# Unit 26 Phrasal verbs 1

## Explanations

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The object always follows these verbs, and cannot be put between any of the parts. Verbs marked * can be used intransitively without the final preposition.
*I've decided to cut down on smoking.* *I've decided to cut down.*
A selection of verbs is listed here with examples. Others, and other meanings of those listed here, are included in the activities.

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| Cut down on * | |
| *I've decided to* ____ *smoking.* | (reduce the amount of) |
| Catch up with * | |
| *They are too far ahead for us to* ____ *them.* | (reach the same place as) |
| Come up against | |
| *I'm afraid we've* ____ *a problem we can't solve.* | (meet) |
| Come up with | |
| *Have you* ____ *an answer yet?* | (think of) |
| Drop in on * | |
| *I* ____ *Bill and Sheila on my way home.* | (visited) |
| Face up to | |
| *You must* ____ *reality!* | (accept, deal with) |
| Feel up to | |
| *You must* ____ *going to work.* | (feel fit to do) |
| Get away with | |
| *Jack stole the money and* ____ *it.* | (avoid discovery) |
| Get along/on with * | |
| *Do you* ____ *your new boss?* | (have good relations with) |
| Get on with | |
| *Stop talking and* ____ *our work!* | (continue with) |
| Get out of | |
| *I managed to* ____ *working late.* | (avoid a responsibility) |
| Get round to | |
| *I haven't* ____ *decorating yet.* | (find time to do) |
| Get up to | |
| *What has young Bill been* ____ *?* | (do, often something wrong) |
| Go in for | |
| *Do you* ____ *sailing?* | (have as a hobby) |
| Grow out of | |
| *Julie has* ____ *playing with dolls.* | (become too old for) |



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Keep up with *
*You're going too fast! I can't* ... *you!* (stay in the same place as)
Look down on
*Our neighbours* ... *anyone* (feel superior to)
*without a car.*
Look up to
*I really* ... *my teacher.* (respect)
Look forward to
*We are* ... *our holiday.* (think we will enjoy)
Make up for
*The wonderful dinner* ... *the bad* (compensate for)
*service.*
Put up with
*I can't* ... *these screaming children!* (bear)
Run out of *
*Oh dear, we've* ... *petrol!* (have no more of)
Stand up for
*You must learn to* ... *yourself!* (defend)

**2** Verbs with two parts: transitive and inseparable

These verbs take an object, but the object cannot be put between verb and preposition.

*I can't* ... *coffee in the morning!*
Ask after
*Jim* ... *you yesterday.* (ask for news of)
Call for
*I'll* ... *you at six.* (come and collect)
Call on
*I* ... *some friends in Plymouth.* (visit)
Come across
*Joe* ... *this old painting in the attic.* (find by chance)
Come into
*Sue* ... *a large sum of money.* (inherit)
Count on
*I'* ... *you to help me.* (depend on)
Deal with
*How would you* ... *the traffic problem?* (take action about)
Do without
*We'll have to* ... *a holiday this year.* (manage without)
Get at
*What* ... *you* ... *?* (suggest)
Get over
*Barry has* ... *his illness now.* (recover from)
Go over
*Let's* ... *our plan once more.* (discuss the details)



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| Join in<br>*Try to ... the lesson as much as you can.* | (contribute to) |
| Live on<br>*They ... the money her father gives them.* | (have as income) |
| Look into<br>*The government is ... the problem.* | (investigate) |
| Look round<br>*Let's ... the town today.* | (look at everything) |
| Make for<br>*Where are you ... exactly?* | (go in the direction of) |
| Pick on<br>*My teacher is always ... me.* | (choose a person to punish) |
| Run into<br>*I ... Steve in the supermarket yesterday.* | (meet by chance) |
| See about<br>*We'll have to ... getting you an office.* | (arrange) |
| See to<br>*Can you ... the dog's food?* | (attend to, take care of) |
| Stand for<br>*I won't ... such rudeness!* | (tolerate) |
| *Andrew is ... parliament.* | (be a candidate) |
| Take after<br>*Helen ... her mother.* | (have the same characteristics as) |

## Activities

**1** Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the phrasal verb given, in a suitable form.

a) Sorry, but I haven't found time to fix your bike yet. (get round to)
Sorry, but I haven't got round to fixing your bike yet.

b) Oh bother, we don't have any milk left. (run out of)
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c) It took me a long time to recover from my illness. (get over)
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d) Peter is just like his father! (take after)
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e) I think we've found an answer to the problem. (come up with)
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f) I don't think I'm well enough to play football today. (feel up to)
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g) Ann is someone I really respect. (look up to)
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h) I must arrange to have the kitchen painted
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