

Phrasal verbs related to...

Love & Relationships (1)



Exercise 1: Match the phrasal verbs below to their definitions and compare in pairs.

1. lead on	A. pretend you're interested in a serious relationship when you aren't.
2. get over	B. secretly have a relationship with sb else when you have a partner.
3. drift / grow apart	C. end a relationship.
4. make up	D. start a relationship again with sb you have already dated.
5. get on / along (with)	E. have an argument/disagreement with sb and stop being friends.
6. get back together	F. be on good terms/friendly with sb again after an argument.
7. cheat on	G. have a good relationship with sb.
8. split / break up	H. continue with your life after a relationship ends.
9. fall out (with)	I. become less familiar with/close to sb.
10. move on	J. recover emotionally after a relationship ends.
11. hit on	K. arrange to meet sb for a date but not go.
12. stand up	L. show sb you're attracted to them by flirting with them/chatting them up.



Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verb from the box below.

The best way to remember new phrasal verbs is to learn them in context rather than memorising a long list with definitions. It is important to practice using phrasal verbs in context as much as possible.

cheat on	stand up	drift/grow apart	get on/along
fall out with	break/split up	hit on	get over
move on	make up	get back together	lead on

1. It's been a year since Jessica _____ with Tom and he still hasn't _____.
2. I feel bad for Linda, her date _____ her _____ the other night with no explanation.
3. My last girlfriend _____ me with her ex-boyfriend and it broke my heart.
4. Jenny _____ her best friend last year. They don't speak at all now.
5. Samantha always _____ barmen when we go out; she hopes they'll give her free drinks!
6. I've been friends with James for over 20 years and we still _____ very well.
7. It took me ages to _____ my ex. I was so heartbroken but I hardly think about him now.
8. Dan and Steve had a massive argument on Saturday night but they've _____ now.
9. My wife and I met in university and dated for 3 years before we broke up. 10 years later, we reconnected at a class reunion and decided to _____.
10. It's very common for couples to _____ as they get older and are distracted by kids and family responsibilities.
11. Sarah was messaging a guy she met at the gym last week, but she discovered he had a girlfriend. He completely _____ her _____! Can you believe that?