

## LEARNING UNIT # 2

## PHRASAL VERBS

## What is a phrasal verb?

In English, a **phrasal verb** is a combination (mixture) of two or three words to make a phrase with a single meaning. **Phrasal verbs** combine a verb and an adverb or a preposition.

verb + preposition = phrasal verb

look up "Let's look up the meaning in the dictionary."



**look up** - **phrasal verb** - to look for information in a dictionary or reference book, or by using a computer

## to figure out

## 1. resolver/calcular/decifrar

ej: We figured out this mystery./Resolvimos este misterio.

## 2. entender

ej: I'm trying to figure out what you want./Intento entender lo que quieres.

## 3. averiguar

ej: You need to figure out why your girlfriend slapped you./Necesitas averiguar por qué tu novia te dio una cachetada.



Hand in



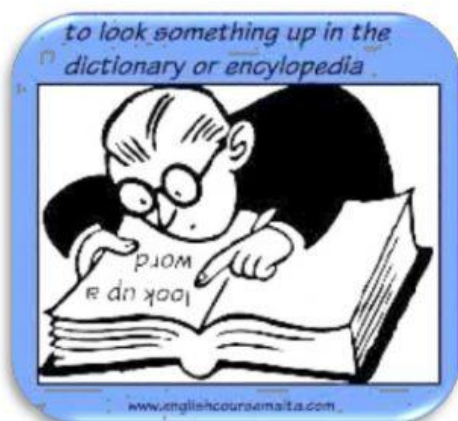
put on



take off

### Group A: Phrasal Verbs (separable)\*

Verb	Definition	Example
<b>figure out</b> . . . . .	find the solution to a problem	I <i>figured out</i> the answer.
<b>hand in</b> . . . . .	give homework, papers, etc., to a teacher	We <i>handed in</i> our homework.
<b>hand out</b> . . . . .	give something to this person, then to that person, then to another person, etc.	The teacher <i>handed out</i> the test papers.
<b>look up</b> . . . . .	look for information in a dictionary, a telephone directory, an encyclopedia, etc.	I <i>looked</i> a word <i>up</i> in the dictionary.
<b>make up</b> . . . . .	invent (a story)	Children like to <i>make up</i> stories.
<b>pick up</b> . . . . .	lift	Tom <i>picked up</i> the baby.
<b>put down</b> . . . . .	stop holding or carrying	I <i>put down</i> the heavy packages.
<b>put off</b> . . . . .	postpone	We <i>put off</i> our trip until next summer.
<b>put on</b> . . . . .	place clothes on one's body	I <i>put on</i> my coat before I left.
<b>take off</b> . . . . .	remove clothes from one's body	I <i>took off</i> my coat when I arrived.
<b>throw away</b> } . . . .	put in the trash, discard	I <i>threw away</i> my old notebooks.
<b>throw out</b> }		I <i>threw out</i> my old notebooks.
<b>turn off</b> . . . . .	stop a machine or a light	I <i>turned off</i> the lights and went to bed.
<b>turn on</b> . . . . .	start a machine or a light	I <i>turned on</i> the light so I could read.
<b>wake up</b> . . . . .	stop sleeping	My wife <i>woke me up</i> at six.
<b>write down</b> . . . . .	write a note on a piece of paper	I <i>wrote</i> his phone number <i>down</i> .



# PICK UP



## Put off

to decide or arrange to delay an event or activity until a later time or date.



"I've *put off* talking to him about this for far too long."

# GRAMMAR FOCUS

## Two-part verbs; will for responding to requests

### With nouns

Turn **down** the TV.

Turn the TV **down**.

Put **away** your books.

Put your books **away**.

### With pronouns

Turn **it down**.

(NOT: Turn down it.)

Put **them away**.

(NOT: Put away them.)

### Requests and responses

Please turn down the music.

OK. I'll turn it down.

Put away your books, please.

All right. I'll put them away.

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## EXERCISE Phrasal verbs. (Group A)

Directions: Complete the sentences with the given particles.

away	down	in	off	on	out	up
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- Before I left home this morning, I put on my coat.
- When I got to class this morning, I took my coat                     .
- The students handed their homework                     .
- Johnny made                      a story. He didn't tell the truth.
- The weather was bad, so we put                      the picnic until next week.
- Alice looked a word                      in her dictionary.
- Alice wrote the definition                     .
- My roommate is messy. He never picks                      his clothes.
- The teacher handed the test papers                      at the beginning of the class period.
- A strange noise woke                      the children in the middle of the night.
- When some friends came to visit, Chris stopped watching TV. He turned the television set                     .
- It was dark when I got home last night, so I turned the lights                     .
- Peggy finally figured                      the answer to the arithmetic problem.
- When I was walking through the airport, my arms got tired. So I put my suitcases                      for a minute and rested.
- I threw                      yesterday's newspaper.

