

EXERCISE

Use a discussion topic to write a paragraph using PHRASAL VERBS ALL LINKED TO THAT TOPIC. This could be either in the Present Simple as the examples below or in the Past Simple as in a story.

BOOKS

I've always loved reading books, but if a book is too difficult to understand and boring, I often **doze off / nod off**! Sometimes, when I'm feeling too stressed or tired I can't **take in** information and I **give up** trying. If I find a book very exciting, I sometimes **can't put it down** until I finish it, this may take several hours! Everyone uses books for many different things, for example, I like to **look things up** in a dictionary or encyclopedia. Reading used to **take up** a lot of my time, now I prefer to watch films.

Some years ago, I **took up** photography and I have many books with photographs of steam engines! I'm also interested in history because I find true stories are usually more interesting or incredible than stories which are **made up**. When I'm reading a book in a library I always try to **put it back** on the right shelf.

SLEEP

Some nights, my wife can't sleep so she **turns on** the bedroom light and watches the news on her mobile. She doesn't want to **wake me up** so she wears headphones, if I wake up I usually **fall asleep** again quickly! When I'm feeling excited, for example when I'm **looking forward to** going on holiday I can't sleep myself, I **give up trying** to sleep and **get up** early (it could be at two or three in the morning!) I make myself a cup of coffee and either read a book or study. The other night there was a power cut and all the lights **went out**; we had to light candles. When the power **came back on** again we **blew out** the candles. In winter we **plug in** our electric blankets, this also helps alleviate our back pain!