



# Phrasal Verbs 28

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## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>mess up</b>	To make mistakes; to ruin something.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I <b>messed up</b> my driving exam.</i>

<b>send for</b>	To ask for something to be brought to you; to order something by post.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: We should <b>send for</b> revised estimates from our major suppliers.</i>

<b>drop by</b>	To make a short visit, or a brief stop.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: Some friends <b>dropped by</b> our apartment yesterday.</i>

<b>reel in</b>	To attract someone or something.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: We've launched an advertising campaign to <b>reel in</b> new customers.</i>

<b>boil over</b>	To become uncontrollable; to lose one's temper.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: He <b>boiled over</b> when he saw his new car was scratched.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Reading

*Read the text aloud with your tutor.*

### Signed, Sealed, Delivered

A new furniture company opened in my city a few months ago and they were offering huge discounts in an attempt to **reel in** customers. I needed a couple of new chairs and a lamp, so I **sent for** an order. I found it a bit strange that I didn't get any confirmation of my order, but I figured it would be okay. Several weeks passed and I had already forgotten about the whole thing when a neighbor **dropped by**. He said a package got delivered for me at his address mistakenly, so he brought it over. He handed over a small box, and I already knew that they **messed up** the order. Instead of my chairs and a lamp, I got a vase! I went to the store to return it only to find a big “Permanently Closed” sign on the door of an empty shop. Needless to say, I was **boiling over** at that point! I had spent over \$200 on a vase that I didn't even like!



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

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

1. I finally got that catalog I \_\_\_\_\_ a month ago!
2. My boss is going to kill me! I really \_\_\_\_\_ this time!
3. Tensions in the area were about to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The charger I got with my phone was not working properly, so I \_\_\_\_\_ a new one.
5. I will \_\_\_\_\_ in about ten minutes to take the jacket I left at your place last night.
6. I don't think I'll pass the exam. I \_\_\_\_\_ badly!
7. They are updating the design of their website in an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ more users.
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ with anger when she heard the news.



## Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

*Create sentences using the following phrasal verbs.*

**Example:** mess up → They used the wrong formula, and all the numbers were messed up.

### Content:

1. mess up
2. send for
3. drop by
4. reel in
5. boil over