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ADVANCED PHRASAL VERBS COURSE

Sentences for Anki | Lesson 05

Front:

I want to write a novel but I can't seem to come up with any great storylines.

Back:

Come up with = to invent, create, or think of something

I am unable to imagine or create in my mind a clear idea of the story that I want to tell in my new novel.

Front:

My daughter has been scouring the Internet trying to come up with some great destination ideas for our upcoming vacation.

Back:

Come up with = think of something

My daughter is using the Internet to help her think of or bring to mind good ideas for vacation destinations.

Front:

I can't come up with any good reasons not to study a foreign language.

Back:

Come up with = think of something

Laziness or lack of motivation are common reasons for not studying a language but I cannot compile in my mind a list of valid reasons why I should not do it.

Front:

I hope the creators of this course can continue to come up with more phrasal verb for us to study!

Back:

Come up with = Create, remember, think of something

I hope the creative minds at this website can continue to think of or remember many useful phrasal verbs to enhance my knowledge of the English language!

Front:

You need to come up with a better excuse than "my dog ate my homework" if you want me to give you more time to complete your assignment.

Back:

to come up with = to devise or encounter an excuse

You need to provide me with a better reason for not turning in your assignments than to blame your dog for satiating his craving for your homework.

Front:

Brazilian politicians need to come up with a plan to combat corruption in government.

Back:

to come up with = to devise or encounter a solution.

Leadership in Brazilian government needs to devise a plan for fighting corruption.

Front:

I have only five minutes to come up with the correct answer.

Back:

To come up with = to devise or encounter a solution

Time is running out for me to encounter the correct solution to this problem.

Front:

I am overweight, so I'm going to hire a dietitian to help me come up with a better dietary plan.

Back:

to come up with = to devise, create or encounter a solution.

To combat my obesity, I am going to employ a dietitian to help me devise better ways of feeding myself and planning meals.

Front:

If I can't come up with enough money by Friday to pay the light bill, they will cut our electricity.

Back:

Come up with = to gather together items or ideas

I need to bring together or gather enough money to get this bill paid so that service is not discontinued.

Front:

My sister and brother-in-law are expecting a baby this summer and are trying to come up with some unusual but classy names.

Back:

Come up with = to gather together items or ideas

These expectant parents are accumulating lists of ideas for names for their baby.

Front:

I get along really well with all of my relatives, thank goodness!

Back:

To get along = to live with or interact with others in a peaceful, harmonious way

The relationships I have with my family members are cooperative and peaceful and pleasant. We interact in a courteous and respectful way with each other.

Front:

I have one coworker that I can't get along with because he always wants to argue about politics.

Back:

To get along = to live with or interact with others in a peaceful, harmonious way

This guy that I work with can't seem to avoid discussing politics with me in an adversarial way and therefore we have a hard time being cordial and pleasant with each other.

Front:

My son gets in trouble a lot at school because he has a hard time getting along with the other students.

Back:

To get along = to live with or interact with others in a peaceful, harmonious way

Because my son finds it very hard to be pleasant and tolerant and cooperative with the other kids at school, he is often being disciplined by the teachers and administrators.

Front:

My next-door neighbor Richard is a crotchety old coot who doesn't get along with any of his neighbors.

Back:

To get along = to live with or interact with others in a peaceful, harmonious way

Richard is a grumpy, sour old man who apparently finds it impossible to be neighborly and pleasant with the people who live in his neighborhood.

Front:

I'm a simple person, and I can easily get along with just the basic necessities in life.

Back:

To get along = to manage to live or survive or even thrive

I'm a person who can be very happy surviving on just the basic things that are necessary for living. I don't need a lot of stuff to be happy.

Front:

She was getting along well in school in spite of how busy she was with so many extracurricular activities.

Back:

To get along = to manage to live or survive or even thrive

She was managing to be successful in her academics at school even though she was busy with many extra activities such as sports and music.

Front:

I am getting along really well in my new job now that I have completed my training.

Back:

To get along = to manage to live or survive or even thrive

I have learned all the basic things I need to know to do my job well and now I am having success in my new position.

Front:

I couldn't get along without all the help and encouragement my wife gives me.

Back:

To get along = to manage to live or survive or even thrive

I couldn't handle everything that I need to every day and thrive in life without the continual support of my wife.

Front:

You'd better be getting along now! Your plane is leaving in just three hours.

Back:

To get along = to leave or go away from a place

You need to get your things together and head straight for the airport. You need to now leave here and quickly go there because the plane will leave in three hours.

Front:

Jessica Tandy was getting along in years before she finally won an Oscar.

Back:

To get along in years = to reach old age

Jessica Tandy did not win an Oscar until she was already a very old lady.

Front:

I'm really looking forward to returning to Rio next January to show my daughter all the great attractions and natural wonders!

Back:

To look forward to = to anticipate something that will happen in the future with happiness or excitement

I'm excited about being able to show my daughter all the places that I have enjoyed visiting in Rio in the past.

Front:

I'm not looking forward to getting all four of my wisdom teeth pulled.

Back:

To look forward to = to anticipate something that will happen in the future with happiness or excitement

Dental work gives me a lot of anxiety so I am not excited about the prospect of having four teeth removed from my mouth.

Front:

Sometimes people get really depressed when they don't have anything fun or exciting to look forward to.

Back:

To look forward to = to anticipate something that will happen in the future with happiness or excitement

When people have nothing on the horizon or in the future that gives them a sense of happy expectation or purpose they often will feel depressed.

Front:

There's nothing that little kids look forward to with more excitement than opening presents.

Back:

To look forward to = to anticipate something that will happen in the future with happiness or excitement

The expectation and mystery connected with imagining what is inside that present creates a lot of excitement in children.

Front:

We look forward to seeing you at the fish fry next weekend.

Back:

To look forward to = to anticipate something that will happen in the future with happiness or excitement

It makes us happy to know that we will see you at the fish fry this weekend.

Front:

If a young person dedicates himself to getting a solid education, he can look forward to a secure future.

Back:

To look forward to = to anticipate something that will happen in the future with happiness or excitement

If a young person gets a good education, then they have laid a solid foundation for their future and therefore can anticipate the future with a sense of security and tranquility.

Front:

Young people often look forward to growing older, and old people often wish they could be young again.

Back:

To look forward to = to anticipate something that will happen in the future with happiness or excitement

Young people very often think that being older will be better and therefore they are excited and are eager for that time to come.

Front:

I look forward to the day that I can say that I'm truly fluent in Portuguese.

Back:

To look forward to = to anticipate something that will happen in the future with happiness or excitement

The prospect that all of my studying will pay off and that one day I will be able to communicate well in Portuguese gives me a sense of happiness and motivation.

Front:

Even though I'm not exactly looking forward to growing older, I know that the golden years certainly offer certain advantages.

Back:

To look forward to = to anticipate something that will happen in the future with happiness or excitement

I know that the years at the end of life can be filled with many blessings but I am happy being middle-aged and therefore I am not particularly eager for these years to pass and old age to be upon me.

Front:

Every week I look forward to creating a new lesson for my intelligent and dedicated students.

Back:

To look forward to = to anticipate something that will happen in the future with happiness or excitement

At the beginning of the week I'm happy to think about the fact that I will have a chance to create a product that will be useful to the people who are depending on me to teach them English!