use until useless (of clothes etc)
2) exhaust (of people, usu passive)

work on : be occupied with

work out : 1) find a solution by reasoning
2) turn out successfully

work up : 1) develop
2) excite
3) advance (in business)

Idioms 1

get off on the wrong foot : begin badly

get cold feet : lose courage

have a cheek / nerve : act/speak rudely or impudently

tongue in cheek : not serious; ironic

have an eye for : be a good judge of

put one's foot down : insist

pull sb's leg : tease; try to make sb believe sth untrue

turn a blind eye to sth : ignore

lose one's head : lose self-control

a brain wave : a sudden idea

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1. It took months for the shock of her parents' death to wear **off**.
2. He has worked his business from a single shop to a huge chain.
3. I'm trying to work how this device was put together.
4. I was completely worn after working twelve hours without a break.
5. He is working a new book but it will take him a couple of years to finish it.
6. The politician's speech worked the crowd to a frenzy.
7. He has worn three pairs of running shoes in two months.
8. She was doubtful about the new system of checking accounts, but it worked well in the end.
9. The surface of the road was worn by severe flooding.
10. She is hoping to work her way to a vice-presidency.

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1. I like going shopping with Elaine as she **has an eye for** the clothes which suit me best.
2. David was going hang-gliding but he at the last minute and decided not to.
3. After wondering for weeks what to get her parents for their anniversary, she had and decided to give them tickets for a week-long cruise.
4. When the fire broke out the crowd and started fighting their way out of the stadium.
5. You've shouting at me because I'm late, when it's usually you that can't arrive anywhere on time!
6. I never know when he's being serious because most of what he says is
7. The traffic warden to the car which was parked illegally; she didn't bother to stop and give the driver a ticket.
8. She on the first day at her new job by accidentally switching off the computer and losing all the files on a particular client.
9. None of us wanted to go on holiday together until my father and said that we had no choice.
10. I'm sure she was when she said she was getting married. She's only fifteen, after all!

Idioms 2

- keep one's fingers crossed** : wish for good luck
- be all fingers and thumbs** : be awkward, clumsy
- be up in arms** : protest loudly
- give sb the cold shoulder** : ignore / shun sb
- take sth to heart** : take personally, be offended / upset by sth
- with one's heart in one's mouth** : fearfully
- put one's heart and soul into sth** : be devoted to sth
- feel / be down in the mouth** : be depressed
- have a sharp tongue** : tend to say unkind or hurtful things
- tooth and nail** : fiercely
- a pain in the neck** : annoying person / thing
- look down one's nose at sth/sb** : feel / act superior to

Prepositions

362 Look at Appendix 3 and fill in the blanks with the correct preposition.

- Since passing professional exams, George has had his salary increased **by** 10%.
- Classes have increased size since falling levels of government funding have reduced the number of teachers in the school.
- I began to get impatient his continual lack of punctuality.
- Impatient her arrival, he kept running to the window every time a car passed.
- The organisers tried to get everyone to join the games.
- He joined when he was seventeen and he's been in the army ever since.
- Railway engineers joined three additional carriages the train to cope with the extra passengers.

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- George didn't really mean that you are fat, so don't **take it to heart**.
- I'm that the police will soon find my stolen bike.
- Sarah was such a dedicated nurse that she put her into the work.
- Phillip has been since he failed his driving test.
- Maria has become such a snob since qualifying for the orchestra; she always at the rest of us in the music society.
- I wouldn't like to have a disagreement with Penny; she has got such I'm sure she'd upset me.
- The workers were when they heard that they had to work on a Bank Holiday.
- Joe is so irritating, he's a real
- Susan stood with her as the angry dog snarled and snapped at her.
- It was very rude of you to give Andy; you should at least say hello to him.
- It was awful on Saturday night as Helen and Barbara argued for most of the evening.
- When it comes to cooking, Tina is all; if she doesn't burn things, she drops them on the floor.

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- Although we were all rather irritated by the situation at the time, we laughed **about** it afterwards.
- When my foreign friend came to stay, I lined a number of visits to places of interest in London.
- The dressmaker lined the summer dress light cotton to make it less transparent.
- He was listening the radio when he heard his own name being announced.
- I'm expecting an important call; could you listen the telephone while I pop out to the shops?
- He doesn't have any savings and, since being made redundant, has been living his family.