

VOCABULARY

Phrasal verbs with *on* and *off*

On and *off* bring different meanings to phrasal verbs. What do they mean in these lines from p62?

*I can't put it **off** any longer, I'm having my photo taken!*

*I want you to hold **on** to those feelings.*

1 Starting/stopping

What might people be talking about in these examples?

Try **turning** it **off** and **on** again.

It suddenly **came on** in the night!

Switch them **off** before take-off.

It **went off** after I burnt the toast!

Complete the sentences with the verbs and *on* or *off*: put bring catch pay finish log

- 1 Do you think smart watches will _____?
- 2 We _____ the meal with a coffee.
- 3 Barcelona in the semi-final? _____ it _____!
- 4 _____ before leaving your desk.
- 5 I'll _____ the kettle _____ for tea.
- 6 We've finally _____ all our debts.

Since you have a complete record of my life, could you tell me if I remembered to turn the cooker off?



2 Continuing/not continuing



Why would someone ... ?

- 1 **carry on** reading a book till 2.00 a.m.
- 2 find a lecture **dragging on**
- 3 **go on and on** about their new phone
- 4 **cheer** somebody **on** during a race
- 5 tell you to '**dream on**'
- 6 say it's time to **crack on** with work

T 7.8 Listen and compare.

What or who ... ?

- 1 can be **rained off**
- 2 **wears off** after a few hours
- 3 can be **laid off** in a company restructure
- 4 might be **broken off** after a change of heart
- 5 can be **called off** after industrial negotiations
- 6 might you **go off** after visiting a factory farm

T 7.9 Listen and compare.

3 Closer to/further away



Complete the sentences with *on* or *off*.

- 1 We went to the airport to see Dan _____.
- 2 A man just grabbed my bag and ran _____!
- 3 He sneaked up _____ me and startled me.
- 4 Her hair's dark brown, verging _____ black.
- 5 You're too close, just back _____ a little!
- 6 The police advanced _____ the protesters.
- 7 Ssh! Quiet! Don't scare the birds _____!
- 8 Can we put this _____ until tomorrow?

4 Connected/separated

Choose the correct particle.

- 1 A semi-detached house is **joined on / off** to another house, with the gardens **fenced on / off**.
- 2 Our house has a conservatory **built on / off**, and the garden **borders on / off** a field.
- 3 The police have **cordoned on / off** the gunman's house and **sealed on / off** the entire area.
- 4 The gym has **added on / off** a women's weights room, which is **partitioned on / off** from the men's.

5 T 7.10 Listen to the questions and reply with a verb from the box + *on* or *off*. Then listen and compare/repeat.

T So there isn't going to be a train strike now?

No, they've **called** it **off**.

No, it's been called off.

drag	come	see	lay	call	rain
wear	put (x2)	catch	go	seal	