

Consolidation 3

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

A hundred years ago, the principal (1) of communication for individuals and for businesses was (2) letter and telegram, but nowadays telephones are used daily in private houses, offices and factories. This is certainly the (3) widespread and convenient way for people to communicate (4) one another.

With the telephone, business deals can be arranged and completed rapidly. In (5), financial centres and stock exchanges, by constant use of the telephone system, can be assured (6) getting the very latest, up-to-the-minute information (7) the ever changing currency and share values. This type of information is essential (8) economic stability worldwide.

The telephone network also (9) a direct line into the homes of friends and relatives. For old and infirm people, and for (10) lonely people living on their (11), the telephone is a friend. At (12), families are often scattered, not only throughout the country (13) also throughout the world. (14), a few minutes' conversation with a loved one who may be thousands of miles away is a source of great comfort to (15)

Of course, very often the telephone can be a nuisance. Some will say that it intrudes too much (16) people's privacy, always ringing at the most inconvenient times. (17), obscene callers can make life a misery for some of the more vulnerable members of society, particularly for elderly women living alone.

But, on the (18), I think that the changes brought about by the introduction of the telephone have been of great (19) to everyone. The telephone has helped to (20) people closer together in a difficult world and has made life, for many, much easier and much more enjoyable.

Phrasal Verbs 1

71 Look at Appendix 1 and fill in one of the prepositions from the box below, then give a synonym for each phrasal verb.

at, up, off, on, about, in, round, out, over, through

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| 1. The rioting was brought about by a huge increase in the price of bread. | 11. The young actress carried the performance without a hitch. |
| 2. He brought the business deal through sheer persistence. | 12. Carry with your work, please. There's no time to waste. |
| 3. He brought the car to the kerb. | 13. The soldier carried his orders doing exactly what he had been told. |
| 4. Don't forget to bring the matter of the new park at the meeting. | 14. This tradition carries from the days of the Romans. |
| 5. CBN has just brought a collection of songs from the sixties. | 15. He will carry his plan despite all your objections. |
| 6. She brought everything she had eaten on the funfair ride. | 16. She always carries like a lunatic when she loses something. |
| 7. He was brought by his grandmother as both his parents had died. | 17. She was walking too quickly for me to catch with her. |
| 8. We brought the unconscious woman with smelling salts. | 18. His new song caught right away and entered the top ten. |
| 9. The cold weather has brought his cough again. | 19. He catches any opportunity to meet new people. |
| 10. That law was brought during the 19th century. | 20. Let's all chip and buy her a gift. |

What's the difference between **charge to** and **charge with**?

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Phrasal Verbs 2

72 Match the phrasal verbs in bold italics with one of the definitions given.

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| 1. I'll call at the travel agency to collect our tickets. | A. to cancel |
| 2. As soon as John reached Vienna he was called back to Paris. | B. to conscript |
| 3. His condition calls for immediate medical attention. | C. to ask to return |
| 4. The meeting was called off due to the chairman's illness. | D. to run away |
| 5. You'd better call in a solicitor before writing your will. | E. to brighten up (of the weather) |
| 6. My cousin was called up at the age of 19 and died in Vietnam a year later. | F. to visit briefly |
| 7. The union has called out its members to try to get better pay. | G. to get rid of unwanted things |
| 8. The thieves cleared off when they heard the guard approaching. | H. to remove |
| 9. They cleared out the garage to make room for their new car. | I. to cause one to go on strike |
| 10. It's been raining all morning but it seems to be clearing up now. | J. to find innocent |
| 11. If you cleared away all these books, we'd have room to eat. | K. to consult |
| 12. She was cleared of the charges of negligence but some people still believe she's guilty. | L. to require |

1. **F** 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.

Idioms 1

show one's true colours : reveal one's character

lost cause : hopeless situation or case

chair a meeting : preside a meeting

off colour : slightly unwell

have the cheek : dare to complain

get a bit hot under the collar : get angry / upset

keep one's chin up : not to be discouraged

with flying colours : with great success

get a problem off one's chest : confide in sb

different as chalk and cheese : very different

call sb names : insult sb

a close shave : narrow escape

play one's cards right : act cleverly

73 Fill in the blanks with one of the idioms.

- Trying to make them understand is a **lost cause**. They are so conservative.
- Laura passed her exam She came top of the class.
- He when he started making rude jokes about women.
- I don't know how he to moan about my spelling when his is even worse.
- You look Would you like me to call a doctor for you?
- John managed to despite his illness.
- If you and speak nicely to your father, he might take you to the fair this afternoon.
- Bert and Tom are as different as It's hard to believe that they are brothers!
- Those boys are very rude to me. They are always
- The two cars just avoided having a head-on collision. It was a very
- Instead of just sitting there feeling bad, why not talk about it and ?
- She when a colleague started criticising her work.
- Paul was asked to as the director was away on business.

What is meant by "don't count your chickens before they are hatched"?

Idioms 2

a **wild-goose chase** : hopeless pursuit

be caught red-handed : be caught while committing a crime.

crocodile tears : false tears

a **piece of cake** : (sth) easily done

down the drain : wasted; lost

down in the dumps : not cheerful

on the dole : receiving unemployment benefit

go to the dogs : fail; deteriorate

a **red-letter day** : a very important day

let sleeping dogs lie : avoid mentioning a subject or taking action which could cause trouble

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1. Fred thought the test was **a piece of cake**; he has no doubt that he has passed it.
2. Kate is feeling because her boyfriend has left her.
3. 12 June is a for my sister. It's the day she launched her own business.
4. Looking for Susan in New York is simply She could be anywhere.
5. You can't fool me with your ; I know you're not really upset.
6. Please don't bring up that old argument with Joe when you see him. Just
7. While some people claim the country is, others think the new government will be able to improve matters.
8. The thief as he was leaving the bank with the money.
9. All the money I'd invested went when the company failed.
10. I have plenty of spare time but very little money because I am

Prepositions

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

1. The children were late and had to make a dash **for** the school bus.
2. We'll have to economise heating or we won't be able to pay the bill.
3. I dream becoming a millionaire and buying a big yacht.
4. The student was eligible a full grant from the authority.
5. The employee showed total disregard the company rules and was dismissed.
6. The man was distracted a commotion and didn't notice the pick-pocket taking his wallet.
7. John was so engrossed the film that he burnt the dinner.
8. We were totally entranced the prima ballerina's dancing.
9. The doctor told me I was deficient iron and would have to take supplements.
10. My brother eloped his girlfriend because her parents had forbidden them to marry.
11. The woman exulted her son's success as a writer.

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1. We sold our house **at** a profit; we made £2,000.
2. She's working as a waitress the time being, but her ambition is to become an actress.
3. I've met Elizabeth Taylor the flesh. I even shook her hand.
4. She's been a diet for weeks, but she hasn't lost much weight.
5. We have a car loan until ours has been repaired.
6. Strictly the record, his work is below standard.
7. The workers have been strike for three weeks.
8. That performance was really of the ordinary.
9. We were shocked when she called him an idiot his face.
10. He was pain after the operation.
11. times he wishes he had never become a doctor.
12. all accounts, he is the best basketball player in the Association.
13. He put the car gear and drove off.