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Nouns From Phrasal Verbs Quiz: Breakdown, Outbreak, Take-off

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Explanations

1. We had a ___ on the motorway and waited two hours for help.
✔ **B) breakdown**
The noun from break down is one word: a breakdown. The verb stays two words.

2. Please fasten your seat belts and switch off your phones for ___.
✔ **D) take-off**
Take-off is the moment a plane leaves the ground. Takeout is American English for a takeaway meal.

3. Online ___ closes one hour before the flight.
✔ **A) check-in**
Check-in is where you show your passport and get your boarding pass. A check-up is at the doctor's.

4. Only 30% of people voted. It was the lowest ___ in fifty years.
✔ **C) turnout**
Turnout is how many people come to vote or to an event. Turnover is the money a business takes.

5. Sorry, there's been a ___: your table was booked for Friday, not Saturday.
✔ **A) mix-up**
A mix-up is a mistake where names, dates or things get confused. Mixed-up is an adjective.

6. Sorry we're late. There was a long ___ on the bridge.
✔ **B) hold-up**
A hold-up is something that makes you wait, such as traffic.

7. Twelve pounds for a small glass of juice? That's a ___!
✔ **D) rip-off**
You paid ten pounds for a sandwich and feel cheated: that's a rip-off (informal).

8. After five years away, the band is planning a ___.
✔ **C) comeback**
When someone makes a comeback, they become popular or successful again.

9. My laptop died, but luckily I had a ___ of all my files.
✔ **A) backup**
A backup is a second copy, ready if the first one fails.

10. We were so excited about the film, but in the end it was a real ___.
✔ **D) let-down**
A let-down (informal) is something that is not as good as you expected.

11. Half the passengers on the ship fell ill during an ___ of flu.
✔ **B) outbreak**
One sneeze, then half the ship is ill: an outbreak. An outburst is a sudden show of anger.

12. The ___ of the vote will be announced at midnight.
✔ **C) outcome**
The outcome is what happens in the end, the result.

13. My grandparents gave me a very happy ___ on their farm.
✔ **B) upbringing**
Your upbringing is the way your parents or family raised you. It comes from bring up.

14. Despite losing her job, she has a positive ___ on life.
✔ **A) outlook**
Your outlook is the way you see life. A lookout is a high spot, or the guard on it.

15. Don't miss our ___ concerts this summer. Repairs to the hall are still ___.
✔ **C) upcoming … ongoing**
Upcoming means planned for soon. Ongoing means it started earlier and has not finished.

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