

ENGLISH

Unit 19: Phrasal Verbs



Pre-Intermediate English with

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What is a Phrasal Verb?



- In English phrasal verbs are extremely common.
- They are used in almost every conversation so it is good to know what they are.
- A phrasal verb is a verb combined with a preposition.
- When certain verbs are combined with certain prepositions they take on new meanings.
 - "Take on" is an example of a phrasal verb. Literally it means to take and put on. So in this context it means that certain combinations of verbs and prepositions will cause the two words to put on, or carry, a new meaning.
- In the next couple pages there are listed 50 of the most important phrasal verbs, examples with each one will be on a later page.

58 Important Phrasal Verbs




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| 1. Bring Up | 22. Get along | 43. Pay back |
| 2. Bring on | 23. Get up | 44. Pay for |
| 3. Call on | 24. Get back to | 45. Put out |
| 4. Call off | 25. Get back at | 46. Put on |
| 5. Calm down | 26. Give out | 47. Take off |
| 6. Catch up | 27. Give in | 48. Take out |
| 7. Cheer up | 28. Give away | 49. Throw away |
| 8. Come in | 29. Give up | 50. Throw out |
| 9. Come across | 30. Go out | 51. Turn on/off |
| 10. Come over | 31. Go ahead | 52. Turn around |
| 11. Cut off | 32. Grow up | 53. Turn up |
| 12. Cut (it) out | 33. Grow apart | 54. Warm up |
| 13. Cut in | 34. Hang on | 55. Work out |
| 14. Drop by | 35. Hang out | 56. Work |
| 15. Eat out | 36. Hang up | (something) out |
| 16. Fall apart | 37. Hold on | 57. Zoom in |
| 17. Fall down | 38. Hold off | 58. Zoom out |
| 18. Fill up | 39. Log in | |
| 19. Figure out | 40. Log out/off | |
| 20. Get away | 41. Look up | |
| 21. Get around | 42. Look out | |

Some Examples



- Bring Up - "I will bring it up in conversation later so they can know"
- Call on - "I called on you to answer the question"
- Calm down - "Please calm down, you don't need to be angry"
- Catch up - "Start the run before me, I will catch up to you"
- Cheer up - "Thank you for the presents, they cheered me up."
- Cut (it) out - "You are being annoying, please cut it out"
- Drop by - "I will drop by your house later to give you some cookies."
- Eat out - "I don't feel like cooking tonight, let's eat out instead."
- Fall down - "I was walking when I tripped and fell down"
- Fill up - "Can you fill up my water bottle please?"
- Figure out - "I need to figure out how to do this math problem, it is very confusing."
- Get away - "I need to get away for a week and rest, I am very tired."
- Get around - "I have lived here all my life, I know how to get around."

Some Examples



- Get along - "You two always fight, won't you just get along?"
- Get up - "I fell but I got back up."
- Get back to - "Thanks for lunch, I have to get back to work now."
- Give out - "I need to give these flyers out to everyone in the office."
- Give away - "I don't need my playstation anymore, I will probably give it away to a friend."
- Go out - "I am tired but I will probably go out tonight with my friends."
- Grow up - "You are very immature, you need to grow up."
- Hang out - "You seem nice, we should hang out sometime."
- Hang up - "It was another telemarketer so I hung up the phone."
- Hold on - "I'm very busy right now, can hold on for just one moment?"
- Log in - "I need to log in to my Facebook."
- Look up - "Can you look up on the internet how to grow tomatoes?"
- Look out - "Look out for the post, I'm waiting for a package."

Some Examples



- Pay back - "I still owe you 20\$ I will pay you back soon."
- Pay for - "If you don't have enough money i can pay for you."
- Put out - "Can you put out the fire before you go to sleep?"
- Put on - "I am going to put on my favorite Christmas sweater so you can see it."
- Take off - "I need to take off my jacket, it is really hot in here."
- Take out - "Can you take out the trash today?"
- Throw away - "This onion is really old and moldy, I'm going to throw it away."
- Throw out - "I threw out all of the old Mexican food, it was going bad."
- Turn on/off - "Can you turn off the light? we are going to sleep."
- Turn up - "Please turn up the volume, I can barely hear it."
- Warm up - "Let's make a fire so we can warm up."
- Work out - "I think this whole problem will work out in the end."
- Zoom in - "Can you zoom in on that picture? It is too small for me to see it clearly."

EXERCISE

Please create a sentence with each phrasal verb listed:



1.) Warm up

2.) Throw out

3.) Catch up

4.) Hang out

5.) Grow up

6.) Figure out

7.) Hold on

8.) Calm down

AUDIO EXERCISE

Listening comprehension! Please choose the appropriate answers to the following questions:

1. Peter asked whom, for their facebook?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

2. Who is Baer in this dialogue?

- a. Employee
- b. Boss
- c. Customer
- d. None of the Above

3. Peter's...

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

4. Vikki...

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

FRIEND EXERCISE

For this friend exercise you and your friend each choose 7 phrasal verbs and write them down in a list.

Then you should each take turns saying one phrasal verb at a time.

Every time your friend says a phrasal verb you must put it into a sentence.

Use different phrasal verbs and get creative with your sentences!

Good luck!

Bonne chance!

FRIEND EXERCISE

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