

Beginner's phrasal verbs

GRAMMAR

LEVEL
Intermediate

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LANGUAGE
English





Goals

- Can identify simple phrasal verbs.
- Can construct basic phrasal verbs using the particles 'up' and 'down'.







Preview and warm-up

In this lesson you are going to learn **what phrasal verbs are** and to learn some **new phrasal verbs**.



House prices in our city are **going up**.



Phrasal verbs

Phrasal verbs are made of a **verb** and a **particle**.

- The **particle** is either an **adverb** or a **preposition**.
- The **meaning** of the **phrasal verb** comes from the **verb** and the **particle together**.
- Look at the phrasal verbs below which you already know:

Verb	Particle
wake	up
get	up
turn	on
turn	off



Grammar examples

Here are some examples with the **phrasal verbs**:



I **wake up** at 6am.

Kate **gets up** at 7.15am.



Please **turn on** the TV.

Please **turn** the TV **off**.





Separable and inseparable phrasal verbs

- Some **phrasal verbs** are **separable** and some are **inseparable**.
- If they are **separable**, it means you can put a **noun between** the **verb** and the **particle**. **Inseparable** phrasal verbs **cannot** do this.
- Look at the example below:

■ Harry, **turn** the TV **on**.

■ Harry, **turn on** the TV.



There are **no rules** to learn when a **phrasal verb** is **separable** or **inseparable**. You just have to learn them by heart.



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps using the phrasal verbs from the previous pages.

1. Brad, please turn _____ your mobile phone while we're having a meeting.
2. Julia wakes _____ at 5.30am every day when she has to work from the office.
3. Chris _____ up very late when he's working from home.
4. My manager always turns the television _____ as soon as he arrives at the office.





Speaking

Answer these questions with a partner.



1

What time do you **wake up** on a workday?

2

Do you **turn** the television **on** as soon as you wake up?

3

Do you think it's important to **turn off** the television an hour before you go to bed?



Speaking

**Thinking about the examples you have seen, do you think these phrasal verbs are separable or inseparable?
Check with your teacher.**

wake up

get up

turn on

turn off



Phrasal verbs with *up*

Here are some **phrasal verbs** with the **particle *up***.

Phrasal verb	Meaning
To go up	To become higher or increase
To speed up	To go faster
To draw up	To create or prepare a list or document
To hold up	To slow down or make something late



Phrasal verbs with *up*

Here are some more **phrasal verbs** with the **particle up**.

Phrasal verb	Meaning
To look up	To search for something in a dictionary
To pick up	To improve
To set up	To create or start something



I need to **look up** this word in the dictionary.



Grammar examples

Here are some examples of the **phrasal verbs** in sentences:



Prices for basic goods **go up** every year.

We need to **speed up** production on the new cakes.





Grammar example

Here are some examples of the **phrasal verbs** in sentences.



We need to **draw up** a plan for our next sales target.

Don always **holds up** our meetings by asking lots of silly questions.



Sales of toys always **pick up** around Christmas.

I want to **set up** my own business.





Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the words on the right. Decide if you can separate the phrasal verb or not.

1. Tony has _____ a list _____ of what everyone should do.
2. We have to _____ if we want to finish before 5pm.
3. The customer is _____ the deal because they won't agree on the final point.
4. Business really _____ after Alice joined the company – everyone in the industry loves her.
5. Fred has _____ his own company _____.
6. Our profits _____ in the last quarter of the year, but I'm still not happy with them.

hold up

go up

draw up

speed up

pick up

set up



Decide with your classmates which of the phrasal verbs are separable and which are not. Check with your teacher and then put them into the correct list.





Speaking

Answer these questions with the phrasal verbs.



How can you **speed up** a slow computer?

Would you like to **set up** your own business?

What was the last plan you **drew up** at work?



Phrasal verbs with *down*

Look at these **phrasal verbs** with the **particle *down***:

Phrasal verb	Meaning
To go down	To become lower or decrease
To come down	To become lower or decrease
To cut down	To do or make less of something
To keep down	To stop something from getting bigger or higher
To turn down	To say no or to refuse



Grammar examples

Here are some examples of the **phrasal verbs** in sentences.



Profits **went down** last year.

Prices of toys and clothes **come down**
after Christmas.





Grammar examples

Here are some examples of the **phrasal verbs** in sentences.



We need to **cut down** our expenses.

The government tries to **keep** the cost of living **down**.



I **turned down** the job they offered me.



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the words below. Change the tense of the verbs if you need to.

keep down

cut down

go down

come down

turn down

1. Our costs are low now which is good and we need to _____ them _____.
2. Gary _____ the job _____ because the salary was too low.
3. My company has _____ the amount of paper we use by doing most things on the computer.
4. Sales of our clothes _____ last year – more people are buying online.
5. The price of materials is _____ so we can make things more cheaply.





separable

inseparable

go down





Writing

Write your answers to these questions, using the phrasal verb in your answers.

Have you ever **turned down** a job?

Is there anything you need to **cut down** on at work?

Is the price of any goods **coming down** in your country at the moment?

