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Out in multi-word verbs ⭐⭐

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Here are three different ways we use *out* in MULTI-WORD VERBS.

1 From the inside (often beginning something)

Look out! the tigers are breaking out!

Also: *break out, start out, stand out, look out, watch out*

2 Coming to an end

Jimmy's shoes are worn out

Unfortunately, they have run out of his size in the shoe shop

Also: *die out, drop out, go out, run out, wear out*

3 Resolving

I can't work out how to do this

Also: *work out, figure out*

These are the main uses.
There are more, and some of these verbs have other uses

Worksheet

Complete these sentences with the right form of the one of the verbs:

drop out   figure out   set out   stand out

1 Whenever I _____ on a journey, I check I've got everything I need.

2 I finally managed _____ how to use the email program.

3 He found this course so difficult that he _____ last month.

4 There are several good entries, but Lester's _____ as the best.

die out   go out   wear out   work out

5 At 11 pm all the lights _____ and we are left in darkness.

6 I need to _____ how this machine operates..

7 The children's shoes _____ again! They don't last for long!

8 The Cornish language _____ in England 200 years ago.

break out   run out   sort out   start out

9 We _____ full of hope, but soon became bogged down in detail.

10 The Bubonic plague _____ several times in Europe in the 14th century.

11 I wanted to buy some new trainers, but they _____ of the kind I like.

12 "Don't worry, I'll _____ the mess."

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