

Understanding

These phrasal verbs are all about understanding and being aware of things and people.

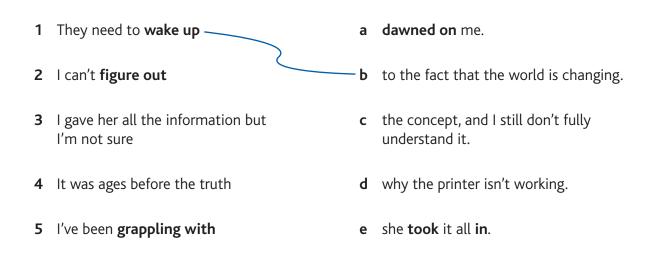
1 Match the definitions with these phrasal verbs.

	grapple with	take in	figure out	dawn on	wake up to
1	to understand and i	remember fact	s fullytu	ake in	
2	to struggle to unde	rstand someth	ing that is difficult	, trying many dif	ferent ways to think
3	to become aware o	f a problem or	a dangerous situa	tion, having ignoi	red it for too long
4	to understand the s	olution to a pr	roblem or the reas	on for something	by thinking about it
5	(of a fact) to start t	o be understo	od by someone		

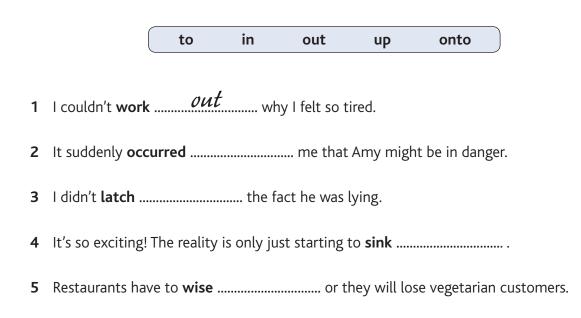
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2	2 Circle the correct verb (a, b or c).				
1	I've finally out what's causing the problem.				
	a realized				
	b figured				
	c made				
2	It slowly on me that Jane hadn't told Sandy the news.				
	a dawned				
	b settled				
	c rose				
3	There was so much to learn that I couldn't it all in .				
	a get				
	b take				
	c put				
4	We spent the morning with some very complex theories.				
	a grappling				
	b grasping				
	c grabbing				
5	People are only just up to how dangerous this situation is.				
	a hearing				
	b sitting				
	c waking				

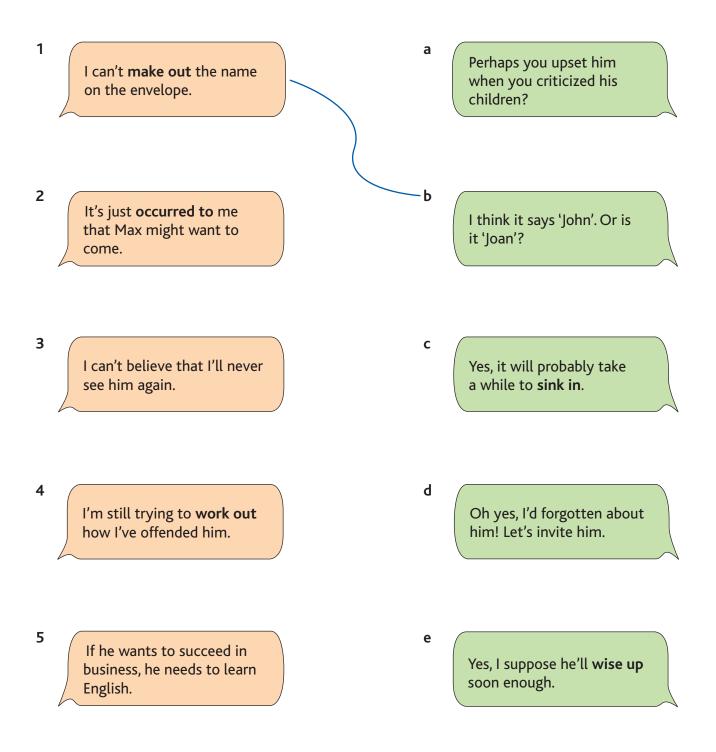
3 Match the sentence halves.



4 Complete the sentences with these prepositions.



5 Match the statements (1–5) with the responses (a–e).



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Exercise 1		Exercise	
1	take in	1	out
2	grapple with	2	to
3	wake up to	3	onto
4	figure out	4	in
5	dawn on	5	up

Exercise 2

1	b	1	Ь
2	a	2	d
3	b	3	с
4	a	4	а
5	с	5	e

Exercise 3

- 1 b
- **2** d
- **3** e
- **4** a
- **5** c

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Exercise 5