

Phrasal verbs 3 out

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.

139.1 Which words can go together? Choose from the box.

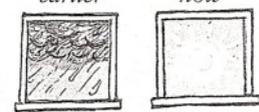
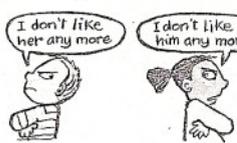
a candle a cigarette ~~a light~~ a mess a mistake a new product an order

- 1 turn out a light
- 2 point out _____
- 3 blow out _____
- 4 carry out _____
- 5 put out _____
- 6 try out _____
- 7 sort out _____

139.2 Complete each sentence using a verb + out.

- 1 The company is trying out a new computer system at the moment.
- 2 Steve is very fit. He does a lot of sport and _____ regularly.
- 3 The road will be closed for two days next week while building work is _____.
- 4 We didn't manage to discuss everything at the meeting. We _____ of time.
- 5 You have to _____ the problem yourself. I can't do it for you.
- 6 I phoned the station to _____ what time the train arrived.
- 7 The new drug will be _____ on a small group of patients.
- 8 I thought the two books were the same until a friend of mine _____ the difference.
- 9 They got married a few years ago but it didn't _____, and they separated.
- 10 There was a power cut and all the lights _____.
- 11 We thought she was American at first, but she _____ to be Swedish.
- 12 Sometimes it _____ cheaper to eat in a restaurant than to cook at home.
- 13 I haven't applied for the job yet. I want to _____ more about the company first.
- 14 It took the fire brigade two hours to _____ the fire.

139.3 For each picture, complete the sentence using a verb + out.

<p>1</p>  <p>They've <u>run out of petrol</u>.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>The man with the beard is _____ leaflets.</p>	<p>3</p> <p><u>earlier</u> <u>now</u></p>  <p>The weather has _____.</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>They've _____.</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>One of Joe's jobs in the office is _____.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Lisa is trying to _____ how _____.</p>

139.4 Complete the sentences. Each time use a verb + out.

- 1 A: Shall I leave the light on?
B: No, you can turn it out.
- 2 A: This recipe looks interesting.
B: Yes, let's _____.
- 3 A: How much money do I owe you exactly?
B: Just a moment. I'll have to _____.
- 4 A: What happened about your problem with your bank?
B: It's OK now. I went to see them and we _____.