

PHRASAL VERBS

Unit 1

WHAT ARE THEY?

- Phrasal verbs are mainly used in spoken English and informal texts. (The more formal a conversation or text, the less phrasal verbs are found.)
- ❖ Phrasal verbs consist of a verb + a particle (preposition, adverb). The particle can change the meaning of the verb completely, e.g.:

look up - consult a reference book (look a word up in a dictionary)

look for - seek (look for her ring)

look forward – anticipate with pleasure (look forward to meeting someone)

Note: In the example we are using the same verb, but with a different particle it gets a different meaning.

SEPARABLE AND NON-SEPARABLE PHRASAL VERBS

Separable: the object can be between the verb and the preposition or adverb.

E.g. The waiter <u>added</u> the bill <u>up</u>. **or** The waiter <u>added</u> <u>up</u> the bill.

Non-separable: the object must be after the phrasal verb.

E.g. I'm too busy to <u>deal with</u> the client right now.

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carry out

do a particular piece of work, research etc

The building work was carried out by a local contractor.

take over

take control of something

Toshiba is taking over the smaller company.

take on

employ someone

We're taking on new staff at the moment.

lay off

dismiss, usually for economic reasons

They had to lay off workers.

knuckle down

start working harder

It's time we knuckled down.

hand in

give something to a person in authority

> He's already handed in his report.

burn out

be extremely tired

I burned out from work stress.

knock off

stop working

Let's knock off early tonight.

call off

cancel

She's called off the meeting.

slack off

work less hard

Workers usually slack off on Fridays.

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sell out

sell all of the supply that you have of something

The first issue of the magazine SOLD OUT within two days.

try on

put on a piece of clothing to see if it fits

TRY ON the shoes to see if they fit.

try out

test something

Lanny is TRYING OUT her new

put on

start wearing something Dorothy PUT ON her coat.

pay for

give money in order to buy something

I PAID good money FOR those shoes.

ring up

record an amount of money by pressing buttons on a cash register

She RANG UP our purchases quickly and we left.

queue up / line up

wait in a line behind people

We QUEUED UP/LINED UP

shop around

compare prices before buying I'm SHOPPING AROUND for a new winter coat.

take off

remove a piece of clothing I'd better TAKE my shoes OFF.

turn down

refuse something

She TURNED DOWN my proposal

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look at someone or something to see whether you like them

looking guy over there.

hit on

flirt with someone: make a pass at someone.

chat up

talking flirtatiously to someone.

He spent all evening chatting her up.

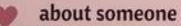
ask out

invite someone to go out with you

Jack asked me out to the movies on Friday. Her parents split up a few months ago

fall for

have strong romantic feelings



make up forgive each other after

an argument

as usual.

cheat on

be unfaithful to your partner

re found out that he'd

break up

end a romantic relationship

Jenny and George have broken up

split up

end a romantic relationship

get back together

re-start a relationship with an ex-lover

She always falls for older men. I kept hoping we would get back together. @ 2016. Eva Oros. All rights reserved.



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EDUCATION

be into

be interested in sth

ARE you INTO literature?

take up

start doing a new activity

Chris has TAKEN UP jogging.

fall behind

make less progress than others

My daughter is FALLING BEHIND with her school work.

catch up with

improve and reach the same standard as other people

I need to CATCH UP WITH Jane.

go over

1. check something

2. practise and repeat something in order to learn it

Could you GO OVER this report?

Let's GO OVER our lines for the play.

read up on

study or learn sth by reading

I need to READ UP ON Malawi.

hand in / turn in

give your finished work to a teacher

She HANDED IN / TURNED IN her essay.

hand out

give sth to each person in a group

The teacher HANDED OUT the worksheets.

copy out

write sth again exactly as it was written

We always COPY OUT sentences from a book

drop out

stop going to a school before finishing it

She DROPPED OUT of college and went straight into a job.



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leave to go on holiday

I need to GET AWAY for a few days.

set off

start a journey

We SET OFF early the next morning.

+ take off

leave the ground, begin to fly

The plane TOOK OFF at 8.30 a.m.

check in

arrive and register at an airport or hotel

Please CHECK IN 2 hours before the flight.

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check out

leave the hotel after paying

We CHECKED OUT (of/from our hotel)

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take someone somewhere by car

Can I DROP you OFF somewhere on my way home?

speed up

go faster

The car suddenly SPED UP and and went through a red light.

get on / get off

enter / leave a bus, train, plane A lot of people usually GET ON / GET OFF the train at Cambridge.

see off

go to the airport or station with sb in order to say goodbye to them

Anne SAW Terry OFF at the station.

hold up

cause a delay for someone

Sorry I'm late, but my train was HELD UP.



