

Routine Activities

Writing your routine activities

Phrasal Verbs

[verb + preposition]

Choose a phrasal verb to complete the following sentences.

1. The meeting had to be _____ (to a later date) because of the strike.
a) set off b) put off c) laid off d) set to

2. The film begins at 8.30. I'll _____ you _____ at 8.15.
a) pick/up b) take/out c) collect/up d) run/up

3. Tom is depressed. He's finding it difficult to _____ his divorce.
a) get over b) get past c) go after d) give away

4. There is no more sugar. Never mind - we can to _____ it!
a) dispense of b) make up c) take off d) do without

5. Teaching is not easy. Sometimes teachers have to _____ aggressive children.
a) handle to b) deal with c) cope on d) work out

6. Alan met Julie by accident. He _____ her at the supermarket.
a) walked into b) crashed into c) bumped into d) banged into

7. The boss wants an explanation. How do you _____ the decrease in sales?
a) make up b) break down c) add up d) account for

8. If we _____ of petrol on this isolated road, we'll be in trouble!

- a) lack in b) run out c) stay out d) roll out

9. Sometimes fighting _____ among supporters at football matches.

- a) takes off b) starts up c) breaks out d) rises up

10. There will be no press conference tomorrow. It has been _____ .

- a) called off b) taken back c) put away d) set off.

Read the following story and find the moral of the story!

Cup of Hot Chocolate



A group of graduates, well established in their careers, were talking at a reunion and decided to go visit their old university professor, now retired. During their visit, the conversation turned to complaints about stress in their work and lives. Offering his guests hot chocolate, the professor went into the kitchen and returned with a large pot of hot chocolate and an assortment of cups - porcelain, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the hot chocolate. When they all had a cup of hot chocolate in hand, the professor said: "Notice that all the nice looking, expensive cups were taken, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. The cup that you're drinking from adds nothing to the quality of the hot chocolate. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was hot chocolate, not the cup; but you consciously went for the best cups ... And then you began eyeing each other's cups. Now consider this: Life is the hot chocolate; your job, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life. The cup you have does not define, nor change the quality of life you have. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the hot chocolate. Life is the hot chocolate. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that they have."