

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

It looks worse. You'd better carry on licking it.



Why pets need vets

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



Ben is **gaining on** Leo.



He **drove off** without me!

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	

THE LAST WORD

Look on the bright side

Never mind!



1 T 7.11 When we tell people our bad news, they often try to cheer us up and reassure us. Listen and complete B's reply.

- A I got soaked when that huge wave came in!
 B *Never mind*, it _____. *At least* you can dry off in the sun.

2 Use the highlighted words to complete the replies.

1 end cheer work

A The bank won't lend me any more money. I wish I'd never started my own business!

B _____ up! *I'm sure it'll all _____ out alright in the _____.*

2 gained ventured tried

A If only I'd never asked Lucy out. She said 'no', and it's really awkward working with her now.

B You'll soon get over it. And *at least* you _____ – you know, *nothing _____*, *nothing _____*.

3 stay hang

A I don't think I'm ever going to make it as an actor. I failed another audition this morning.

B It's not the end of the world. _____ *on in there* and _____ *positive*.

4 done forgotten

A I can't believe what I've done! I sent an email moaning about my boss to her by mistake!

B Don't dwell on it. *What's done is _____*. And *it'll all be _____ in a few days*.

5 look keep

A I'd just had the plaster taken off my leg, and now I've broken one of my fingers!

B _____ *your chin up!* Some day you'll _____ *back on all this and laugh!*

6 good easy

A We'll have to be more careful – we've spent most of that lottery money already.

B Oh well, *easy come*, _____ *go*. *It was _____ while it lasted*.

7 could win beat

A I'm so disappointed I didn't get the contract for that stadium. They've given it to another firm of architects.

B *You can't _____ 'em all*. And *you _____ always get a job with the other firm*.
If you can't _____ 'em, join 'em!

8 best disguise gloom

A It was horrific going out of the European Cup on a goal scored in the last few seconds!

B *It's not all doom and _____*, though – there's still the league title. And *perhaps it's for the _____*. If they focus on that now – it might turn out to *be a blessing in _____*.

T 7.12 Listen and check. Which expressions are most similar to ones in your language?

3 Prepare some notes to talk about three bad things that have happened to you recently. Tell a partner what happened. Reply using expressions from exercise 1.

4 Work in pairs and write a dialogue that ends with one of these expressions. Read your dialogue to the class.

Still, better late than never!
 Oh well, you live and learn.

Never mind. Better luck next time.
 Still, think of the money you've saved.