



ESL Vocabulary Worksheet for Adults

Topic: Advanced Action Verbs

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Introduction

This worksheet is designed to help adult non-native English speakers at the B1 and B2 levels practice and master advanced action verbs. The exercises cover various types of advanced verbs, offering a mix of multiple-choice, fill-in-the-gaps, and word-matching questions.

Exercise 1: Phrasal Verbs

****Instructions:**** Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete each sentence.

1. She decided to _____ her trip due to the weather.
 - a. call off
 - b. call on
 - c. call in
2. I can't _____ your handwriting; it's too messy.
 - a. make out
 - b. make up

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- c. make over
3. We need to _____ early to catch the train.
- set up
 - set in
 - set off
4. He _____ his success to hard work and dedication.
- puts down
 - puts up
 - puts down to
5. The meeting has been _____ until next week.
- put through
 - put off
 - put out
6. Could you _____ these files for me?
- look over
 - look into
 - look up
7. They had to _____ the fire before leaving the campsite.
- put out
 - put away
 - put off
8. The company plans to _____ a new product line next month.
- roll up
 - roll in
 - roll out
9. You need to _____ more effort if you want to succeed.
- put up
 - put on
 - put in
10. I can't wait to _____ my family after this long trip.
- catch on
 - catch up with
 - catch out

Exercise 2: Modal Verbs

****Instructions:**** Fill in the blanks with the appropriate modal verb.

1. You ____ (must/can) be over 18 to enter the contest.
2. She ____ (might/could) have left early, I'm not sure.
3. They ____ (should/would) practice more to improve their skills.
4. We ____ (must/might) leave now if we want to catch the bus.
5. He ____ (could/would) speak three languages fluently.
6. You ____ (should/may) check the weather before going hiking.
7. I ____ (must/may) admit, I was surprised by the news.
8. They ____ (would/should) be here by now; I wonder what's holding them up.
9. We ____ (could/must) try a different approach to solve this problem.
10. She ____ (might/must) not understand the instructions, let's explain them again.

Exercise 3: Auxiliary Verbs

****Instructions:**** Complete each sentence with the correct form of the auxiliary verb.

1. She ____ (has/have) been working on that project for months.
2. They ____ (do/does) not know the answer to that question.
3. I ____ (am/is) going to start a new job next week.
4. We ____ (have/has) been planning this trip for a long time.
5. He ____ (was/were) playing football when it started to rain.
6. You ____ (do/does) need to finish your homework before going out.
7. They ____ (was/were) watching a movie last night.
8. She ____ (has/have) always wanted to visit Paris.
9. I ____ (am/is) feeling much better now, thank you.
10. We ____ (do/does) not understand why it happened.

Exercise 4: Stative Verbs

****Instructions:**** Choose the correct stative verb to complete each sentence.

1. I ____ (believe/think) in being honest at all times.
2. He ____ (sees/looks) very happy today.

3. They ____ (love/like) spending time with their grandparents.
4. We ____ (know/understand) the importance of this decision.
5. She ____ (has/owns) a beautiful collection of vintage cars.
6. You ____ (seem/appear) to be under a lot of stress lately.
7. They ____ (prefer/like) coffee over tea in the morning.
8. I ____ (remember/recall) meeting her at the conference last year.
9. We ____ (doubt/think) they will arrive on time.
10. She ____ (appears/seems) to be very confident in her abilities.

Exercise 5: Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

****Instructions:**** Identify whether each verb is transitive (T) or intransitive (I).

1. Laugh (T/I)
2. Explain (T/I)
3. Arrive (T/I)
4. Read (T/I)
5. Sleep (T/I)
6. Discuss (T/I)
7. Walk (T/I)
8. Eat (T/I)
9. Listen (T/I)
10. Carry (T/I)

Exercise 6: Irregular Verbs

****Instructions:**** Fill in the blanks with the correct past tense form of the irregular verb.

1. Yesterday, I ____ (go) to the park.
2. They ____ (bring) their own food to the picnic.
3. She ____ (find) a rare coin in the garden.
4. We ____ (speak) to the manager about our concerns.
5. He ____ (write) a letter to his friend last week.
6. You ____ (drive) through the city during rush hour.
7. They ____ (sing) beautifully at the concert.
8. I ____ (take) notes during the lecture.

9. She ____ (give) a speech at the event.
10. We ____ (eat) at a new restaurant yesterday.

Exercise 7: Causative Verbs

****Instructions:**** Choose the correct causative verb to complete each sentence.

1. He ____ (made/let) his brother clean his room.
2. She ____ (had/got) her car repaired yesterday.
3. They ____ (made/let) us wait outside for an hour.
4. I ____ (got/had) my hair cut last weekend.
5. We ____ (made/let) the kids play in the yard.
6. She ____ (got/had) her article published in the magazine.
7. He ____ (let/made) the dog out in the morning.
8. They ____ (got/had) the house painted last month.
9. We ____ (let/made) our guests choose the movie.
10. She ____ (had/got) her phone fixed at the store.

Exercise 8: Reporting Verbs

****Instructions:**** Match the reporting verbs to their meanings.

Reporting Verb	Meaning (Write the Letter)
Say	()
Tell	()
Ask	()
Claim	()

Suggest	()
Admit	()
Announce	()
Deny	()
Inform	()
Declare	()

Meanings:

- a. Deny
- b. Suggest
- c. Announce
- d. Inquire
- e. Declare
- f. Confess
- g. Inform
- h. Assert
- i. Advise
- j. Request



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