

Read the sentences about phone calls. Match the meanings to the phrasal verbs in bold.

Group 1

1. I'm in a train station, and it's very noisy. I can't hear you very well. Can you **speak up**?
a. answer the phone
2. Oh no! We're going through a tunnel, and you're starting to **break up**! I only heard the first part of what you said.
b. end the call
3. The phone's ringing. If he's not busy, he'll **pick it up**.
c. speak more loudly
4. If you get a wrong number, just say you're sorry and **hang up**.
d. your voice is on and off again

Group 2

1. Yes, Ms. Watkins is available. I'll **put you through** to her.
a. connect someone on their personal line
2. I tried and tried **to call** the school, but I couldn't **get through** to anyone. I'll send them an email instead.
b. make contact with the person you are calling
3. You want to speak to my brother? OK, **hang on** a second. Jim?
c. wait - informal
4. Could I just ask you to **hold on** a moment while I see if the manager is available?
d. wait - more formal