

Unit 3

Grammar 1

GRAMMAR TR: 36

Two-word verbs

Separable

The scientists **talked over** the problem.
The scientists **talked** the problem **over**.
The scientists **talked it over**.
They **figured out** a solution.
They **figured** a solution **out**.
They **figured it out**.

Inseparable

The scientists **talked about** the problem.
The scientists **talked** about it.
The scientists **looked into** the evidence.
The scientists **looked** into it.

11 Read and complete the sentences. Make any necessary changes.

apply to

calm down

cheer up

count on

figure out

hold back

look at

turn out

Humans love to laugh. In fact, even hearing other people laugh can cheer us up or make us smile. But sometimes, even when it isn't appropriate, we just can't help ourselves and we start laughing too! Who hasn't seen people trying hard to stop giggling and to calm down themselves down in a place where they should be quiet?

Yawning is another common contagious behavior. When you see someone who's yawning, you usually want to yawn too. Can you figure out that yawning is contagious? Probably not. It's very hard to resist the urge!

Did you know that even animals yawn? It turns out that chimpanzees, dogs, lions, and other animals yawn when an animal in their group yawns.

Why are these behaviors so contagious? Scientists think they have discovered the answer to why they happen. They believe the same reason explains both behaviors. They are old, basic ways to show a social connection with others in your group.