# Sure! I'll do it.

- ▶ Discuss common complaints
- ▶ Make and respond to requests
- ▶ Apologize

## SNAPSHOT

### FAMILY COMPLAINTS



- ☐ We never have dinner together as a family.
- ☐ Everybody is always arguing about housework.
- ☐ My daughter never takes her headphones off.
- ☐ My father criticizes everything I do.
- ☐ My husband never helps around the house.
- ☐ My kids are always texting their friends.
- ☐ My mother often calls me late at night.
- ☐ My parents don't respect my privacy.
- ☐ My brother never puts his phone away.
- ☐ My wife always brings work home on weekends.

Which complaints seem reasonable? Which ones seem unreasonable? Why?

Do you have similar complaints about anyone in your family? Check (✓) the complaints.

What other complaints do people sometimes have about family members?

## CONVERSATION I'll turn it off.

A Listen and practice.

**Nolan** Please turn down the TV. I have to study.

**Ken** I'm sorry. I'll turn it down.

**Nolan** It's still too loud.

**Ken** All right. I'll turn it off. I'll go watch this show in my room.

**Nolan** Thanks.

**Ken** No problem.

**Nolan** This place is such a mess. Rodrigo, your clothes are all over the place.

**Rodrigo** They're not mine. . . . And these books are yours, actually. Why don't you put them away?

**Nolan** I'm sorry. I guess I'm kind of nervous about my exam tomorrow.

**Rodrigo** That's OK. I know how you feel. Those exams drive me crazy, too.



**Oral Activity:** Instructions, let's imagine you and Mike are roommates. Every single time you come back from work you find the apartment as it is shown in the picture. It is time to talk about what is going on with your roommate. Make the conversation in front of the classroom. **Productions time: 15 minutes.** (



## Useful grammar structure

### Requests with modals and *Would you mind . . . ?*

#### Modal + simple form of verb

Can you **keep** your cat inside, please?

Could you **turn** the music **down**, please?

Would you please **park** your car in your space?

#### *Would you mind . . . + gerund*

*Would you mind **keeping** your cat inside?*

*Would you mind **turning** the music **down**, please?*

*Would you mind **not parking** your car in my space?*

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### Group B: Phrasal Verbs (nonseparable)

Verb	Definition	Example
call on . . . . .	ask (someone) to speak in class	The teacher <i>called on</i> Ali.
come from . . . .	originate	Where do these bananas <i>come from</i> ?
get over . . . . .	recover from an illness or a shock	Sue <i>got over</i> her cold and returned to work.
get off . . . . .	leave	I <i>got off</i> the bus at Maple Street.
get on . . . . .	enter	I <i>got on</i> the bus at Pine Street.
get in . . . . .	enter	I <i>got in</i> the taxi at the airport.
get out of . . . .	leave	I <i>got out of</i> the taxi at the hotel.
look into . . . . .	investigate	Someone needs to <i>look into</i> this problem.
run into . . . . .	meet by chance	I <i>ran into</i> Peter at the market.

Look into



to **run into** someone (phrasal verb)

to meet someone by chance.

I **ran into** my old high school math teacher today at the grocery store.



## "GET" for Transport

### Get in / Get out

(used for cars)



Car



Taxi



Truck



Van

### Get on / Get off

(used for other forms of transportation)

Plane



Ship



Train



Bus



Bicycle



Motorbike



## get on vs get in

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if you can walk inside then you:



get on



get off



a plane



a train



a tram



a ferry



if you can't walk inside then you:



get in(to)



get out (of)



a car



a helicopter



a boat



a campervan

# GET OVER

GET: Conseguir, obtener / OVER: Sobre, por encima de  
Inseparable

## Significado

### 1 Recuperarse

- Recuperarse, reponerse, mejorarse (de una enfermedad, un daño físico o emocional, etc.)

### Ejemplos:

- It took her a very long time to **get over** the shock of his death.

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Call on: to ask someone in a formal way to do something:

- They're calling on all men and boys over the age of 14 to join the army.
- I call on everyone to raise a glass to the happy couple

# COME FROM

COME: Venir, llegar / FROM: De, desde  
Inseparable

Most of our oranges **come from** Valencia.  
My parents **came from** Zamora.

