

VOCABULARY Phrasal Verbs

PHRASAL VERBS
A **phrasal verb** is a verb that is made up of a **main verb together with an adverb or a preposition, or both**. Typically, their meaning is not obvious from the meanings of the individual words themselves.

My car **broke down** on the motorway.
(verb + adverb)
Please, **look after** the children.
(verb + preposition)
I can't **put up with** him, he is always complaining.
(verb + adverb + preposition)

A. Read the website and match eight of the phrasal verbs in blue with the definitions. (7 marks)

take up	put on	show off	save up	go away
check out	look for	find out	break down	get back
give up	make up	carry on	hold on	dress up

- 1 wear special clothes (for a show or party, etc) *dress up*
- 2 get more information about something
- 3 display your abilities to impress people
- 4 begin doing a new hobby or free time activity
- 5 support yourself with your hands to be safe
- 6 stop working (a car)
- 7 stop making an effort, stop doing an activity
- 8 invent a story or an excuse

CHATZONE Tell me about any recent challenges or experiences or new things you are planning to do.

 I **took up** windsurfing last year. At first it's quite hard, but when you learn how to **hold on** it's really exciting!

 We **went away** last weekend on a survival course. We had to build our own shelter, **look for** food in the forest and cook it over an open fire.

 I'd like to do a course in animation. I **checked out** a few options on the internet and **found out** that they are very expensive. So I have decided to **save up** for next year.

 We drove to Scotland in August and had a brilliant holiday. Unfortunately, on the way home the car **broke down**. We didn't **get back** home until three in the morning!

 I've **put on** plays with my friends. We **make up** our own stories, write all the words and **dress up**. My brother thinks we're just **showing off**, but everyone else really likes it!

 We went on a 15-mile hike in the mountains. After 10 miles I wanted to **give up**, but we were miles from anywhere so we had to **carry on**. But once we had arrived I was glad we had done it.

B. Choose the correct definition for each phrasal verb. (10 marks)

- 1 go away
- 2 look for
- 3 check out
- 4 save up
- 5 get back
- 6 put on
- 7 carry on
- 8 call for
- 9 put off
- 10 set aside