

Learn English Through Stories.

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6. Rewrite the underlined parts of these sentences, using a phrasal verb. Make any other necessary changes.

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Answers

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