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## What are Phrasal Verbs?

A phrasal verb is a combination of words (a verb + a preposition or verb +adverb) that when used together, usually take on a different meaning to that of the original verb.

When we use phrasal verbs, we use them like normal verbs in a sentence, regardless if it's a regular or irregular verb.



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## What Is a Phrasal Verb?


- A phrasal verb is a phrase that's made up of a verb and another word or two, usually a preposition but sometimes an adverb.
- So, before we can talk about English phrasal verbs, it's important to understand what verbs, prepositions and adverbs are.
- A verb is an action word. It describes something happening (e.g., hearing, seeing), a state of being (e.g., to live, to sleep), or an action being done (e.g., to read, to sing).
- A preposition is a word that describes the relationship between two words. For example, the bees are above the table or under the table, but not inside the table (hopefully).
- Prepositions mainly deal with location or direction (e.g., on, through, around) and time (e.g., "by" or "around" a certain time).
- An adverb is a word that describes a verb. For example, you can run quickly or slowly and arrive to class early or late.

## Why do we use phrasal verbs?

Phrasal verbs can make communication quicker, easier and more relaxed. Many of my students ask me why native speakers of English use so many phrasal verbs when we can often express our ideas using regular verbs. Phrasal verbs because they make our conversation more natural and fluid.

## How many phrasal verbs should I learn?

You should learn as many phrasal verbs as you can . They are just so common in English, and we use them so much that you will miss out of a lot of our content if you don't learn them.

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- Phrasal verbs are great to improve your English.
  - Natives use phrasal verbs constantly, so they can help you to communicate as well as improve your vocabulary bank.
  - A phrasal verb is exactly like it sounds. It is a phrase of at least two words that acts like a verb, so it is the action of your sentence.
  - Phrasal verbs can be misleading because they do not always translate well and sometimes the meaning is not obvious.

## Most Common Phrasal Verbs

This is a list of the most common phrasal verbs in English:

Phrasal Verbs	Meaning	Example
Break Down	Stop functioning	My car broke down
Bring up	Mention a topic	She brought up that matter again
Back down	withdraw a position	We never back down
Beat up	punch and kick	I got beat up
Blow up	Explode	They tried to blow up the station
Bump into	Meet by accident	I bump into my wife at the park

Call off	Cancel	They call off that meeting
Come across	find by chance	I was cleaning and I came across my journal
Clean out	Clean	I was cleaning out the closet
Carry on	Continue	Sorry , carry on talking!
Drop out	Leave school	They dropped out of college
Drop by	Visit	We just dropped by her house
Find out	discovered	I found out that she was pregnant

Get out	Leave	You need to get out of here
Give away	Give something for free	They are giving away tickets
End up	The end results	I ended up in another school
Get by	survive	I have some money to get by
Get over	get well	Dave has got over the flu
Get along	being good friends	We get along really well
Get away	Escape	I got away with murder
Get rid of	Eliminate	I need to get rid of her
Go over	Review	I went over the material
Grow up	Get older	You are 21, Grow up
Give up	Stop trying	They just gave up
Go out	Have a date	Do you want to go out with me?
Hang out	Spend time	I am hanging out with my friends
Hurry up	Do something fast	We are late, hurry up



Made up	Invent a story	She made that up to save herself
Mess up	to spoil	You are messing things up
Show up	Arrive	Alex didn't show up
Pass out	Lose consciousness	She passed out in front of me
Piss off	to be angry	I am really pissed off
Put off	Postpone	We put off the meetin until Friday
Put up with	let happen	I won't put up with my sisters
Put on	Get dressed	I put on a sweater
Put out	Extinguish	The firefighters put out the fire

Run into	Meet	I ran into my teacher last week
Run out	to use all of it	We are running out of gas
Take off	Remove clothing	I took off my jacket
Turn Down	Lower volume	Please turn it down
Turn down	Reject	He was turned down twice
Work out	Exercise	I am working out right now
Watch out	Be aware	You better watch out
Work out	find a solution	We will work something out
Wake up	Finish sleeping	I woke up at 9



## Questions with the Most Common Phrasal Verbs:

These are some common questions that you can make using phrasal verbs

1. Has your car ever **broken down**?
2. Have you ever **turned down** a job offer?
3. Do you like **working out**?
4. What time do you usually **wake up**?
5. What **pisses** you **off**?
6. Do you **get along** with your friends?
7. Do you always **get away** with what you want?
8. Have you ever **made up** a story to save yourself from something?
9. Who do you like to **hang out** with?
10. Do you **talk** your friends **into** doing bad things?



## Phrasal Verbs Conversation Questions:

1. How often do you **get together** with your high school friends?
2. Do you know anyone who **dropped out** of high school or university?
3. How do you **help out** your friends and family?
4. What time do you usually **get up**?
5. Where do you like to **eat out**?
6. What **freaks** you **out**?
7. Have you ever **missed out** on a good opportunity?
8. What bad habits would you like to **give up**?

**Use the phrasal verbs below in the blanks correctly.**

**Passed away, do without, look forward to, called off, made up, carried away, break out, run out, put up with, and keep up.**



1. Don't smoke in the forest. Fires..... easily at this time of the year.

2. I..... seeing my friends again.

3. I'm afraid; we have..... of apple juice.

4. Your website has helped me a lot to..... phrasal verbs exercises.

5. A friend of mine has..... her wedding.


6. His mother can't..... his terrible behavior anymore.

7. As an excuse for being late, she..... a whole story.

8. I got..... by his enthusiasm.

9. I just can not..... my mobile. I always keep it with me.

10. She was very sad because of her father..... last week.

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1. break out
  2. look forward to
  3. run out of
  4. keep up
  6. put up
  7. made up
  8. carried away
  9. do without
  10. passed away

**Thank you**