

Phrasal Verbs with "Come"



A phrasal verb is a verb combined with one or more particles (prepositions or adverbs) that creates a meaning different from the original verb.

For example: **come** + **on** makes "**come on**", which means to stop encourage or push someone. Eg. "Come on! You can do better than that!"

Let's look at some phrasal verbs that use the verb "**come**" combined with different particles to give different meanings.

Activity 1

Match these phrasal verbs to their definitions:

1. come in

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2. come along

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3. come out

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4. come across

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5. come up with

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6. come around

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A to advance or make progress

B to change one's opinion about something and accept or believe it

C to produce or think of an idea or plan

D to find something unexpectedly

E to appear or become visible

F to enter a place

Activity 2

Fill the gaps in these sentences using the phrasal verbs from Activity 1.

1. In the end, I told the truth! I just couldn't come _____ a good excuse for being late to the meeting.



2. After a long discussion, they finally came _____ to the idea of implementing a new strategy.
3. Maria has really come _____ since she started her training program.
4. The stars usually come _____ at night in the countryside.
5. Please knock before you come _____ my office.
6. She was tidying the attic of her house when she came _____ some old photos of her parents.

Activity 3

Replace the words in bold in this dialogue with the phrasal verbs with "come". Make sure you put them in the correct form.

(knock on door)

Tom: Hey Sarah. Can I **enter**?

Sarah: Of course! You know my door is always open. How can I help you today?

Tom: Well, I've been trying to **think of** some creative concepts, but nothing seems to **appear**.

Tom: Don't worry, sometimes it takes time to think of a good idea. Let's brainstorm together.

Sarah: Thanks, Tom. How are things **progressing** on your part?

Tom: It's been slow, but I'm starting to make progress. You know, I really didn't like this project much at the start. However, after **finding** some inspiring examples online, I'm starting to **change my opinion of it**.

Sarah: Let's keep moving forward and I'm sure we'll come up with something which is truly unique!