



Teacher's guide

Phrasal Verbs: Career & Life Goals – Intermediate (B1-B2)

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Warm-up

Part 1. Students discuss the questions and activate previous knowledge of the phrasal verbs. Provide guidance if necessary.

Reading activity

Part 1. Students read the dialogue, then answer the comprehension questions.

Answer Key:

1. He's decided to set up a consulting business.
2. Because he wants more of a challenge and to do something for himself.
3. He backed out of plans in the past because of fear.
4. She asks what he'll do if things fall through.
5. He's hopeful and planning long-term.

Definition matching

Part 1. Students match each phrasal verb to its correct definition.

Answer key:

1. Take on
2. Carry out
3. Fall through
4. Look ahead
5. Set up
6. Back out
7. Pull off
8. Move up

Collocation matching

Part 1. Students match the phrasal verbs with what they often collocate with.

Answer key:

1. Move up
2. Pull off
3. Set up
4. Carry out
5. Look ahead
6. Back out
7. Take on
8. Fall through

Sentence transformation

Part 1. Students rewrite the sentences using the target phrasal verbs so that the meaning stays the same.

Suggested answers:

1. She wants to **set up** her own online shop.
2. He **moved up** last year after accepting a new role.
3. They **backed out of** the deal at the last minute.
4. We need to **look ahead**.
5. The project **fell through** because of poor planning.
6. He **took** the challenge **on** even though it was risky.
7. We **carried out** the customer survey last week.
8. I can't believe they **pulled it off** – it looked impossible!

Sentence gap-fill

Part 1. Students use the correct form of the phrasal verb in brackets to complete each sentence.

Answer key:

1. had taken on
2. had looked ahead
3. had set up
4. fell through
5. had carried out
6. backed out of
7. pulled off
8. has moved up

Speaking

Part 1. Students use at least 5 of the target phrasal verbs to talk about:

- A career goal they've had or still have
- A plan that fell through
- A challenge they took on and how it went
- How they look ahead and plan for growth and development