

Phrasal verbs and Latin equivalents

English vocabulary is a mixture of simple verb-preposition phrases and more intellectual Latin words. French speakers can easily recognise Latin words, and use them in their conversations. But the 'Anglo-Saxon' way of saying things is more difficult. Remember that generally, short word combinations are more informal and friendly, and that if you use only words of latin origin, you may give the impression of being a little 'pompous' or 'pretentious'!

Try to find the Latin word that has a similar meaning to each of the phrasal verbs given. The first one has been done.

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set up	conduct/perform
carry out	reverse
get better	improve/ameliorate
back up	establish

2

drop in (on)	visit
get it	decelerate
slow down	abandon
give up	comprehend

3

carry on	exclude
carry out	continue
make fun of	ridicule/mock
leave out	perform/conduct

4

look up	calculate
turn down	interrupt
work out	refuse
butt in	consult

5

speed up	penetrate
break into	tolerate
put up with	accelerate
throw up	vomit

answers to exercise

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