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Speaking

**Now share your answers from the previous page with your classmates.
Be ready to ask for and give more information.**





Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise p. 8

1. off, 2. up, 3. gets, 4. on

Exercise p. 15

1. drawn up, 2. speed up, 3. holding up, 4. picked up, 5. set up, 6. went up

Exercise p. 16

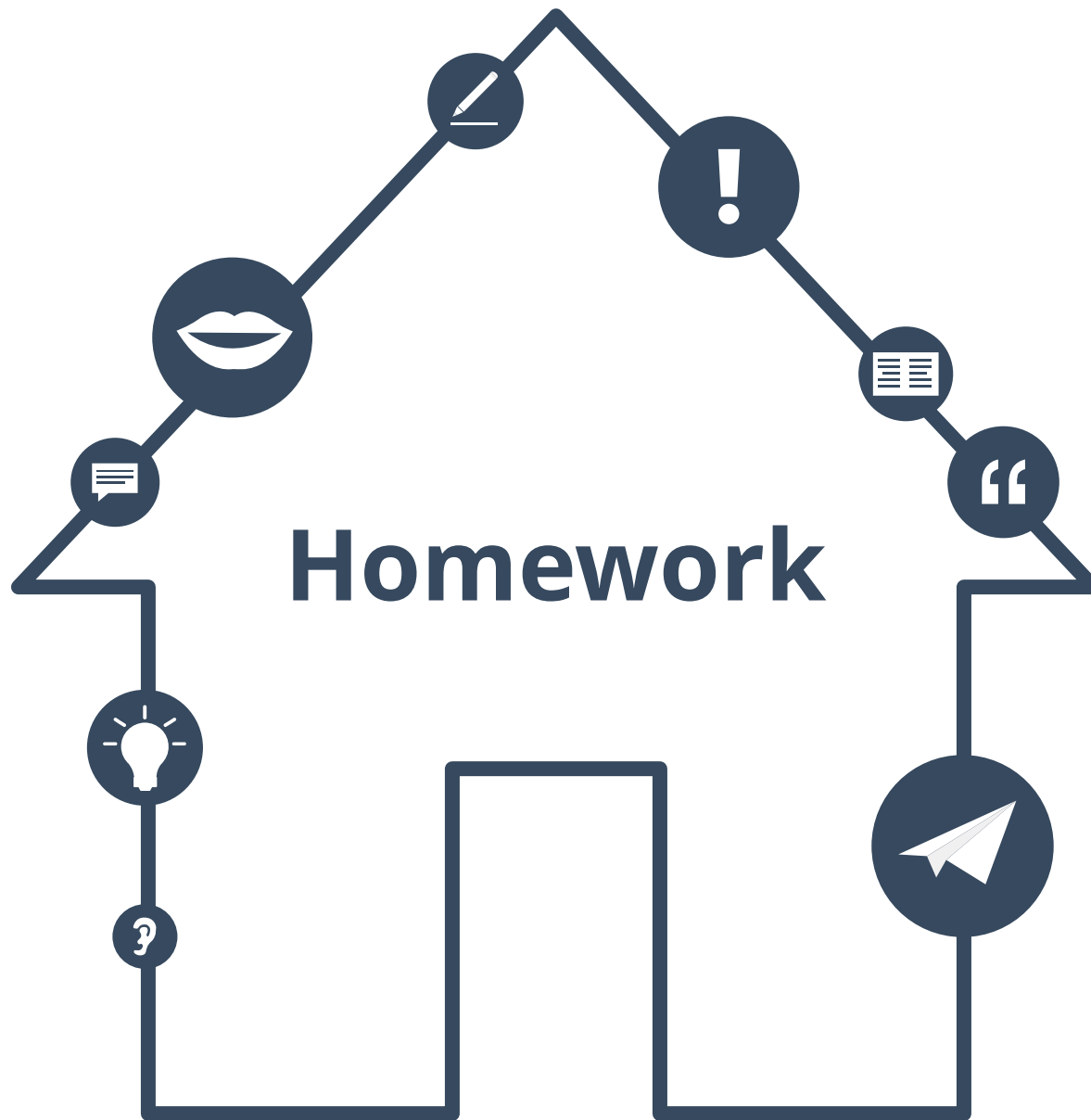
separable: speed up, draw up, hold up, set up – inseparable: go up, pick up

Exercise p. 21

1. keep down, 2. turned down, 3. cut down, 4. went down, 5. coming down

Exercise p. 22

separable: cut down, keep down, turn down - inseparable: go down, come down





inseparable

Get up

Go down

Come down

Cut down

Speed up



Fill in the gaps with the words on the right

My company is not doing very well at the moment. Prices for materials are going _____ and so our profits are _____ down. We really need to _____ down on our expenses if we want to make a profit next year. The government has promised to keep taxes _____, so I'm thinking about _____ up my own business. I have _____ up some plans for it already.

cut

up

drawn

down

coming

setting



Homework answer key

Exercise p. 30

up, coming, cut, down, setting, drawn

Exercise p. 29

Separable: wake up, get up, hold up, draw up, set up, speed up, keep down, cut down

Inseparable: go down, come down



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