



# Phrasal Verbs 21

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## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>think over</b>	To consider; to think about something carefully.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I need to <b>think over</b> this decision carefully.</i>

<b>come apart</b>	To fall into pieces.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: The Lego house <b>came apart</b> in my hands.</i>

<b>back up</b>	To support or help someone or something, usually with arguments or proof.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: Her claims were <b>backed up</b> by lots of evidence.</i>

<b>break down</b>	To stop working.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I had to call for assistance after my car <b>broke down</b>.</i>

<b>take up</b>	To start a new hobby or a new job.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: She <b>took up</b> a new job at a design company.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Reading

*Read the text aloud with your tutor.*

### Lucy's New Job

Ever since Lucy **took up** that new job, everything started to **come apart**. None of her new colleagues liked her, she had no one to talk to and no one to support her. In the last meeting, she gave a really interesting suggestion, but no one **backed her up**. She was miserable. She decided to quit but gave herself some time to **think over** that decision. One morning, Lucy was on her way to the office, when her car **broke down**. "Need help?" she heard a familiar voice. It was one of her coworkers. He helped her with the car and gave her a ride to the office. It turned out he was a great guy! That's when Lucy realized that she had never given her new colleagues a chance, so she decided to change her attitude.



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs.*

1. The book was so old it literally \_\_\_\_\_ in my hands!
2. Before I accept his job offer, I will have to \_\_\_\_\_ (it) carefully.
3. I'm thinking of \_\_\_\_\_ yoga, it might help me get rid of this awful back pain.
4. I'm sweating like a pig! The air conditioner \_\_\_\_\_ again!
5. Mark \_\_\_\_\_ surfing last summer. Now he's as good as a professional surfer.
6. I've been \_\_\_\_\_ your suggestion, and I think we should give it a shot.
7. The bus \_\_\_\_\_, so the tourists had to wait for another one to drive them to the city.
8. She always \_\_\_\_\_ (me) when no one else does.



## Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

*Create sentences using the following phrasal verbs.*

**Example:** think over → I'll have to think over your offer first.

### Content:

1. think over
2. come apart
3. back up
4. break down
5. take up