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.



sit down



stand up



lie down



fall over

Sometimes the two parts form a new meaning.

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

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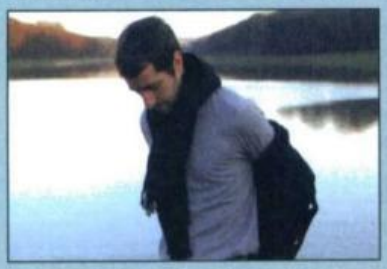
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B Grammar

Some phrasal verbs never have an object.

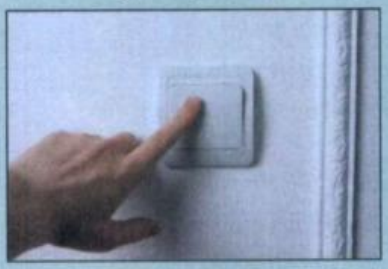
Phrasal verb	Example	Meaning
go up	*The price of petrol will **go up** soon.*	↑ increase, become more OPP **go down** ↓
carry on (with sth)	*Can we **carry on** with the exercise?*	continue with something
go back	*She wants to **go back** to London.*	return to a place
wake up	*I always **wake up** at 7.00 a.m.*	stop sleeping
go away	***Go away**! I'm working.*	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 the word. Look it up.
▶ Look up both words. Look them up.
1 Take off your jacket. .....
2 Put on this tie. .....
3 Turn on the TV. .....
4 Put those socks on. .....
5 Take off your shoes. .....
6 Give up chocolate. .....
7 Turn on the lights. .....
8 Put your coat on. .....

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

▶ Look up in the dictionary. Look it up in the dictionary.
▶ Please sit down. Correct
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 decrease soon. go down
1 I loved Tokyo, and I want to return next year. .....
2 When we finish Exercise 1, we can continue with Exercise 2. .....
3 I was busy so I told them to leave me on my own. .....
4 Can I remove my coat? .....
5 I think my salary will increase next year. .....
6 I was so tired, I didn't stop sleeping until 9 o'clock this morning. .....

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