

Unit 26 Phrasal verbs 1

Explanations

The object always follows these verbs, and cannot be put between any of the parts. Verbs marked * can be used intransitively without the final preposition.
I've decided to cut down on smoking. I've decided to cut down.
 A selection of verbs is listed here with examples. Others, and other meanings of those listed here, are included in the activities.

Cut down on *	<i>I've decided to</i>	<i>smoking.</i>	(reduce the amount of)
Catch up with *	<i>They are too far ahead for us to</i>	<i>them.</i>	(reach the same place as)
Come up against	<i>I'm afraid we've</i>	<i>a</i>	(meet)
	<i>problem we can't solve.</i>		
Come up with	<i>Have you</i>	<i>an answer yet?</i>	(think of)
Drop in on *	<i>I</i>	<i>Bill and Sheila on my way home.</i>	(visited)
Face up to	<i>You must</i>	<i>reality!</i>	(accept, deal with)
Feel up to	<i>You must</i>	<i>going to work.</i>	(feel fit to do)
Get away with	<i>Jack stole the money and</i>	<i>it.</i>	(avoid discovery)
Get along/on with *	<i>Do you</i>	<i>your new boss?</i>	(have good relations with)
Get on with	<i>Stop talking and</i>	<i>our work!</i>	(continue with)
Get out of	<i>I managed to</i>	<i>working late.</i>	(avoid a responsibility)
Get round to	<i>I haven't</i>	<i>decorating yet.</i>	(find time to do)
Get up to	<i>What has young Bill been</i>	<i>?</i>	(do, often something wrong)
Go in for	<i>Do you</i>	<i>sailing?</i>	(have as a hobby)
Grow out of	<i>Julie has</i>	<i>playing with dolls.</i>	(become too old for)

Keep up with *

You're going too fast! I can't

Look down on

*Our neighbours
without a car.*

Look up to

I really

Look forward to

We are

Make up for

*The wonderful dinner
service.*

Put up with

I can't

Run out of *

Oh dear, we've

Stand up for

You must learn to

you!

anyone

my teacher.

our holiday.

the bad

these screaming children!

petrol!

yourself!

(stay in the same place as)

(feel superior to)

(respect)

(think we will enjoy)

(compensate for)

(bear)

(have no more of)

(defend)

These verbs take an object, but the object cannot be put between verb and preposition.

*I can't**coffee in the morning!*

Ask after

*Jim**you yesterday.*

Call for

*I'll**you at six.*

Call on

*I**some friends in Plymouth.*

Come across

*Joe**this old painting in the attic.*

Come into

*Sue**a large sum of money.*

Count on

*I'**you to help me.*

Deal with

*How would you**the traffic problem?*

Do without

*We'll have to**a holiday this year.*

Get at

*What**you**?*

Get over

*Barry has**his illness now.*

Go over

*Let's**our plan once more.*

(ask for news of)

(come and collect)

(visit)

(find by chance)

(inherit)

(depend on)

(take action about)

(manage without)

(suggest)

(recover from)

(discuss the details)

2
Verbs with two
parts: transitive
and inseparable

Join in		
Try to	the lesson as much as you can.	(contribute to)
Live on		
They	the money her father gives them.	(have as income)
Look into		
The government is	the problem.	(investigate)
Look round		
Let's	the town today.	(look at everything)
Make for		
Where are you	exactly?	(go in the direction of)
Pick on		
My teacher is always	me.	(choose a person to punish)
Run into		
I	Steve in the supermarket yesterday.	(meet by chance)
See about		
We'll have to	getting you an office.	(arrange)
See to		
Can you	the dog's food?	(attend to, take care of)
Stand for		
I won't	such rudeness!	(tolerate)
Andrew is	parliament.	(be a candidate)
Take after		
Helen	her mother.	(have the same characteristics as)

Activities

1
Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the phrasal verb given, in a suitable form.

- Sorry, but I haven't found time to fix your bike yet.
...Sorry, but I haven't get round to fixing your bike yet... (get round to)
- Oh bother, we don't have any milk left. (run out of)
- It took me a long time to recover from my illness. (get over)
- Peter is just like his father! (take after)
- I think we've found an answer to the problem. (come up with)
- I don't think I'm well enough to play football today. (feel up to)
- Ann is someone I really respect. (look up to)
- I must arrange to have the kitchen painted