Gapped text
Use phrasal verbs to fill the gaps in the text.

Running out of steam?
Jamie had always loved his job. He was thrilled when he passed the physical tests and did well in the interview. Finally, he had (1) _______________! The fire service had accepted him! Of course, being a fire fighter is not an easy job. Jamie worked long hours and was often woken in the middle of the night to go to an emergency. At weekends, he would go to bed early and sleep late. It was the only way he could keep himself from (2) _______________. His wife was always telling him to (3) _______________ – to have a rest, take a break. She was worried that with all the long hours and night-time callouts he would (4) _______________ steam before he was even 30 years old. But Jamie loved his job passionately and wasn’t prepared to give it up. Even if that meant work would sometimes (5) _______________ his life, it was a sacrifice he was prepared to make.
KEY

1. got in
2. burning out
3. slow down
4. run out of
5. take over