

# VOCABULARY

## Nouns formed from phrasal verbs

- 1 There are many compound nouns formed with a verb + preposition, or preposition + verb combination.

Here is an **update** on the news.

At the **outbreak** of war I was just three years old.

The health service is suffering from budget **cutbacks**.

The town has a **bypass**, which keeps traffic out of the centre.

Where is the stress on these words?

- 2 Some of these nouns operate as phrasal verbs, and some don't.

Rioting **broke out** in the middle of the night.

Funds allocated to research have been severely **cut back**.

There is no verb **to date-up**. **To pass by** is used literally.

We **passed by** the park on the way to the station.

- 1 Complete the sentences with a compound noun starting with the word given. Use the definitions to help you.

out

- the final result of an election, or negotiations, when no one knows what to expect  
We are all waiting for the outcome of the meeting.
- a set of clothes worn together  
She bought a new \_\_\_\_\_ for the wedding.
- what is expected to happen in the future  
The \_\_\_\_\_ for tomorrow's weather is bleak, I'm afraid.
- a shop or company through which products are sold  
The Body Shop has retail \_\_\_\_\_ in major cities throughout the world.

take

- a meal you buy in a restaurant to eat at home  
Shall we eat out or get a \_\_\_\_\_?
- getting control of a company by buying most of its shares  
Business sections of newspapers are full of company mergers and \_\_\_\_\_.

down

- failure or ruin following success  
She had a great career, but hard drugs were her \_\_\_\_\_.
- a lot of rain that falls fast and heavily  
I got soaked in yesterday's \_\_\_\_\_.
- information obtained from the Internet, usually free  
For free \_\_\_\_\_, click here.

## MAMMON INDUSTRIES



'He says his name is Billy and he's here to update our software.'

break

- new and successful development  
There have been great \_\_\_\_\_ in organ transplants in the last 20 years.
- a serious mental illness  
After his mother died, Paul suffered a complete nervous \_\_\_\_\_.

Use **up** at the end of these four words.

- ending a marriage  
Sarah was very depressed after the \_\_\_\_\_ of her marriage to Tony.
- something used for support if the main one fails  
At the end of a day's writing, I make a copy of my work on disk as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- a situation in which a lot of changes are made  
There's been a big \_\_\_\_\_ at work. They've fired six managers and introduced new working practices.
- a way of organizing or arranging something  
I don't understand the political \_\_\_\_\_ in the States. Their elections seem to last for years.

- 2 Work with a partner. Choose some of the words from the box. Write a definition and a sample sentence with a gap. Use a dictionary if necessary. Test the other students.

lookout	setback	outbreak	backlash	upkeep
slip-up	offshoot	comeback	showdown	upturn
write-off	drawback	hold-up	outburst	knock-out