Phrasal verbs

1 Match the words in bold with the correct phrasal verbs in the box. There are two extra phrasal verbs.

| come in | cut down on | fill in | jot down | look into | push off | talk over | work out |

1  Excuse me, can you **complete** this form? ___________________
2  It doesn’t matter if you **finish** last when you race. ________________
3  You really should **reduce** the amount of sugar you eat. ________________
4  I’ll just try to **calculate** how much this will cost. ________________
5  The police are going to **investigate** what happened. ________________
6  Do you think we should **discuss** this for a bit longer? ________________

2 Choose the correct preposition a, b or c to complete each sentence.

1  **ALICE** Hello! Can I speak to Mr Smith please?  **RECEPTIONIST** I’ll just put you … to him.
   a down  b up  c through

2  Things are really starting to look … .
   a on  b into  c up

3  Do you think the new ideas will go … well?
   a down  b off  c up

4  There’s such a lot of new information to take ….  
   a off  b in  c up

5  I’m sorry but I couldn’t pass … your message because I didn’t see John.
   a off  b up  c on

3 Choose the correct phrasal verb a, b or c to complete each sentence.

1  Try not to … out on the opportunity. You might not get a second chance.
   a point  b miss  c wipe

2  I think it’s time for you to … down and find a job.
   a come  b count  c settle

3  Look! I think someone’s tried to … into your car!
   a break  b put  c turn

4  Sorry! Can you … on a minute? I’m not ready yet.
   a go  b hang  c try

5  I think I’m going to … up swimming. I need to get fit.
   a take  b put  c speed