Unit 139

Phrasal verbs 3 out

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out = not burning, not shining
go out
put out a fire / a cigarette / a light
turn out a light
blow out a candle

Suddenly all the lights in the building went out.

We managed to put the fire out.

I turned the lights out before leaving.

We don't need the candle. You can blow it out.

B work out

work out = do physical exercises

Rachel works out at the gym three times a week.

work out = develop, progress
Good luck for the future. I hope everything works out well for you.

A: Why did James leave the company?
B: Things didn't work out. (= things didn't work out well)

work out (for mathematical calculations)
The total bill for three people is £84.60. That works out at £28.20 each.

work something out = calculate, think about a problem and find the answer

345 × 76? I need to do this on paper. I can't work it out in my head.

C Other verbs + out

carry out an order / an experiment / a survey / an investigation / a plan etc. Soldiers are expected to carry out orders. An investigation into the accident will be carried out as soon as possible. fall out (with somebody) = stop being friends ☐ They used to be very good friends. I'm surprised to hear that they have fallen out. David fell out with his father and left home. find out that/what/when ... etc., find out about something = get information The police never found out who committed the murder. ☐ I've just found out that it's Helen's birthday today. ☐ I called the tourist office to find out about hotels in the town. give/hand things out = give to each person ☐ At the end of the lecture, the speaker gave out information sheets to the audience. point something out (to somebody) = draw attention to something ☐ As we drove through the city, our guide pointed out all the sights. □ I didn't realise I'd made a mistake until somebody pointed it out to me. run out (of something) ☐ We ran out of petrol on the motorway. (= we used all our petrol) sort something out = find a solution to, put in order ☐ There are a few problems we need to sort out. ☐ All these papers are mixed up. I'll have to sort them out. turn out to be ... / turn out good/nice etc. / turn out that ... □ Nobody believed Paul at first, but he turned out to be right. (= it became clear in the end that he was right) ☐ The weather wasn't so good in the morning, but it turned out nice later. □ I thought they knew each other, but it turned out that they'd never met. try out a machine, a system, a new idea etc. = test it to see if it is OK ☐ The company is trying out a new computer system at the moment.

Exercises Unit 139

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