

## A

**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*

- ☐  $345 \times 76$ ? 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 just **found out** that it's Helen's birthday today.
- ☐ I checked a few websites 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.

# Exercises

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## 139.1 Which words can go together? Choose from the list.


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

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1 turn out <u>a light</u> | 5 put out .....  |
| 2 point out .....         | 6 try out .....  |
| 3 blow out .....          | 7 sort out ..... |
| 4 carry out .....         |                  |

## 139.2 Complete the sentences using a verb + out.

- The company is trying out a new computer system at the moment.
- Steve is very fit. He does a lot of sport and ..... regularly.
- The road will be closed for two days next week while building work is .....
- We didn't manage to discuss everything at the meeting. We ..... of time.
- You have to ..... the problem yourself. I can't do it for you.
- I don't know what happened exactly. I need to .....
- The new drug will be ..... on a small group of patients.
- I thought the two books were the same until a friend of mine ..... the difference.
- They got married a few years ago, but it didn't ..... and they separated.
- There was a power cut and all the lights .....
- We thought she was American at first, but she ..... to be Swedish.
- Sometimes it ..... cheaper to eat in a restaurant than to cook at home.
- I haven't applied for the job yet. I want to ..... more about the company first.
- 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</u> <u>petrol</u>.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>The man with the beard is ..... leaflets.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>earlier ..... now</p> <p>The weather has .....</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>SALLY</p> <p>Sally and Kim are ..... at the gym.</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>I don't like her any more.</p> <p>I don't like him any more.</p> <p>They've .....</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>LISA</p> <p>Lisa is trying to ..... how .....</p>

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

- A: Was the fire serious?

B: No, we were able to put it out.
- A: This recipe looks interesting.

B: Yes, let's .....
- A: How much money do I owe you exactly?

B: Just a moment. I'll have to .....
- A: What happened about your problem with your bank?

B: It's OK now. I went to see them and we .....