

## 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**.
- ☐ I **put** the fire **out** with a fire extinguisher.
- ☐ 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 calculations):

- ☐ The total bill for three people is £97.35. That **works out** at £32.45 each.

**work** (something) **out** = *calculate*

- ☐  $345 \times 76$ ? I need a calculator. I can't **work it out** in my head.

**work out** or **figure out** = *understand, think about a problem and find an answer*

- ☐ Investigators are trying to **work out** what caused the accident. or  
Investigators are trying to **figure out** what caused the accident.

## 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**.

**find out** that/what/when (etc.) ... **find out about** ... = *get information about*

- ☐ The police never **found out** who committed the crime.
- ☐ 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 it*

- ☐ As we drove through the city, the tour 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** some new software at the moment.

## Exercises

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







a candle    a fire    ~~a light~~    a new product    an order    a problem

- 1 turn out a light ..... 4 put out .....  
 2 blow out ..... 5 try out .....  
 3 carry out ..... 6 sort out .....

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

- 1 The company is trying out a new computer system at the moment.  
 2 Steve is very fit. He does a lot of sport and ..... regularly.  
 3 The road will be closed for two days while building work is .....  
 4 We didn't manage to discuss everything at the meeting. We ..... of time.  
 5 You have to ..... the problem yourself. I can't do it for you.  
 6 I need to ..... what happened exactly. It's not clear at the moment.  
 7 The new drug will be ..... on a small group of patients.  
 8 I thought the two books were the same until someone ..... the difference.  
 9 They got married a few years ago, but it didn't ..... and they separated.  
 10 There was a power cut and all the lights .....  
 11 We thought she was American at first, but she ..... to be Swedish.  
 12 Sometimes it ..... cheaper to eat in a restaurant than to cook at home.  
 13 How did you ..... about the project? Did somebody tell you?  
 14 It took firefighters two hours to ..... the fire.  
 15 I can't ..... how the water is getting into the house.

## 139.3 For each picture, complete the sentence using a verb + out.

<p>1</p>  <p>They've <u>run out of petrol</u> .....</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>The man with the beard is ..... leaflets.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>The weather has ..... .....</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>Sally and Kim are ..... ..... at the gym.</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Joe has ..... water.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Lisa is trying to ..... how .....</p>

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

- 1 A: Was the fire serious?  
 B: No, we were able to put it out .....  
 2 A: This recipe looks interesting.  
 B: Yes, let's .....  
 3 A: How much money do I owe you exactly?  
 B: Just a moment. I'll have to .....  
 4 A: What happened about your problem with your bank?  
 B: It's OK now. I went to see them and we .....  
 5 A: You've written the wrong date on this form.  
 B: Oh, so I have. Thanks for .....