

Consolidation 7

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

In 1969, Neil Armstrong was the first man to land (1) the moon. If earthlings can take (2) in intergalactic travel, then why can't life forms from other planets do the same? Is Earth the only inhabited planet in the universe? How can we be so sure of either the existence or the non-existence of extraterrestrial life?

On 24th June, 1947, Kenneth Arnold reported (3) nine silvery objects moving rapidly through the sky near Mount Rainer, Washington. Obviously he had no proof (4) from his testimony, but this sparked (5) an epidemic of apparent sightings of "unidentified flying objects". In June and July of the same year, a further 850 sightings of space ships were (6)

Ufology had taken (7) and was spreading prolifically. The latest Gallup poll conveyed that twenty per cent of the British and sixty per cent of the American populations believed (8) the existence of UFOs. In (9), a French group claimed that we only hear (10) one in every 38,400 alien visits to Earth. (11) these figures do not prove the existence of life (12) in the cosmos, but they do prove that belief is international and widespread (13) humanoids.

In alleged encounters with alien life one (14) of five leaves some trace behind, such as burnt ground, footprints, powdery residues or metallic fragments. One group of ufologists studied thousands of cases and came to the (15) that there were four main types of extraterrestrial existence; small humanoids, experimental animals, humanlike entities and robots. However, Hilary Evans of the British UFO Research Association (16) to the inadequacies of all such findings and testimonies. Some UFO witnesses lie, (17) deliberately or unconsciously. So, with little (18) than the word of an apparent eye witness to consider, evidence for the existence of alien life forms is far (19) conclusive.

Who knows, perhaps somewhere in this cosmos, another species (20) deliberating on the existence of the Earthling.

Phrasal Verbs 1

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

with, up, through, round, down, off, into, for, down with, on, in for, on with

- His proposals didn't go **down** very well at all; in fact he was sacked.
- She had to cancel her holiday when she went the flu.
- She's gone so much anxiety since her daughter disappeared.
- I don't know what's going next door but they're being very noisy.
- I'm planning to go the poetry competition this year.
- The bomb went in the airport, killing twenty people.
- The Prime Minister promised to go the matter thoroughly.
- Those shoes are going next to nothing. I've never seen such a good sale.
- I don't think there's enough wine to go Could you get some more?
- Let's go the plan once more to make sure it's all clear.
- He paused to answer the phone, and then he went what he was doing.
- New blocks of flats are going everywhere destroying the atmosphere of the town.
- Does the shed go the house or should I pay extra?

What other meanings can you find for a) go off, b) go for?

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Phrasal Verbs 2

hold back :	1) delay (tr) 2) prevent development
hold in :	control (oneself/feelings)
hold off :	1) keep at a distance 2) delay (intro)
hold on :	wait
hold out :	1) endure 2) resist
hold out for :	wait to get sth desired
hold out on :	keep a secret from sb
hold over :	postpone
hold up :	1) delay 2) rob

Make sentences using a) **hold back**, b) **hold off** and c) **hold up** meaning "delay".

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Idioms 1

feel down in the mouth :	feel discouraged / depressed
get a move on :	hurry up
work a miracle :	make sth almost impossible happen
slip one's mind :	forget about sth
put words into one's mouth :	pretend that sb has said sth that he/she hasn't actually said
make hay while the sun shines :	take advantage of favourable circumstances
make money hand over fist :	make a lot of money quickly and easily
cry over spilt milk :	grieve over sth that can't be put right
once in a blue moon :	very rarely
cross one's mind :	occur to one; have a sudden idea

178 Fill in the correct preposition or adverb.

- Can't you hold **off** those reporters until I've finished the rehearsal?
- He is a talented actor but his shyness holds him
- Although they tried they couldn't hold their laughter.
- Hold a minute while I get something from my room.
- They offered to buy her a BMW but she's holding a Porsche.
- There are doubts whether the water supply will hold until May.
- Due to the chairman's illness, the meeting was held till the next week.
- Terrorists held the train and made off with crates of explosives.
- He says he knows nothing about the accusations but I'm sure he's holding me.
- He held for three weeks with no food and little water.

179 Fill in the blanks with one of the idioms.

- She's always **crying over spilt milk** when she should be trying other possibilities.
- He when he said I was willing to help. I simply haven't got the time to.
- He when he heard he'd failed all his exams.
- I know you told me about the meeting, but it completely
- They only go to the cinema; I don't think they've been since last year.
- Would you? The bus leaves in half an hour.
- When they opened their restaurant they during the first few months.
- It never that she might be offended by what I said.
- Life is short, so
- The surgeon seemed to have when he succeeded in separating the Siamese twins.

Idioms 2

a night owl : person who enjoys staying up late

in a nutshell : briefly; in a few words

have an early night : go to bed early

be second to none : be as good as the best

hit the nail on the head : say exactly the right thing

lose one's nerve : to lose courage

null and void : invalid; not legally binding

every nook and cranny : everywhere

make a name for oneself : become famous

get on one's nerves : make sb angry; annoy sb

180 Fill in the blanks with one of the idioms.

1. You **hit the nail on the head** when you called him the slowest worker on earth. I've never seen anyone slower.
2. Paul is such a; I don't think he ever goes to bed before 3 or 4 in the morning.
3. My cousin Rebecca has as a neurosurgeon. She's considered the best in London.
4. I think I'll tonight. I didn't get much sleep last night.
5. She cleaned of the house before she was satisfied that it was spotless.
6. He was planning to ask his boss for a rise, but when it came to the point he and didn't do it.
7. That pianist is in his interpretation of Mozart's music.
8. I don't really take to him;, I think he's an idiot.
9. Endless telephone calls
10. The contract was declared when it was found that one of the parties had been forced to sign.

Prepositions

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

1. I muddled **up** the jigsaw pieces and the children did the puzzle again.
2. I waved at a complete stranger in the street who I mistook my cousin.
3. Nobody likes Rick because he's so mean money.
4. I asked the assistant which make hi-fi he recommended.
5. All the evidence militated a conclusion in our favour.
6. I was born British but was naturalised Italy.
7. Dick Turpin was notorious his highway robberies.
8. I've been asked to notify the personnel department my new address.
9. That doctor is not noted his tact when it comes to dealing with patients.
10. The swimming pool custodian was negligent his duties and the little girl drowned.

182 Look at Appendix 3 and fill in the blank with the correct preposition.

1. They spent the summer **on** a cruise round the world.
2. We are favour of abolishing experiments on animals.
3. When they got home their house was fire.
4. her boss's request, she has worked overtime nearly every day this month.
5. They estimated the candidates' popularity means of opinion polls.
6. a guess, I'd say he weighs about 70 kilos.
7. Very short skirts worn with thick woollen tights are vogue at the moment.
8. She was brought up a farm so she is used to animals.
9. Paul has been leave from work for the past month.
10. second thoughts, I don't think I want to go to the concert.