



PHONE ENGLISH



TICK THE PROBLEMS YOU CAN HAVE ON THE PHONE

- 1 Your phone runs out in the middle of a conversation. ☐
- 2 There's a lot of noise around you. ☐
- 3 You ring the wrong number. ☐
- 4 You can't hear the other person. ☐
- 5 The other person speaks too quickly. ☐
- 6 You can't understand the other person's English. ☐
- 7 You get poor reception on your mobile. ☐

Expressions to deal with the problems:

CHOOSE THE RIGHT ADVERB TO ADD EMPHASIS TO YOUR EXPRESSIONS:

- 1 It's a *really/too* bad line.
- 2 The reception is *very/absolutely* terrible from the train.
- 3 I need to recharge my mobile. The battery's *totally/very* low
- 4 I can't hear. The traffic's *absolutely/too* loud.
- 5 Sorry, it's *too/such* noisy here today.
- 6 This line is *such/so* poor.
- 7 This is *so/such* a terrible line. I can't hear a thing.



EXERCISES!!

Do you know the phrasal verb?

..... = Meaning: Become inaudible over the phone, usually because of a bad connection

..... = Meaning: To telephone someone again or to return a call

..... = Meaning: Call someone on the phone

..... = Meaning: When a telephone call finishes because of a bad connection

..... = Meaning: To be connected to a place by telephone

..... = Meaning: wait for a short time (informal)

..... = Meaning: End a telephone call by putting the phone down

..... = Meaning: wait for a short time

..... = Meaning: Answer the telephone call

..... = Meaning: connect by phone

..... = Meaning: Speak louder

..... = Meaning: Telephone someone later

..... = Meaning: Finish talking on the phone

..... = Meaning: Disconnect using the power button

..... = Meaning: connect using the power button

..... = Meaning: (A message) To communicate (to convey) a message to someone else

..... = Meaning: call in by telephone to a central person or central point.

PHRASAL VERBS CAN HAVE MORE THAN ONE MEANING. HERE, ALL THE MEANINGS ARE RELATED TO PHONE CALL SCENARIOS.

Turn off

Pass on

Turn on

Turn on

Speak up

Cut off

Pick up

Hold on

Phone in

Get through

Break up

Hang on

Call back

Call up

Hang up

Get back to

someone

Put through

Get off

EXERCISES!!



PHRASAL VERBS CAN BE
IRREGULAR OR REGULAR:
REMEMBER TO CHANGE
THEM TO THE PAST FORM
WHERE NEEDED!

Fill in the blanks with phrasal verbs from page 2

1. "Sorry, could you repeat that, please? You're".
2. She said she'd
3. My dad me to tell me the bad news.
4. We were in the middle of our conversation.
5. I finally to Tom on his mobile.
6. I'll just see if he's here.
7. After I I remembered what I'd wanted to say.
8. Could you a moment, please?
9. The phone rang and rang and nobody
10. Could you me to the manager, please?
11. Can you a bit? It's very noisy here.
12. I'll find out and you soon.
13. I just the phone with Dad. He is keeping well.
14. It's good to the phone while charging.
15. Your own greeting is displayed instead of an animation when you the phone.
16. Did you my message to him?
17. I have to and report the changes.



Turn off Pass on Turn on Turn on Speak up Cut off Pick up Hold on
Phone in Get through Break up Hang on Call back Call up Hang up
Get back to someone Put through Get off