

5B VOCABULARY | Phrasal verbs related to studying

1 ★★ Choose a verb from Box A and a word or phrase from Box B to make phrasal verbs that match the definitions.

A catch come drop get go hand **put**

B down to in off out over up on up with

- 1 to do something later
put off
- 2 to revise or repeat, so you can learn
revise
- 3 to do work or study which you have missed
make up
- 4 to give your work to the teacher
hand in
- 5 to have (an idea)
come up with
- 6 to start a task seriously
get down to
- 7 to leave a course before it finishes
drop out of

2 ★ Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs from Exercise 1.

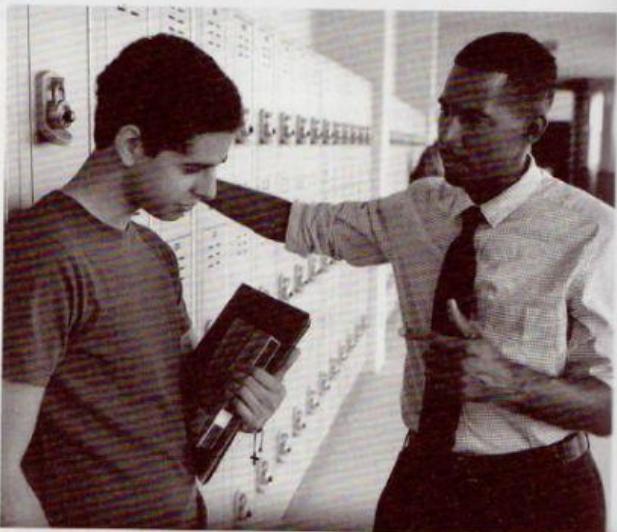
- 1 She managed to catch up on the work she had missed by copying her friend's notes.
- 2 I've got no ideas. Can you come up with some suggestions?
- 3 I'm really tired, so I think I'll put off doing this homework until tomorrow.
- 4 She really hates the drama club; I think she'll probably drop out of soon.
- 5 Remember that we have to hand in our History essays tomorrow morning.
- 6 I'm not very confident about this topic. I'd like to get down to it again.
- 7 OK, let's stop chatting and get down to some serious work.

3 ★ Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs from the box.

come up fell behind keep up with picks up
pull your socks up put together

- 1 You haven't studied anything for the exam! You'd better pull your socks up or you're going to fail!
- 2 We need to study this topic – it's definitely going to fall behind in the exam.
- 3 He neglected his studies for weeks and fell behind the rest of the class.
- 4 Are you sure you can keep up with the class if you're also doing four activities after school?
- 5 I need to put together a plan of my project before class tomorrow.
- 6 She has a talent for learning, she picks up new information really easily.

4 ★★ Complete the conversation with one word in each gap.



Mr Tait Simon, are you feeling OK? You seem to be having trouble keeping ¹ up with the class today.

Simon Actually, I don't feel very well. I can't seem to ² catch ³ up with any of the correct answers.

Mr Tait This isn't normal for you. I never have to tell you to pull your ⁴ socks ⁵ up.

Simon I just feel really tired and I've got a headache. I can't concentrate. I just can't get ⁶ down ⁷ to anything today.

Mr Tait I think I'll ask the secretary to call your parents. Go home. You can ⁸ have ⁹ a break in your work when you feel better. I know you won't ¹⁰ put it off without a good reason.

Simon Thanks Mr Tait. I promise to go ¹¹ over ¹² today's work when I feel better. I don't want to fall ¹³ behind ¹⁴ !

5 ★★ Complete the text with one word in each gap.

I'm not a genius, so I don't ¹ pick things up as soon as I hear them, but I manage to ² keep up with my classwork because I stay organised. I know if I have to go ³ over something and I study it again at home. That way I rarely ⁴ fall behind. In the past, I used to put ⁵ off exercises or projects that I didn't like, but now I have a new strategy. I ⁶ put down to those tasks first and then I do the things I enjoy. For example, my friend Rob and I are going to put ⁷ up a presentation next week on agriculture, so I'm doing my research first, because I'm not really very interested in the subject. But who knows, I might ⁸ come up with some useful information all the same.

6 **ON A HIGH NOTE** Write a short paragraph about how you organise and plan your studies so that you can keep up with your school work.