Sam and his friends are going out in the car. But things don't go exactly to plan. Watch the video on our website to see what happens.

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the correct ending to these sentences.

1. They’re planning to leave early on Saturday because …
   a. there won’t be as many cars on the road.
   b. the beach will be quieter.

2. Sam’s stressed because …
   a. he doesn’t like driving.
   b. he’s worried about damaging his brother’s car.

3. The car stops working because …
   a. it has no more petrol and the engine is really hot.
   b. the engine is really hot and they have a flat tyre.

4. They can’t buy petrol because …
   a. they are too far from the petrol station.
   b. they have no more money.

5. Izzy’s phone isn’t working because …
   a. it has no power.
   b. there is no signal where they are.

6. Finally, the only thing they can do is …
   a. walk home and return to collect the car the next day.
   b. ask Kate’s mum for help.
2. Check your phrasal verbs: gap fill – in context

Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

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Sam and Fred are ___________________________ (considering) going to the beach. Kate and Izzy like the idea, and they plan to ___________________________ (start the journey) at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Sam is worried about his brother’s car, and he thinks they should ___________________________ (not take something with them) because they have too much stuff. Kate says ‘________________________!‘ (expression used to tell someone to do something faster) because she is impatient to leave. They need to go to a petrol station to ___________________________ (make full) the tank. Sam tells Fred not to eat in the car because he is ___________________________ (making it dirty or untidy). Fred promises he’ll ___________________________ (clean it until it is back to its original state).

Things start to go badly. They have no more petrol and the engine is so hot that Sam thinks it might ___________________________ (explode). They ___________________________ (stop the car by the side of the road) to wait until it ___________________________ (becomes less hot).

Kate’s mum is wondering why they are so late. They explain that the car ___________________________ (stopped working, for a car or machine). And they will have to ___________________________ (return) the next day to get it! Kate’s mum offers them a cup of tea but they are all so tired they instantly fall asleep on the sofa.
3. Check your phrasal verbs: gap fill – form
Write the correct particle to complete the sentences.

1. I’m just going to fill this bottle ___________ at the drinking fountain.
2. I’m thinking ___________ studying law, but I’m not sure yet.
3. Wait for the eggs to cool ___________ before you put the mayonnaise on them.
4. I bought some food but I forgot to buy milk. I’ll have to go ___________ to the shop.
5. Come ___________! We’ll be late!
6. She set ___________ first thing in the morning, with a tent, sleeping bag and rucksack full of food.
7. Oops, I’ve spilt my coffee! I’ll get a cloth to clean it ___________.
8. My bus broke ___________ and I had to walk home.
9. The bombers tried to blow ___________ the Houses of Parliament.
10. I’ve just tidied the house, so don’t mess it ___________!
11. The police officer signalled for the speeding car to pull ___________.
12. It’s too big. I’ll have to leave it ___________ for now. I can’t carry it.

4. Check your phrasal verbs: gap fill – using the verbs
Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first, using the word given. You should write two or three words.

1. I’ve just taken this pizza out of the oven. Wait until it is less hot.
   DOWN
   I’ve just taken this pizza out of the oven. Wait until it has ____________________________.

2. If a car catches fire, it might explode.
   UP
   If a car catches fire, it might ____________________________.

3. Don’t make a mess in my room!
   UP
   Don’t mess ____________________________!
4. There was a problem with the car, so they stopped temporarily by the side of the road.
   **OVER**
   There was a problem with the car, so they ________________ by the side of the road.

5. We’ll have to leave early if we want to arrive by lunchtime.
   **SET**
   We’ll have to ________________ early if we want to arrive by lunchtime.

6. We’re considering moving to New York.
   **OF**
   We’re ________________ moving to New York.

7. John had to return to his old flat to get his books.
   **GO**
   John had to ________________ to his old flat to get his books.

8. There was no more room in the car, so they went without me!
   **BEHIND**
   There was no more room in the car, so they ________________!

9. We need a full tank of petrol before we leave the city.
   **UP**
   We need to ________________ the petrol tank before we leave the city.

10. Hurry up! We’re going to be late!
    **ON**
    ________________! We’re going to be late!

11. My car stopped working on the way to Scotland.
    **DOWN**
    My car ________________ on the way to Scotland.

**When was the last time you went on a trip?**

Have you ever broken down? Where were you? What happened?

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