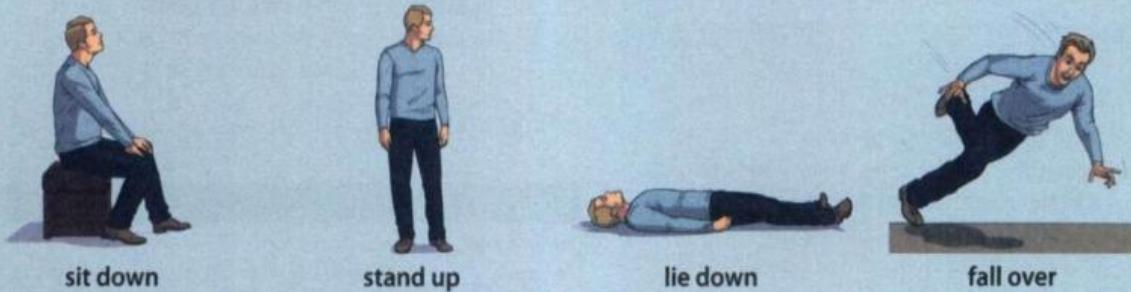


99 Phrasal verbs

A Meaning

Most phrasal verbs are very common in spoken English. They have a verb (*sit, stand, get, etc.*) and a particle (*up, on, off, etc.*). Sometimes, the meaning of the two parts is easy to understand.



Sometimes the two parts form a new meaning.

Phrasal verb	Example	Meaning
give sth up	<i>He had to give up football.</i>	stop doing something
look sth up	<i>I had to look up the meaning.</i>	try to find information in a book or on the internet
take off	<i>The plane couldn't take off.</i>	leave the ground and start flying
grow up	<i>When Ben grows up, he wants to be a doctor.</i>	slowly change from a child to an adult
find sth out	<i>I must find out the times of the trains to Southampton.</i>	find a fact or piece of information you need or want
go out	<i>Let's go out this evening.</i>	leave your home to do a social activity, e.g. go to a cinema, a club, etc.

1 Underline the correct particle.

- I'd like to lie up / down for a minute.
- 1 Can we find out / over how much it costs?
- 2 Where did she grow out / up?
- 3 He fell over / off when he left the house.

- 4 Do you want to go out / off tonight?
- 5 Pepe wants to give on / up his job.
- 6 Look it out / up in your dictionary.
- 7 The plane couldn't take off / up.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct particle.

- Paola doesn't want to go out this evening. She's tired.
- 1 I don't know the name of the hotel, but I can find
- 2 Everyone stood when he came into the room.
- 3 Susana lives in England now, but she grew in Spain.
- 4 She sat at the table and started eating.

- 5 The doctor told me to lie on the bed.
- 6 I told my brother to give smoking.
- 7 The plane took half an hour late because of the bad weather.
- 8 She fell in the street, but several people helped her.
- 9 I asked James to look the meaning of a word for me.

3 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or talk to another student.

- Do you often look up English words in a dictionary? Yes, quite often.
- 1 Is there anything you would like to give up?
- 2 Where did you grow up?
- 3 When you fly, how do you feel when the plane takes off?
- 4 How often do you go out in the evenings? What do you do?

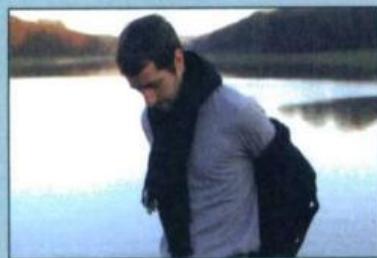


B Grammar

Some phrasal verbs never have an object.

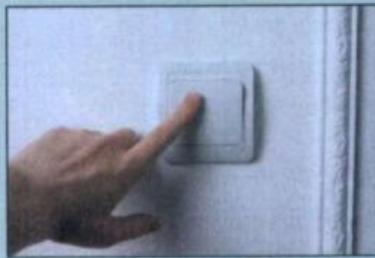
Phrasal verb	Example	Meaning
go up	<i>The price of petrol will go up soon.</i>	▲ increase, become more OPP go down ▼
carry on (with sth)	<i>Can we carry on with the exercise?</i>	continue with something
go back	<i>She wants to go back to London.</i>	return to a place
wake up	<i>I always wake up at 7.00 a.m.</i>	stop sleeping
go away	<i>Go away! I'm working.</i>	leave a person or a place

Other phrasal verbs need an object. In the following verbs, the object can go before or after the particle.



Take off *your jacket.*

Take your jacket *off.*



Could you turn on *the light?*

Could you turn the light *on?*



Put on *your shoes.*

Put your shoes *on.*

When the object is a pronoun (*it*, *them*, etc.) it must go before the particle.

Take it *off.* (NOT *Take off* *it*.)

Put them *on.* (NOT *Put on* *them*.)

4 Change the underlined noun to *it* or *them*, and put it in the correct place.

► Look up <u>the word</u> . <i>Look it up.</i>	4 Put <u>those socks</u> on.
► Look up <u>both words</u> . <i>Look them up.</i>	5 Take off <u>your shoes</u>
1 Take off <u>your jacket</u>	6 Give up <u>chocolate</u>
2 Put on <u>this tie</u>	7 Turn on <u>the lights</u>
3 Turn on <u>the TV</u>	8 Put <u>your coat</u> on.

5 Are the sentences correct, or do they need the pronoun *it*? Where? Look at the examples.

► Look up in the dictionary. <i>Look it up in the dictionary.</i>	► Please sit down. <i>Correct</i>
1 The price will soon go down.	.....
2 Do you want to go back?	.....
3 Could you turn on, please?	.....
4 You can take off if you're hot.	.....
5 His salary will go up soon.	.....
6 Do they want to stop or carry on?	.....
7 Did you put on?	.....
8 What time do you usually wake up?	.....

6 Replace the underlined word(s) with a phrasal verb that has the same meaning.

► The price will <u>decrease</u> soon.	<i>go down</i>
1 I loved Tokyo, and I want to <u>return</u> next year.	.....
2 When we finish Exercise 1, we can <u>continue</u> with Exercise 2.	.....
3 I was busy so I told them to <u>leave me on my own</u>.	.....
4 Can I <u>remove</u> my coat?	.....
5 I think my salary will <u>increase</u> next year.	.....
6 I was so tired, I didn't <u>stop sleeping</u> until 9 o'clock this morning.	.....