**Most of toys come from China.**



## EXERCISE. Phrasal verbs. (Group B)

Directions: Complete the sentences with particles.

1. When I raised my hand in class, the teacher called on me.
2. While I was walking down the street, I ran across an old friend.
3. Fred feels okay today. He got over his cold.
4. Last week I flew from Chicago to Miami. I got on the plane in Chicago. I got off the plane in Miami.
5. Sally took a taxi to the airport. She got into the taxi in front of her apartment building. She got out of the taxi at the airport.
6. I take the bus to school every day. I get on the bus at the corner of First Street and Sunser Boulevard. I get off the bus just a block away from the classroom building.
7. Mr. Zabidi will look into renting a car for his weekend trip.
8. Where do snow leopards come from?

## Group C: Phrasal Verbs (separable)

Verb	Definition	Example
ask out . . . . .	ask (someone) to go on a date	Tom <i>asked Mary out</i> . They went to a movie.
call back . . . . .	return a telephone call	I'll <i>call you back</i> tomorrow.
call off . . . . .	cancel	We <i>called off</i> the picnic due to bad weather.
call up . . . . .	make a telephone call	I <i>called up</i> my friend in New York.
give back . . . . .	return something to someone	I borrowed Al's pen, then I <i>gave it back</i> .
hang up . . . . .	hang on a hanger or a hook	I <i>hung my coat up</i> in the closet.
pay back . . . . .	return borrowed money to someone	Thanks for the loan. I'll <i>pay you back</i> soon.
put away . . . . .	put something in its usual or proper place	I <i>put the clean dishes away</i> .
put back . . . . .	return something to its original place	I <i>put my papers back</i> into my briefcase.
put out . . . . .	extinguish (stop) a fire, a cigarette	We <i>put out</i> the campfire before we left.
shut off . . . . .	stop a machine or light, turn off	I <i>shut off</i> my printer before I left the office.
try on . . . . .	put on clothing to see if it fits	I <i>tried on</i> several pairs of shoes.
turn down . . . . .	decrease the volume	Sue <i>turned down</i> the music. It was too loud.
turn up . . . . .	increase the volume	Al <i>turned up</i> the radio. He likes loud music.

**ASK OUT**

invite someone to go on a date

She likes him but she is too shy to ask him out.



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**CALL UP**

Contact someone by phone

Example:

Can you call up the electrician?  
The fridge is broken.



**PHRASAL VERB**


**CALL SOMETHING OFF**

cancel



"Jason **called the wedding off** because he wasn't in love with his fiancé."

Put away your books.



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**Phrasal verb: Try on**

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Hey mom, can I **try** that jacket **on**? / Can i **try on** that jacket?

Yes sure! **Try it on**! What size do you need?



**pay back**



[phrasal verb] to return money that was borrowed from somebody

Now I've got a good job, I can finally **pay back** the money my brother lent me.

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**put out**

stop something burning.



"it took firefighters two hours to **put the blaze out**"



"please, **put that cigarette out**"

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Have your neighbours ever asked you to **turn down** the music?

# GIVE BACK

## Significado

### 1 Devolver

- Devolver, retornar algo a alguien.

### Ejemplos:

- We just want them to **give** us **back** our money.



Do you always remember to **turn off** all appliances when leaving home?

## EXERCISE 10. Phrasal verbs. (Group C)

*Directions:* Complete the sentences with pronouns and particles.

1. A: Could you lend me a couple of bucks?

B: Sure.

A: Thanks. I'll pay you back tomorrow.

2. A: The radio is too loud. Could you please turn \_\_\_\_\_?

B: Sure.

3. A: I can't hear the TV. Could you please turn \_\_\_\_\_?

B: I'd be glad to.

4. A: Have you heard from Jack lately?

B: No. I think I'll call \_\_\_\_\_ tonight and see how he is.\*

5. A: Someone's at the door. Can I call \_\_\_\_\_?

B: Sure.

6. A: Where's my coat?

B: I hung \_\_\_\_\_.

7. A: Did you leave the water on?

B: No. I shut \_\_\_\_\_ when I finished washing my hands.

8. A: May I borrow your calculator? I'll give \_\_\_\_\_ to you tomorrow.

B: Sure. Keep it as long as you need it.

9. A: You can't smoke that cigarette in the auditorium. You'd better put \_\_\_\_\_ before we go in.

B: Okay.

10. A: Do you have any plans for Saturday night?

B: Yes. I have a date. Jim Olsen asked \_\_\_\_\_.

11. A: Did you take my eraser off my desk?

B: Yes, but I put \_\_\_\_\_ on your desk when I was finished.