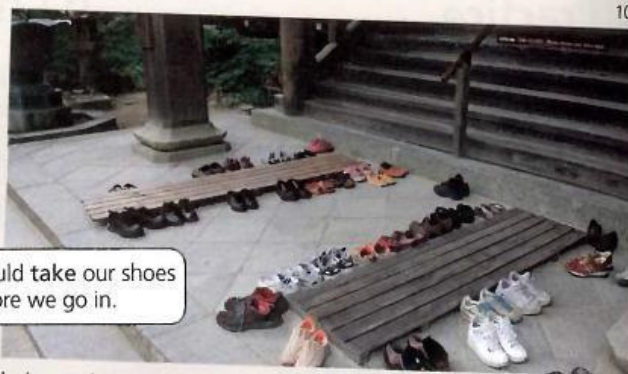


102 Phrasal verbs



We should take our shoes off before we go in.



In Japan visitors usually remove their shoes before they enter a house.

1 Verb + adverb

A phrasal verb is a verb + an adverb/preposition, e.g. *take + off* (= *take off*).

It usually has a different meaning from the verb alone:

*It's cold. You should **take** a jumper with you.*

*It's warm. I'm going to **take off** my jumper. (take off = remove)*

In formal English we often use a different verb with the same meaning as the phrasal verb

*Why don't you **take off** your shoes? (informal) = Please **remove** your shoes. (formal)*

2 Phrasal verbs with an object

Many phrasal verbs have an object:

*Please **take off** your shoes.*

put on (put something on) to put clothes on your body:

Put your coat on – it's cold outside! | Let me put on my glasses – I can't read this. > opposite TAKE OFF.

If the object is a noun, we can put it before or after the adverb/preposition:

*Please **put** your jacket on. Please **put on** your jacket.*



But we always put pronoun objects (e.g. *it, him, them*) between the verb and adverb/preposition:

~~✗ Put on it.~~ ✓ Put it on.

Here are some common phrasal verbs that have an object:

bring/give/put something back
fill something in (= complete a form)
find something out (= get information)
give something up
 (= stop a habit, activity or job)
let somebody in
look something up
 (= find in a book, etc.)
pick something up

pick somebody up
 (= collect somebody and take them somewhere)
put something down
put something on
switch/turn something on/off
take something away
take something off
turn something down (= reduce the sound)
write something down

*It's dark in here. Can you **turn on** the lights?*

*I'll **take** your computer **away** today and I'll **bring** it **back** on Friday.*

*Liz is on a diet so she's **giving up** chocolate.*

3 Phrasal verbs without an object

Some phrasal verbs have no object:

come back come in get out get up go away go back go in go out grow up hurry up
lie down look round look out (= be careful) *sit down stand up turn around wake up*

***Hurry up!** We're late. I usually **wake up** early. **Look out!** A car's coming.*

Practice

1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

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|---|--------------------|
| 0 It's dark in here. You should turn | A a jacket on. |
| 1 Your TV is too loud, please turn | B it in. |
| 2 It's hot in here – why don't you take | C on the lights. |
| 3 Here's the application form – please fill | D your jacket off? |
| 4 It's a formal meeting, you should put | E down. |
| 5 I'm quite tired. I think I'm going to lie | F it down. |

2 Match the sentences with similar meanings. Then decide which sentences are formal (F) and informal (I).

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| 0 I can find that out for you.I..... | A Do not remove the book's cover. |
| 1 Our representative will collect you from the airport. | B Look out! |
| 2 You have to bring them back. | C I can get the information you need.F.... |
| 3 Please be careful. | D They have to fill it in. |
| 4 Don't take it off. | E Readers must return all the books. |
| 5 Please ask your parents to complete the form. | F We'll pick you up. |

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conversation. Use one word only for each question.

- JACKIE Hurry (0) *up*, you two! You'll be late for school.
It's cold – you should both put (1) your coats.
- EMMA Where's my coat, Jackie?
- JACKIE I (2) it back in the hall cupboard yesterday.
- EMMA Are you picking us (3) from school today?
- JACKIE No, Emma. Mrs Stevens is going to bring (4) back. Now what's that on Harry's coat? (5) around, Harry. Oh, it's only a piece of paper.
- HARRY Jackie, can I borrow your camera for my geography trip?
- JACKIE All right. But be careful with it. Don't forget to give it (6) to me later.
- HARRY OK. I'll (7) it back this afternoon. Oh, how do you turn (8) on?
- JACKIE You press the red button. And to turn it (9) you press the black one.
- HARRY I see. Are we going swimming on Saturday?
- JACKIE I don't know but I'll find (10) for you. Now come on, we're late ...



4 Complete the sentences. Use a verb from A and a pronoun from B.

A give back let in look up ~~put on~~ take away turn down B him it (x 3) me ~~them~~

- My grandmother wears glasses – she *puts them on* when she's reading.
- If you don't want your old fridge, I'll
- John's at the door – can you?
- Please my dictionary – I need it.
- I don't know the answer but I'll on the Internet.
- Your music's too loud! Can you?