

Phrasal Verbs

WHAT IS A PHRASAL VERB?

- **phrasal verb** is the combining of two or three words from different grammatical categories — a verb and a particle, such as an adverb or a preposition — to form a single semantic unit.

PHRASAL VERBS WITH PUT

Put across

Explain or state something clearly and understandably

Put aside

- Save (money)
- Ignore or intentionally disregard (something), temporarily or permanently

Put away

- Place out of the way, clean up
- Store, add to one's stores for later use

Put back

- Return something to its original place
- Postpone an arranged event or appointment

Put by

- Preserve food by canning, freezing, drying, etc.
- Save money

Put down

- Insult, belittle, or demean
- Pay
- Euthanize (an animal)

Put forward

- Propose for consideration
- Change the time in a time zone to a later time

Put in

- Place inside
- Apply, request, or submit
- Contribute

Put off

- Procrastinate
- Delay (a task, event, etc.)
- Cause to dislike; to discourage (from doing)

Put on

- Don (clothing, equipment or the like)
- Fool, kid, deceive
- Play (a recording)

Put out

- Place outside or eject
- Produce
- Extinguish (a flame or light)

Put up

- Place in a high location
- Hang or mount
- Store away
- House, shelter, or take in



PHRASAL VERBS

back
to reduce
The Government will **cut back** on defence spending.

in
to interrupt
When you **cut in** on our conversation, we were talking.

into
to shortening into parts
or to make sth smaller
Knives easily **cut into** the cake.

across
to make a shorter route
If I **cut across** the field, it'll save time.

off
to remove by cutting
He **cut off** all the overhanging branches in the garden.

down
to use less of sth
I'm trying to **cut down** on sugar.

out
to stop working
There are two engines. One of them **cut out** yesterday

up
to cut into pieces
My mother **cut up** the onions and put them in the pot.

through
to go through by cutting
We **cut through** the solid rock to build the tunnel.

CUT

		verb	definition	example
single-word verb		look	direct your eyes in a certain direction	You must look before you leap.
phrasal verb	verb + adverb	look up	search for and find information in a reference book	You can look up the word in a dictionary.
	verb + preposition	look after	take care of	Who is looking after the baby?
	verb + adverb + preposition	look forward to	anticipate with pleasure	I look forward to meeting you.

Verb + preposition (prepositional verbs)

prepositional verb	meaning	example sentence	
			direct object
believe in	have faith in the existence of	I believe in	God.
look after	take care of	He is looking after	the dog.
talk about	discuss	Did you talk about	me?
wait for	await	John is waiting for	Mary

Phrasal Verb: VERB + ADVERB

Phrasal Verb	meaning	example sentence
put off	postpone	We will have to put off
turn down	refuse	They turned down
get up	rise from bed	I don't like to get up .
break down	stop working	He was late because his car broke down .

verb	+	adverb	+	preposition
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Phrasal-prepositional verb	meaning	example sentence	
			direct object
get on with	have a friendly relationship with	He doesn't get on with	his wife.
put up with	tolerate	I won't put up with	your attitude.
look forward to	anticipate with pleasure	I look forward to	seeing you.
run out of	use up, exhaust	We have run out of	eggs.

Choose the correct phrasal verb: go on / pick up / come back / come up with / go back / find out / come out / go out / point out / grow up / set up / turn out / get out / come in(to) / take on.

1. Can you _____ (think of an idea) a better idea?
2. She _____ (showed / mentioned) that the shops would already be closed.
3. I wish I hadn't _____ (become responsible for) so much work!
4. I _____ (went to an event) for dinner with my husband last night.
5. He _____ (entered a place where the speaker is) the kitchen and made some tea.
6. Where did you _____ (become an adult)?
7. I'd love to _____ (arrange / create) my own business.
8. I really want to _____ (leave a building) of this office and go for a walk.
9. As I arrived, he _____ (appeared from a place) of the door.
10. She _____ (got something from a place) some dinner on the way home.
11. Could you _____ (get information) what time we need to arrive?
12. I thought the conference was going to be boring but it _____ (in the end we discovered) to be quite useful.

Choose the correct phrasal verb: go on / pick up / come back / come up with / go back / find out / come out / go out / point out / grow up / set up / turn out / get out / come in(to) / take on.

- 13. What time did you _____ (return to a place where the speaker is) yesterday?
- 14. She _____ (appeared from a place) of the café and put on her gloves.
- 15. A performance _____ (is happening) at the moment.
- 16. He _____ (left a car) of the car.
- 17. He _____ (went to an event) a lot at the weekend, so he's tired today.
- 18. Can we _____ (arrange / create) a meeting next week?
- 19. Would anybody like to _____ (become responsible for) this new client?
- 20. He _____ (returned to a place where the speaker is) before I left.
- 21. It's lovely watching my children _____ (become adults).
- 22. She _____ (returned to a place where the speaker is not) to school.
- 23. He _____ (showed / mention) the stars to the children.
- 24. He _____ (returned to a place where the speaker is not) to Poland last year.
- 25. He _____ (thought of an idea) a solution.
- 26. Please _____ (enter a place where the speaker is)!
- 27. At the end of the film, it _____ (in the end we discovered) that John was a good guy.
- 28. Could you _____ (get someone from a place) Lucy later?
- 29. We need to _____ (get information) how much it costs.
- 30. What _____ ('s happening

Answers

- 1. Can you come up with a better idea?
- 2. She pointed out that the shops would already be closed.
- 3. I wish I hadn't taken on so much work!
- 4. I went out for dinner with my husband last night.
- 5. He came into the kitchen and made some tea.
- 6. Where did you grow up?
- 7. I'd love to set up my own business.
- 8. I really want to get out of this office and go for a walk.
- 9. As I arrived, he came out of the door.
- 10. She picked up some dinner on the way home.
- 11. Could you find out what time we need to arrive?
- 12. I thought the conference was going to be boring but it turned out to be quite useful.
- 13. What time did you come back yesterday?
- 14. She came out of the café and put on her gloves.
- 15. A performance is going on at the moment.

