

Consolidation 9

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

The destruction of the rainforests is one of the main items (1) the agenda at the Earth Summit now taking (2) in Brazil. The more affluent nations (3) the issue as one of preservation; deforestation must stop. For the poorer Third World Countries, the (4) is not so cut and dried. To these people, the rainforests represent a source of economic prosperity, a point (5) obviously takes precedence (6) ecological concerns. A solution must be found (7) the damage caused by the deforestation that is destroying the rainforests (8) irrevocable.

Deforestation is carried (9) by those involved in the timber industry and also by migrant farmers. The latter occupy an area of land, strip it, farm it until its natural mineral supply is (10) up and then move on. The land is (11) useless and exposed and a process of erosion comes into (12), washing soil into rivers thus killing fish and blocking the water's natural course.

The land is not the only (13) Rainforests are a richly populated habitat. In the rainforests of Madagascar alone there are at (14) 150,000 individual species of plants and animals which are found (15) else in the world, and more are being discovered all the (16) Furthermore, (17) 50% of all endangered animal species live in the world's rainforests. The destruction of the forests effectively represents a complete removal of all these plants and animals. Deprived (18) their natural environments, they will disappear (19) Again, this process is irreversible. Man, no matter how powerful he (20) himself to be, does not have the power to re-establish the species he is so wilfully destroying.

Phrasal Verbs 1

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

ahead, onto, back, for, after, up, out for, to, up to, over, out, into, down on, on, at

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| 1. Looking back on my life I realize I've been very fortunate. | 11. Passers-by looked as the bank robbers made their getaway in a stolen car. |
| 2. She looks Mrs Brown's children three days a week. | 12. They looked him to provide funds for the new magazine. |
| 3. This firm looks employees with lots of motivation. | 13. We've been looking a new flat for months but we haven't found one yet. |
| 4. Robert looks people who are not as educated as he is. | 14. You'd better look the dates in the encyclopaedia. |
| 5. The police are looking the matter and hoping to find a solution soon. | 15. I'm sorry; I haven't had time to look your compositions yet. |
| 6. Look! There's a car coming. | 16. Have you looked what you'll be doing in two years' time? |
| 7. He looks his older brother and follows his example in everything. | 17. Could you please go to the station and look my grandmother? |
| 8. Look this manuscript and tell me what you think of it. | 18. He was led by her flattery but soon discovered how insincere she was. |
| 9. Let's make an appointment to look the house that is for sale. | 19. I don't think we can rule this possibility |
| 10. The hotel room looked the swimming pool. | 20. In 1917 the Russian peasants rose against their masters. |

What's the difference between "look in" and "look up" meaning "visit"?

Phrasal Verbs 2

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

for, out, up, off with, up for, out, at, over

- After escaping from prison the convict made *for* the hills.
- Can you make the meaning of this passage?
- When you make the cheque, please make it payable to Mr R. Smith.
- Their so-called guest made all their jewels while they were at work.
- On seeing the burglar the woman made him with a kitchen knife.
- The boss asked me to make the hours I missed last week.
- I don't know how to make my rudeness to him.
- The committee is made of twelve members.
- She makes that she is a successful actress, but in fact she's only played one small role.
- They want to make the loft into a study.
- He made the whole story; it was all a lie.
- Her father has made all his property to her as she is his only child.
- After not speaking for several days they finally made
- I can't make who is in the room, as it's too dark.
- She never goes out of the house without first making her face.

Idioms 1

hit the roof : get very angry

work to rule : adhere strictly to the rules as a form of protest

on the rack : in a state of great anxiety

off the record : unofficial(ly)

in a rut : be fixed in a monotonous routine

in the long run : after a long period of time

it stands to reason : it is logical

as a last resort : when all else has failed

put down roots : settle down

know the ropes : know all the details of a business

228 Fill in the blanks with one of the idioms.

- After working in the same office for twenty-seven years with no hope of promotion he felt he was *in a rut*.
- She when her neighbours played their stereo at full volume for the fourth consecutive night.
- Having lived and worked in more than a dozen countries he thought it was about time he in one place.
- The bus drivers voted to in an attempt to break down the management's resistance to their demands.
- You've eaten so much that you feel sick.
- I'd been unable to contact her for three days so I drove the thirty miles to her house to see what was going on.
- Paul's only just started work here, so he doesn't really yet.
- This may seem an expensive purchase now but it will save us a lot of money.
- When Tom asked Lily to marry him, she kept him for days before giving him an answer.
- My boss couldn't tell me anything officially but he told me a promotion was imminent.

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Idioms 2

keep sth quiet : keep sth secret

at close quarters : from a short distance

cut sb to the quick : deeply hurt sb's feelings

on the quiet : secretly

call it quits : give up; stop

out of the question : impossible

open to debate : not decided / settled

beg the question : fail to deal directly with a question

be in a quandary : be confused; undecided

an unknown quantity : person or thing that one has no experience of

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1. Although he was collecting unemployment benefit, **on the quiet** he was working as a hospital porter.
2. Whether the advertising campaign will increase sales is
3. That presidential candidate is virtually; almost nothing is known about him.
4. Although the antique table looked nice from across the room, you could see how badly damaged it was.
5. His response to his opponent's comment simply; it was impossible to tell what he really meant.
6. If the gardening business doesn't pick up soon, I'm going to and get a proper job.
7. It is that you should drive the car without your licence.
8. She's over which flat to choose, so she'll probably end up staying on in her parents' house.
9. I'll tell you what's going on if you promise to
10. He was by her comment that his previous novel was infinitely better than his new one.

Prepositions

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

1. Susan's quest **for** her long lost brother lasted for many years.
2. We had to queue before we could get into the cinema last night.
3. Heavy rain resulted widespread flooding.
4. I was reminded my childhood when I heard that nursery rhyme.
5. Green vegetables are rich vitamins and minerals.
6. She is quick mental arithmetic.
7. Queen Victoria reigned Britain and Ireland for over sixty years.
8. The sight of the snake made him recoil horror.
9. His style of writing is reminiscent Hardy's.
10. There has been a rise unemployment this year.

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1. Please keep **in** touch after you've gone back to America.
2. As she didn't have a lot of cash she bought the fridge credit.
3. They live the outskirts of a large village.
4. average, English students leave school at the age of sixteen.
5. Mike is not really tune with the rest of the group.
6. That writer is very much favour with the public at the moment.
7. What is the agenda for today's meeting?
8. the one hand he's a dependable worker, but he is very slow.
9. He's quick doing mental calculations.
10. Are you the mood for a walk on the beach?