

Phrasal verbs about technology

What is a phrasal verb? an idiomatic phrase consisting of a verb and another element, typically either an adverb, as in *break down*, or a preposition, for example *see to*, or a combination of both, such as *look down on*.

A. Read the following phrasal verbs and study their meanings.



B. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets in **present perfect simple** tense and **already, just** or **yet**. Remember that it is the verb that you must conjugate, not the preposition or adverb.

- a) A: _____ you _____ (back up) your files _____?
B: No, I _____. I'll do it this afternoon.
- b) Delfina _____ (turn off) her computer since last week.
- c) I _____ (log into) the web page but I still cannot access to its information.
- d) Someone _____ (hack into) our system! I can see how all our files are being deleted.
- e) A: Can you check something on your computer for me?
B: Oops! I _____ (turn off) my computer!

C. Choose the best option to complete the conversation using **present perfect simple** or **present perfect continuous**.

Customer Service: Computer help desk. How can I help you?

Customer: I need your help. I can't get into the system.

Customer Service: I can help you with that. _____ (you / plug in) your computer and powered it up?

Customer: I _____ (already/do) all that.

Customer Service: So, _____ (you / turn) it on ?

Customer: Yes, it's on. I _____ (log into) the network all morning!

Customer Service: Then I need your user ID, please.

Customer: It's 46821. Please hurry up because I've got a conference call starting in five minutes. I _____ (call) my boss to report this problem but I _____ (not be) able to contact him yet.

Customer Service: OK, no problem. I _____ (just/send) you a link. Click on the link and then scroll down.

Customer: Ah. A message _____ (just/pop up).

Customer Service: What does it say?

Customer: 'Are you a robot?' It wants me to type two words in a little box.

Customer Service: Oh. Are you a robot?

Customer: No, of course not!

Customer Service: _____ (you / put in) the words yet?

Customer: Yes, I have. Oh, I think it's letting me in. Got it!

Customer Service: Ok. Great. Is there anything else I can do for you?

Customer: That's it. Thank you very much.

D. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the list in the correct tense. (*Present perfect simple, present perfect continuous or past perfect*).

back up - wipe out - scroll down - hack into - shut down - sign up

- a) I _____ Instagram for ages but I still cannot find her post!
- b) I tried to log into the webpage, but I _____.
- c) He asked me to find something on the internet but I _____ the session.
- d) Luckily, I _____ all the fines when the police came in.
- e) Someone _____ our system. We cannot find a way to stop them!
- f) Mary _____ all our files. Feel free to take the computer to the technician.