

Unit 10 - Spring Cleaning

Task 1: Form the past participle from the verbs in parenthesis in the following sentences.

- 1- Charles wasn't at home, he had _____ (*leave*) to go to the shops
- 2- We've already _____ (*have*) lunch, thank you.
- 3- He has never _____ (*drive*) a car in his life
- 4- I've been looking everywhere, but I still haven't _____ (*find*) my keys
- 5- The house has been _____ (*sell*).
- 6- He had never _____ (*speak*) Mandarin Chinese before coming to China
- 7- Have you _____ (*decide*) what you are going to study next year?

Task 2: Read through the sentences below and choose the word that best completes the phrasal verb.

- 1- "Clear **on/to/out** all the rubbish in your bedroom!" Exclaimed the disgruntled mother to her daughter
- 2- One of our house rules is that we always have to clean up **after/to/on** ourselves, after having dinner.
- 3- As we are in the process of moving house, we need to **go/do/get** rid of unnecessary items which take up extra space.
- 4- You need to sort **through/out/on** all of the rubbish in the bin- which items are recyclable and non-recyclable?
- 5- What do you think I should do with this 50 euro note I came **through/in/across** on the pavement?

Task 3: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1- After many months, my dad got rid of his old running shoes.

OUT

My dad _____ running shoes after many months.

2- I thought I had lost my favourite wallet but I found it in the storeroom.

ACROSS

What a surprise when I _____ wallet in the storeroom.

3- My mum didn't want to see any garment I don't use anymore in my wardrobe.

OF

My mum wanted me _____ clothes I don't use anymore.

4- We spent the whole afternoon trying to find Bobby's favourite dinosaur among all his toys.

THROUGH

We spent the whole afternoon _____ Bobby's toys trying to find his favourite dinosaur.

5- "I am not going to tidy up your room, you must do it!" said Ron's mum.

AFTER

Ron's mum refused _____ Ron.

6- When you finish, please return the dictionary to the shelf where it was.

PUT

Could you _____ exactly where you took it from?

7- We donated some of our winter clothes to a charity.

AWAY

We _____ winter clothes to a charity.

8- I couldn't go to the cinema because I had to clean my room.

UP

I had to _____ I couldn't go to the cinema.

Task 4: For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Carmen's friends sometime **(1)**___ her a neat freak. She is obsessed with having her living spaces perfectly organized and tidy. When any item is out of place it really irritates her. Every day she spends hours cleaning up her home and office and then spends most Saturdays doing a **(2)**___ cleanup of her home.

On a daily **(3)**___ she makes sure to do the dishes: washing and drying them by hand before putting them away, she sweeps and mops the floor and also dusts the furniture. Then about twice per week she washes, irons, folds and puts away hers and her kids' laundry then cleans and disinfects everything in both the bathrooms and also vacuums the **(4)**___ house. Finally, on Sundays she goes as far as washing the walls, scrubbing the oven and clearing out all the cupboards to wipe down the shelves.

The most ironic part of this situation is that Carmen's children, Molly and Frank, are complete slob. Molly's room is always a pigsty and every time Frank eats anything he **(5)**___ a mess all over himself and the table. Although this bothers Carmen enormously, she tries not to let herself get too upset about it, as they are only kids after all. Instead, she tries to show them how **(6)**___ and satisfying cleaning can be. She tries to teach them the joys of sweeping, mopping or dusting. They still don't seem to understand this pleasure so Carmen implements two rules: Molly's mess must stay in her bedroom and little Frank's mess can only be on his face or the table.

With such a **(7)**___ range of cleaning habits the house usually ends up looking either spic and span or like something out of a war zone. When the kids come home from school, and only the babysitter is there to **(8)**___ after them, things are usually out of place and seem a bit chaotic, but as soon as their mum gets home from work, it is cleaning time and order is restored.

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| 1. A. TELL | B. SAY | C. CALL | D. NAME |
| 2. A. MAJOR | B. IMPORTANT | C. RELEVANT | D. MAYOR |
| 3. A. ROUTINE | B. BASIS | C. BASE | D. HABIT |
| 4. A. FULL | B. ALL | C. COMPLETE | D. ENTIRE |
| 5. A. GETS | B. MAKES | C. DOES | D. HAS |
| 6. A. FUNNY | B. AMUSED | C. ENJOYABLE | D. ANNOYING |
| 7. A. WIDE | B. LARGE | C. HUGE | D. BIG |
| 8. A. SEE | B. TAKE | C. LOOK | D. BE |