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Phrasal Verbs

1. A phrasal verb is a verb plus a preposition, which creates a meaning different from the original verb.
2. Phrasal verbs, like regular verbs, are used to describe an action, but in this case, such an action might be different from what we assume.

Examples:

- This morning I was late for work; I usually get up at 6:00, but today I was lazy.
In this sentence, the phrase 'get up' means to awaken from sleep.
- We are going to have to change rooms, everyone get up!
In this sentence, the phrase 'get up' means to stand.

As you can see, depending on the context, phrasal verbs can have more than one meaning.

NOTE: The preposition in a phrasal verb can be sometimes moved to the end of the sentence.

Examples:

- He called his friend up.
- I'll have to find it out.

3. Phrasal verbs must follow all the same rules regarding subject / verb agreement as regular verbs.

- ✓ Person: First, Second, Third
- ✓ Number: Singular, Plural

4. Phrasal verbs show time in all the same tenses as regular verbs.

- ✓ Past
- ✓ Present
- ✓ Future
- ✓ Etc.

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1. Match the Phrasal Verbs and Meanings
2. On the left of the page is a list of phrasal verbs. Match the correct meaning by drawing a line to the corresponding phrasal verb.

<u>Phrasal Verb</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1) Shop around	Telephone someone
2) Look around	Explore or investigate
3) Pick up	Bring up to date
4) Punch in	Take something by hand
5) Call up	Reconnect with someone
6) Turn on	Look for bargains or deals
7) Type in	Search for and find
8) Check out	Stop the operation
9) Look up	Have a look
10) Catch up	Finish task or journey/exit
11) Hanging out	Cause to begin
12) Put away	Press a key to enter data
13) Shut down	Go outdoors
14) Get off	Remove / Stop using
15) Go out	Enter into a keyboard



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Verbs and Definitions

With a partner take turns and read the verbs with their definitions.

Sign – To write one's name on a letter, card, or similar item.

Show – To cause to be visible.

Wrap – To cover or enclose someone or something in paper or a soft material.

Open – To release from a closed or fixed position.

Bring – To carry or lead something or someone from one place to another.

Break – To cause to separate or divide into pieces.

Keep – To retain possession of something.

Catch – To seize or capture something.

Clean – To free from dirt, stain, or impurities.

Give – To deliver or make a present of something.

Line – To place in a row or a series.

Look – To use one's sight, especially in a certain direction or on a given object.

Take – To get or seize into one's possession.

Act – To do or perform something.

Throw – To propel something through the air by motion of the hand or arm.

Grow – To increase in size or stature by a natural process.



Create Your Own

1. Choose three verbs from the previous page and write them in the spaces below.
2. After you have written them down, think of a preposition that you could place after the verb in order to create a phrasal verb.
3. Write down what you think the phrasal verb means and use the phrasal verb in an example sentence.

Example 1:

Verb: Break Preposition: up Phrasal Verb: Break up

Meaning of the phrasal verb: To end a relationship with someone

Example sentence: My girlfriend likes someone else. We are going to break up.

Example 2:

Verb: Throw Preposition: up Phrasal Verb: Throw up

Meaning of the phrasal verb: To be sick to your stomach, vomit

Example sentence: I ate too much food. I am going to throw up.

1) Verb: _____ Preposition: _____ Phrasal Verb: _____

Meaning of the phrasal verb: _____

Example sentence: _____

2) Verb: _____ Preposition: _____ Phrasal Verb: _____

Meaning of the phrasal verb: _____

Example sentence: _____

3) Verb: _____ Preposition: _____ Phrasal Verb: _____

Meaning of the phrasal verb: _____

Example sentence: _____

Compare your answers with your classmates and discuss the phrasal verbs

you have created. Write down any phrasal verbs you are not familiar with.