

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

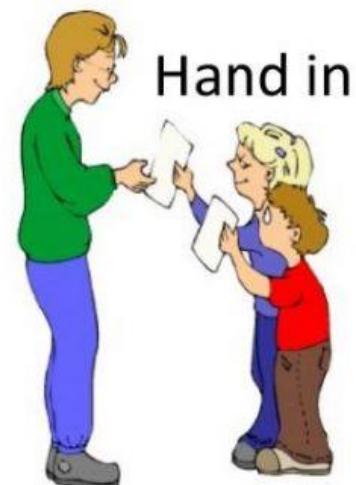
ej: We figured out this mystery./Resolvimos este misterio.

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.

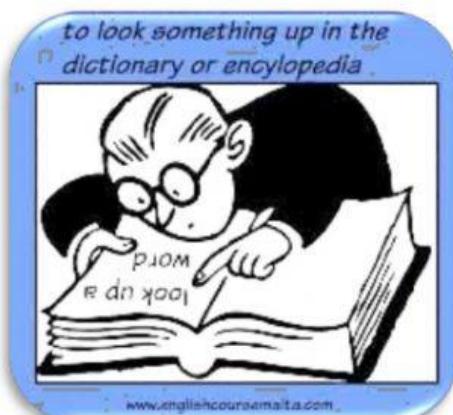


put on

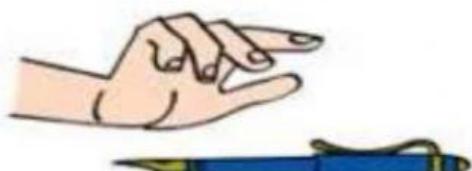
take off

Group A: Phrasal Verbs (separable)*

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

1. Before I left home this morning, I put on my coat.
2. When I got to class this morning, I took my coat _____.
3. The students handed their homework _____.
4. Johnny made _____ a story. He didn't tell the truth.
5. The weather was bad, so we put _____ the picnic until next week.
6. Alice looked a word _____ in her dictionary.
7. Alice wrote the definition _____.
8. My roommate is messy. He never picks _____ his clothes.
9. The teacher handed the test papers _____ at the beginning of the class period.
10. A strange noise woke _____ the children in the middle of the night.
11. When some friends came to visit, Chris stopped watching TV. He turned the television set _____.
12. It was dark when I got home last night, so I turned the lights _____.

13. Peggy finally figured _____ the answer to the arithmetic problem.
14. When I was walking through the airport, my arms got tired. So I put my suitcases _____ for a minute and rested.
15. 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.

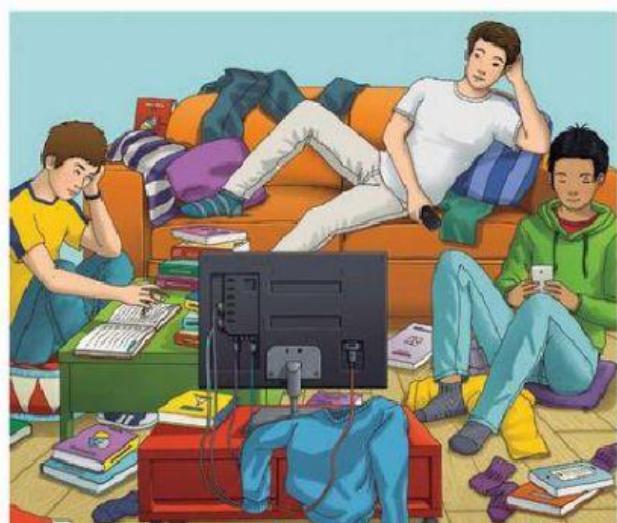
Ken No problem.

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.

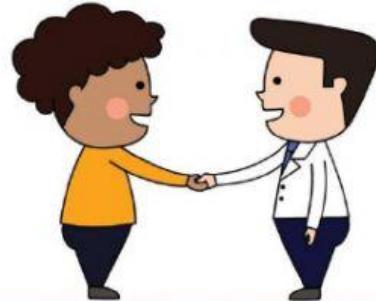


Look into

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:

a plane



a train



a tram



a ferry



a car



a helicopter



a boat



a campervan

GET OVER

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

Significado

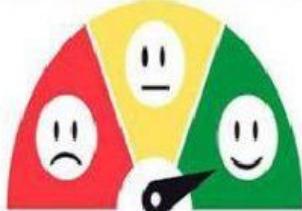
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1 Recuperarse

- 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.



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

CALL UP

Contact someone by phone

Example:

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

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CALL SOMETHING OFF

cancel



CANCELLED

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

Put away your books.



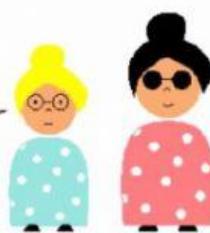
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Phrasal verb: Try on



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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GIVE BACK

Significado

1 Devolver

- Devolver, retornar algo a alguien.



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

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.