**Phrasal verbs**

**We often use verbs with:**

**In, out, on, off, up, down, away, back, by, through, about, along, over, forward, round, or, around**

**Example: look out / get on / take off / run away etc. These are phrasal verbs.**

**1) on/off/out etc.- with verbs of movement. For example:**

**get on** The bus was full. We couldn’t get on.

**drive off** A woman got into the car and drove off.

**come back** Sarah is leaving tomorrow and coming back on Saturday.

**turn round** When I touched him on the shoulder, he turned round.

**2)Often the second word (on/off/out etc.) gives a special meaning to the verb. For exam**ple:

**break down** Sorry I’m late. The car broke down. (= the engine stopped working)

**find out** I never found out who sent me the flowers. (= I never discovered)

**take off** It was my first flight. I was nervous as the plane took off. (= went into the air)

**give up** I tried many times to contact her. In the end I gave up. (= stopped trying)

get on How was the exam? How did you get on? (= How did you do?)

get by My French isn’t good, but it’s enough to get by. (= enough to manage

**3)Sometimes a phrasal verb is followed by a preposition. For example:**

phrasal verb preposition example:

look up at We looked up at the plane as it flew above us.

run away from Why did you run away from me?

keep up with You’re walking too fast. I can’t keep up with you.

look forward to Are you looking forward to your trip?

**4)Sometimes a phrasal verb has an object. For example:**

I turned on the light. (the light is the object)

Usually there are two possible positions for the object. You can say:

I turned on the light. or I turned the light on.

**4.1)But if the object is a pronoun (it/them/me/him etc.), only one position is possible:**

I turned it on. (not I turned on it)

**5) In the same way, you can say:**

take off my shoes. I’m going to take my shoes off.

but These shoes are uncomfortable. I’m going to take them off. (not take off them)

wake up the baby. Don’t wake the baby up.

but The baby is asleep. Don’t wake her up. (not wake up her)

throw away this box. Don’t throw this box away.

but I want to keep this box, so don’t throw it away. (not throw away it)

**137.1 Complete each sentence using a verb from A (in the correct form) + a word from B.**

**A be get fly sit break get go speak come get look take**

**B away by on round back down off up back down out up**

1 Sarah is leaving tomorrow and coming back on Saturday.

2 I’ve been standing a long time. I’m going to **sit down** for a bit.

3 It’s a very busy airport. There are planes landing and **taking off** all the time.

4 A cat tried to catch the bird, but it **flew away/off** just in time.

5 We were trapped in the building. We couldn’t **get out**.

6 I can’t hear you very well. Can you **speak up** a little?

7 Ben’s salary is very low, but it’s enough to **get by**. (vivre avec)

8 Everything is so expensive now. Prices have **gone up** a lot.

9 I heard a noise behind me, so I **look round** to see what it was.

10 I’m going out now to do some shopping. I’ll **be back** in about an hour.

11 Our car **broke down** on the motorway and we had to call for help.

12 How is your new job? How are you **getting on** ?

**137.2 Complete each sentence using a word from A and a word from B.**

**A away in up back out up up forward**

**B at to with about at to with through**

1 You’re walking too fast. I can’t keep up with you.

2 My holidays are nearly over. Next week I’ll be **back at** work.

3 We went **up to** the top floor of the building to admire the view.

4 The meeting tomorrow is going to be difficult. I’m not looking **forward to** it.

5 There was a bank robbery last week. The robbers got **away with** £50,000.

6 I love to look **up at** the stars in the night sky.

7 I was sitting in the kitchen when a bird flew **in through** the open window.

8 How do you know about the plan? How did you find it **out about**?

**137.3 Complete the sentences. Use these phrasal verbs + it/them/me:**

**get out give back switch on take off throw away wake up**

1 I want to keep this box. Don’t throw it away .

2 I’m going to bed now. Can you **wake me up** at 6.30?

3 I’ve got something in my eye and I can’t **get it out**.

4 I don’t like it when people borrow things and don’t **bring them back**.

5 I want to use the hair dryer. How do I **switch it on**?

6 My shoes are dirty. I’d better **take them off** before going into the house.

**137.4 Complete the sentences. Use the word in brackets.**

1 Don’t throw away this box. I want to keep it. (away)

2 I don’t want this newspaper. You can throw it away. (away)

3 These books are Lisa’s. I have to give **it back** to her. (back)

4 We can turn **it off**. Nobody is watching it. (off)

5 Shh! My mother is asleep. I don’t want to wake **her** **up**. (up)

6 It’s cold today. You should put **it** **on** if you go out. (on)

7 It was only a small fire. I was able to put **it** **out** easily. (out)

8 It’s a bit dark in this room. Shall I turn **on the light**? (on)

9 a: The hotel is more expensive than when we stayed here last year.

B: Yes, they’ve put **up the price**. (up)

10 a: How did the vase get broken?

B: I’m afraid I knocked **over** while I was cleaning. (over)