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ADVANCED PHRASAL VERBS COURSE

Sentences For Anki | Lesson 20

FRONT

I battered up my wife with compliments so that she would cook our family a good meal tonight.

BACK

butter up = to praise or flatter someone excessively, usually to gain a favor

In this situation, I gave my wife compliments with the hope that she will make us a great dinner.

FRONT

Tina Florez gave Elijah a raise after he battered her up about her leadership skills.

BACK

butter up = to praise or flatter someone excessively, usually to gain a favor

Elijah praised his boss's leadership skills, and his boss gave him a raise for it.

FRONT

When Carly butters up her teacher, she usually gets better test scores.

BACK

butter up = to praise or flatter someone excessively, usually to gain a favor

In this case, Carly's teacher gives Carly good test scores when she gets complimented.

FRONT

My dad doesn't want me to attend the rock concert this weekend; I might have to butter him up a little.

BACK

butter up = to praise or flatter someone excessively, usually to gain a favor

I want to go to a concert that my father doesn't want me to go to. If I act extremely nice to him, maybe he will allow me to go.

FRONT

Pamela battered up her parents by cleaning the house so that they might give her money to go shopping.

BACK

butter up = to praise or flatter someone excessively, usually to gain a favor

Pamela doesn't have enough money to buy anything; however, if she cleans the house, her parents may be likely to give her cash for a shopping trip.

FRONT

The little boy wanted a puppy for Christmas, so he studied hard and made good grades to butter his parents up.

BACK

butter up = to praise or flatter someone excessively, usually to gain a favor

Perhaps if the little boy's parents see that he has done well in school, it will be easy for the little boy to convince his parents to buy him a puppy.

FRONT

My younger sister tried to get me to take her to her friend's house by buttering me up.

BACK

butter up = to praise or flatter someone excessively, usually to gain a favor

In this example, I don't want to take my sister to her friend's house; however, she acts extremely nice to me to convince me to take her.

FRONT

I battered Amy up so that she might go on a date with me.

BACK

butter up = to praise or flatter someone excessively, usually to gain a favor

I'm worried that Amy will not want to go on a date with me if I ask her. To increase the probability that she will, I give her compliments and do favors for her.

FRONT

If you butter up your boss, he might give you a promotion.

BACK

butter up = to praise or flatter someone excessively, usually to gain a favor

In this case, if you flatter your boss by saying extremely nice things to him, he will be more likely to give you a job promotion.

FRONT

If you butter dogs up by giving them treats, they will often listen to you attentively and learn your commands.

BACK

butter up = to praise or flatter someone excessively, usually to gain a favor

Imagine a dog that lays down when you tell it to. It's easy to teach dogs to do this if you praise and reward them with treats.

FRONT

The traffic on the road was really bad, so I asked myself, "What's holding things up?"

BACK

hold up = to delay when traveling

I am asking myself, "What is causing the traffic to be so bad?"

FRONT

Today, Tom got held up in line at the bank.

BACK

hold up = to delay when traveling

Tom went to the bank to use their services. He had to wait in line for a very long time.

FRONT

The dangerous rainstorm held us up because it was not safe to drive on the roads.

BACK

hold up = to delay when traveling

In this example, there is a terrible rainstorm that makes it hard to see while driving. For this reason, we had to wait for the storm to stop before we could drive safely.

FRONT

Jacob was held up by two thieves at the convenient store today.

BACK

hold up = to rob with violence or threats thereof

Two thieves robbed the convenient store while Jacob was working. Often, thieves may use guns or knives and ask you to hold up your hands while they steal the store's money and/or items.

FRONT

A robber tried to hold us up while we were shopping at the supermarket, but the police were able to stop him.

BACK

hold up = to rob with violence or threats thereof

In this case, we were almost taken hostage by a criminal at the supermarket.

FRONT

The news channel reported that our local bank was held up this morning.

BACK

hold up = to rob with violence or threats thereof

Here, the news channel reported that the bank was robbed by violent criminals.

FRONT

My bicycle has held up for several years now.

BACK

hold up = to remain strong and working effectively

In this example, I have a bicycle that has functioned properly for a long time.

FRONT

Tyler wasn't sure if the new roof he installed on his house would hold up, but he hasn't had any problems with it so far.

BACK

hold up = to remain strong and working effectively

Tyler put a new roof on his house by himself but worried that he made some mistakes that would cause his roof to leak when it rains. So far, there have been no leaks.

FRONT

Mrs. Teresa always holds up her children as model citizens.

BACK

hold up = to use or present somebody/something as an example

In this case, Mrs. Teresa likes to brag about her children and tell others that they are great examples of how citizens should conduct themselves in society.

FRONT

Larry's ideas about his business plans for his company were held up to criticism.

BACK

hold up = to use or present somebody/something as an example

Larry presented ideas to his company, and they were criticized by his coworkers.

FRONT

The criminals did not want their faces to be shown on television, so the new station blanked them out.

BACK

blank out = to cover something completely so that it cannot be seen

Because the criminals did not want their faces to be shown, their faces were covered by a censor bar to conceal their identities.

FRONT

We could not see the last names of the game show contestants because they were blanked out.

BACK

blank out = to cover something completely so that it cannot be seen

Imagine a situation where you are watching a game show on television that lists the contestants' names. You can only read their first names, because their last names appear blurry.

FRONT

When I saw my picture in this year's yearbook, I wanted to blank it out so badly.

BACK

blank out = to cover something completely so that it cannot be seen

Perhaps I hate my appearance in the yearbook. I wish I could cover it up so that no one can see it.

FRONT

Sensitive information was blanked out on the documents we had to submit to the court.

BACK

blank out = to cover something completely so that it cannot be seen

In this scenario, a group of people has to submit documents to a court but does not want sensitive information to be seen. They cover the sensitive information with a black marker or white paint.

FRONT

I always try to blank out my horrifying memory of the time I almost drowned.

BACK

blank out = to deliberately forget something unpleasant

Perhaps I almost drowned when I was a child, and it was a very traumatic experience for me. Because I do not want to think about these memories, I try not to think about them.

FRONT

The death of Jake's grandfather was an extremely painful experience for him; he tries to blank it out.

BACK

blank out = to deliberately forget something unpleasant

Jake had a special bond with his grandfather, and for this reason, he intentionally tries not to think about the death of his grandfather.

FRONT

Yesterday is something I just want to blank out from my life; it was terrible.

BACK

blank out = to deliberately forget something unpleasant

In this case, yesterday was such a bad day that I never want to remember it.

FRONT

Even though he studied for hours and hours, Chase blanked out several times during his mathematics exam.

BACK

blank out = to have a temporary memory failure

In this case, Chase forgot how to find the solution to some problems on his mathematics exam even though he knew how to right before the exam.

FRONT

I blanked out and forgot my own phone number when Shane asked me for it.

BACK

blank out = to have a temporary memory failure

Shane asks me for my phone number, and I suddenly cannot think of what it is even though I usually can.

FRONT

When Cassidy asked Lane to study with him, he blanked out and simply stuttered.

BACK

blank out = to have a temporary memory failure

Lane is very attracted to Cassidy. Because he is so attracted to her, he has a hard time

speaking when she asks him to study.