

4PhrasalVerbs

Phrasal verbs that can be used in a variety of situations.

pencil in

separable/transitive

- to arrange or organise something knowing that it may have to be changed later.

*"Sally disliked **pencilling in** meetings with Jack because he nearly always rearranged at the last minute."*

*"Jack often **pencilled** meetings **in** without giving much thought to the dates or times."*

perk up

separable/intransitive & transitive

- to begin to feel happier or more lively and active.

*"Nothing **perks** Jack **up** in the morning than a cup of coffee!"*

*"When Sally is feeling a little sad, she **perks** herself **up** by going to the funfair."*

peter out

inseparable/intransitive

- to gradually become smaller or weaker before coming to an end or disappearing completely.

*"When Sally finishes yoga, the conversation never **peters out**."*

*Jack finds it hard to talk to his younger brother and often finds the conversations **peter out**."*

phase in

separable/transitive

- to gradually start using something.

*"When Jack first started exercising in the morning, he sensibly **phased** it **in** slowly."*

*"Sally liked that the supermarkets **phased** **in** the new mask rules."*

YOU SHOULD LEARN PHRASAL VERBS BECAUSE...

1. They can often communicate complex ideas in a more concise way.
2. All native speakers use them, often without even realising it.
3. Using them will demonstrate a deeper understanding of English. But remember, only use them if you believe the person you are communicating with will understand them.
4. Most TV shows, movies, books, internet pages etc written by native speakers will use them, therefore, understanding them means you can enjoy the content more.

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