

Business English Phrasal Verbs



Can you match each phrasal verb to its meaning?

I. When You Need to Choose Between Two Options

PUSH BACK ON

A. choose an option

RULE OUT

B. question or object to an idea or request

NARROW DOWN

C. make a final choice after considering the options

GO WITH

D. remove an option from consideration

SETTLE ON

E. reduce the number of possible options

See these phrasal verbs in context.

II. When Problems Get Ignored

PLAY DOWN

F. avoid something difficult or uncomfortable

GLOSS OVER

G. treat a concern or warning as unimportant

BRUSH OFF

H. not include an important fact or detail

LEAVE OUT

I. make a problem or risk seem less serious

SHY AWAY FROM

J. mention something without giving it enough attention

See these verbs in context.

Answer Key



push back on – B
rule out – D
narrow down – E
go with – A
settle on – C

play down – I
gloss over – J
brush off – G
leave out – H
shy away from – F

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