

71 put something out

Study Read these sentences carefully.

- ▶ You can't smoke in here. **Put** that cigarette **out**, please.
- ▶ They tried to **put out** the fire themselves.
- ▶ The paper caught fire, but thankfully we managed to **put it out**.
- ▶ It was late at night before the blaze **was** finally **put out**.

Check Use the sentences in the Study box to help you do these exercises.

MEANING

Choose one of the words below to complete the meaning of this use of *put something out*:

to stop something _____
a burning
b shining
c working

→ Now check your answers in the key.



GRAMMAR

Which of these are grammatically possible?

- a They put the fire out.
- b They put out the fire.
- c They put it out.
- d They put out it.
- e The fire was put out.

Practise

1 Match the two halves to make complete sentences.

- a After more than ten hours
- b His cigar was making me cough
- c Fortunately, the fire was put out
- d Two hose reels were used

- i to put the flames out.
- ii before any serious damage was done.
- iii so he put it out.
- iv the fire still hadn't been put out.

2 Complete the gaps in this news report with a form of *put out* and any other words you need.

SERIOUS FOREST FIRES. Firefighters have been struggling all night to _____ fires raging in central Portugal. The fires have already destroyed thousands of acres of forest. It is thought they might

have been started accidentally by campers who made a fire but did _____ completely. The forecast is for heavy rain tonight, so fire chiefs believe there is a chance of the rain _____.

→ Now check your answers in the key.

Build your vocabulary

SYNONYMS

To **extinguish** something has the same meaning, but is usually more formal:

- ▶ *All passengers are kindly requested to extinguish their cigarettes and fasten their seatbelts.*

You can also **stub out** a cigarette (by pressing the end against something hard), or **blow out** a candle.

SIMILAR VERBS

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