

What are Phrasal Verbs?

A phrasal verb is a verb + a particle (preposition or adverb), such as up, out, in, on. The meaning is often different from the original verb.

Examples:

- hang out = spend time together
- get along = have a good relationship

Important Rules

- Some phrasal verbs are separable:
She cheered me up.
- If the object is a pronoun, it goes in the middle:
He helped me out.
- Some phrasal verbs are inseparable:
I ran into my friend yesterday.
- Some phrasal verbs don't take objects:
We grew apart over time.

Common Phrasal Verbs: Friendship & Relationships

- **get along (with)** – have a good relationship – I get along with my classmates.
- **hang out** – spend time together – We hang out after school.
- **break up** – end a relationship – They broke up last year.
- **make up** – become friends again – They argued but made up later.
- **fall out** – have an argument – I fell out with my best friend.
- **cheer up** – make someone happy – She always cheers me up.
- **count on** – depend on – You can count on me.
- **bring out** – show the best in someone – She brings out the best in me.
- **run into** – meet by chance – I ran into an old friend.
- **grow apart** – become less close – We grew apart after school.
- **look after** – take care of – He looks after his little sister.
- **open up** – share feelings – It's hard to open up sometimes.

Exercise 1: Match

1. hang out ____
2. break up ____
3. cheer up ____
4. get along ____
5. run into ____

- a. meet by chance
- b. become happy
- c. spend time together
- d. have a good relationship
- e. end a relationship

Exercise 2: Complete the Sentences

(hang out – get along – cheer up – break up – count on)

1. I really _____ with my best friend.
2. We usually _____ at the mall.
3. She always _____ me when I feel sad.
4. They decided to _____ after many arguments.
5. You can always _____ your friends.

Exercise 3: Choose the Correct Option

1. I ran into / ran my friend into an old classmate.
2. She cheered up me / cheered me up yesterday.
3. We get along / get along them very well.
4. They broke up / broke them up last week.

Exercise 4: Rewrite the Sentence

1. He helped out John → _____
2. She called back her friend → _____
3. I looked after my sister → _____

Exercise 5: Personal Practice

1. Who do you usually hang out with?
2. Do you get along with your classmates?
3. Have you ever run into an old friend?
4. Who cheers you up when you are sad?