- 16. He got out of the car.
- 17. He went out a lot at the weekend, so he's tired today.
- 18. Can we set up a meeting next week?
- 19. Would anybody like to take on this new client?
- 20. He came back before I left.
- 21. It's lovely watching my children grow up.
- 22. She went back to school.
- 23. He pointed out the stars to the children.
- 24. He went back to Poland last year.
- 25. He came up with a solution.
- 26. Please come in!
- 27. At the end of the film, it turned out that John was a good guy.
- 28. Could you pick up Lucy later?
- 29. We need to find out how much it costs.
- 30. What's going on?

1. Complete with one of these phrasal verbs: *be through, go on, fill in, take off, stay out, speak up.*

1. Could you this application form, please?
2. I'll never talk to you again. We !
3. If you don't, we can't hear you.
4. I'm tired because I too late last night.
5. The plane late because of the bad weather.

Answers

1. fill in
2. are through
3. speak up
4. stayed out
5. takes off / took off

2. Complete with one of these phrasal verbs: *go off*, *put off*, *see off*, *take off*, *turn off*.

1. Let's go to the airport to them
2. The plane doesn't till 5 o'clock.
3. He was sleeping soundly when the alarm clock
4. The meeting has been till next month.
5. Don't forget to all the lights when you leave.

Answers

1. see them off
2. take off
3. went off
4. put off
5. turn off

3. Complete with: *carry on, get on, hold on, put on, try on*

1. Hi! Is Mr. Knight in?

....., I'll call him.

2. Excuse me, could I this dress, please?

3. How are you at college?

4. Are you still with your tennis lessons?

5. It was a bit chilly, so she her jacket.

Answers

1. hold on
2. try on
3. getting on
4. carrying on
5. put on

4. Complete with: *give up, hang up, look up, wake up, wash up.*

1. The kind of housework I hate most is
2. If he rings back, just
3. I didn't know that word, so I it in a dictionary.
4. Don't You can do it if you try hard.
5. When I in the middle of the night, I had some temperature.

Answers

1. washing up
2. hang up
3. looked it up
4. give up
5. woke up

5. Match the phrasal verbs with their corresponding synonyms

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| 1. put off | a. cancel |
| 2. call off | b. switch off |
| 3. look up | c. postpone |
| 4. go off | d. continue |
| 5. carry on | e. explode |
| 6. turn off | f. check |

Answers

1. put off – postpone
2. call off – cancel
3. look up – check
4. go off – explode
5. carry on – continue
6. turn off – switch off

READ THE STORY AND FIND OUT THE PHRASAL VERBS

- Little Johnny hated going to see the dentist. It wasn't that his dentist was nasty; it was that Johnny wasn't too fond of sweets. His dentist had warned him that his teeth would fall out if he kept up eating candy. Time and time again, the dentist had told him to cut out sweet food or at least cut down on the amount he ate. As he lay down in the dentist's chair, all the horrible memories from his last visit came back to him. On that occasion, the dentist had to pull out one of his teeth! The pain was terrible - even with the anaesthetic the dentist had given him. When the anesthetic wore off it was difficult for him to eat or chew anything at all. This time the check up was much better. His dentist checked out his teeth, made him wash out his mouth with pink liquid and then told him to spit it out into the sink. That was it. No problems and no pain! Johnny was delighted and so was his dentist. Johnny has finally learned his lesson and was taking better care of his teeth. Well done, Johnny!

ANSWERS

- **fall out** - to separate. When one thing separates from another thing. Often used with teeth and hair.
- **keep up** - continue.
- **cut out** - stop.
- **cut down** - reduce / consume less.
- **lie down** - to put your body in the position where it is flat and horizontal - like being in bed.
- **come back** - remember
- **pull out** - remove using force.
- **wear off** - the effects of something like a drug/medicine end gradually.
- **check up** (*noun*) - inspection or examination.
- **check out** - inspect, examine or investigate.
- **wash out** - use water or a liquid to clean the inside of something.
- **spit out** - to force something out of your mouth, especially saliva or liquid.

READ THE STORY AND FIND OUT 30 PHRASAL VERBS

When I set off for work this morning, my car broke down, so I ended up taking the bus. As soon as I got off, I bumped into an old schoolmate, Mark. While we were talking, he brought up something I had already found out from some mutual friends- that he had come into some money and had set up his own business. He told me that there was a lot to sort out, and offered to take me on, but I turned him down straight away.

When I clocked in, my boss had a go at me, telling me off in front of everyone. When I got over the initial shock, I told her I'd make up for being late, but it turned out that she had blown up over a deal that had fallen through, after a client of mine had pulled out of a contract. She told me that I wouldn't get away with it, that I'd let everybody down, and just went on and on....

Eventually, I ran out of patience and answered back- I said I was not going to put up with it anymore, and if she wanted to lay me off, she should go ahead. Anyway, to cut a long story short, I stormed out, phoned Mark's secretary, who put me through to him. I told Mark I'd like to take him up on his offer. So, in the end, everything has worked out perfectly!