

## UNIT 4

### 6.2 VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

#### PHRASAL VERBS

A phrasal verb is the combination of a standard verb such as make or put with one or two particles. In some cases the particle is an adverb such as away.

Eg: Pass away, pull together, go out break out.

#### THE FIRST WORD IS A VERB FOLLOWED BY A

- a) Preposition (look at)
- b) An adverb (turn down)
- c) both ( put up with )

#### WHAT IS A PHRASAL VERB

A Phrasal Verb = a verb + a particle

For example: put off (Put = verb) (off = particle)

I put off my trip = I postponed my trip

The particle looks like a preposition, but it does not function as a preposition

He woke up at 6.30 a.m. Strangers woke him up

The Verb and the particle have a special meaning

**WHEN YOU USE THE SAME VERB WITH A DIFFERENT PARTICLE, THE MEANING CHANGES**

- Put + off = to postpone
- Put + on = to cover your body with clothes
- Put + away = to put something in its original place
- Put + back = to return something in its original place

**SOME PHRASAL VERBS HAVE MORE THAN ONE**

**MEANING**

Keep on = to continue

Keep on = not to remove something

Take off = remove

Take off = leave

## **USING PHRASAL VERB**

Many phrasal verbs and one word verbs have similar meanings.

Wake up = awaken

Go on = to continue

Take off = remove

Phrasal are less formal and more common in every day speech

## **MORE EXAMPLES OF PHRASAL VERBS**

Give up = abandon

Turn out = produce

Carry on = continue

Put off = postpone

Turndown = reject

Look after = take care of

Get at = attain

Call at = visit

Bring up = train to do work

Call on = a brief visit to

Put on = wear

**EX: 1**

**Fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verbs. [Give up, put off, look after, call on, put on]**

1. She ..... a new dress.
2. I..... Hari in the absence of his father.
3. You must ..... smoking.
4. I will ..... you at evening today.
5. The match has been ..... until tomorrow because of bad weather.

**ANSWERS**

1. She put on a new dress.
2. I look after Hari in the absence of his father.

3. You must give up smoking.
4. I will call on you at evening today.
5. The match has been put off until tomorrow because of bad weather.

## PHRASAL VERBS

Verb	Meaning	Example
Blow up	explode	The terrorists tried to blow up the railroad.
bring up	mention a topic	My mother brought up that little matter of my prison record again.
Bring up	raise children	It isn't easy to bring up children now-a-days.
call off	cancel	They called off this afternoon's meeting
do over	repeat a job	Do this homework over.

fill out	in.	complete a form	Fill out this application form and mail it
fill up		to fill with capacity	She filled up the grocery cart with food.
find out		discover	My sister found out that her husband had been planning a surprise party for her.
give back		return an object	My brother borrowed my car. I have a feeling he's not about to give it back.
hand in		submit something	The students handed in their papers and left the room.
hang up		put something on hook or up	She hung up the phone before she took the receiver. hung her clothes.
hold up		delay to	I hate to hold up the meeting, but I have to go to the bathroom.
hold up (2)		Rob	Three masked gunmen held up the Security Bank this afternoon.
leave out		Omit	You left out the part about the police chase.

look over examine, check                      The lawyers looked over the papers carefully  
before questioning the witness. (They  
looked them over carefully.)

look up                      search in a list                      You've mis spelled this word  
again. You'd better look it up.

make up                      invent a story or lie                      She knew she was in trouble, so she  
made up a story about going to the  
movies with her friends.

make out                      hear, understand                      He was so far away, we really  
couldn't make out what he was  
saying.

pick out                      choose                      There were three men in the line-  
up. She picked out the guy she thought had  
stolen her purse.

pick                      uplift something off something else                      The crane picked up the entire house.  
  
(Watch them pick it up.)

point out                      call attention to                      As we drove through Paris, Francoise  
pointed out the major historical sites.

put away                      save or store                      We put away money for our retirement.  
put away the cereal boxes.

put off                      postpone                      We asked the boss to put off the meeting  
 until tomorrow. (Please put it off for another  
 day.)

put out                      extinguish                      The firefighters put out the house fire before  
 it could spread. (They put it out quickly.)

read over                      peruse                      I read over the homework, but couldn't make  
 any sense of it.

set up the                      to arrange, begin                      My wife set up the living room exactly the way she  
 wanted it. She set it up.

take down                      make a written note                      These are your instructions. Write them  
 down before you forget.

take off                      remove clothing                      It was so hot that I had to take off my shirt.

talk over      talk      discuss      We have serious problems here. Let's talk over  
like adults.

throw away      discard      That's a lot of money! Don't just throw it away.

try out one      Test      I tried out four cars before I could find that pleased me.

turn down      lower volume      Your radio is driving me crazy! Please turn it down.

turn down (2) reject      He applied for a promotion twice this  
year.but he was turned down both  
times.

turn up      raise the volume

Grandpa couldn't hear, so he turned up his hearing aid.

turn off could switch off electricity We turned off the lights before anyone see us.

turn off (2) repulse It was a disgusting movie. It really turned me off.

turn on switch on the electricity Turn on the CD player so we can dance.

use up exhaust, use completely The gang members used up all the money and went out to rob some more banks.

### EXERCISE:

Complete the phrasal verbs according to their meanings in brackets.

1. ----- your shoes. (Remove)
2. Somebody has to ----- the baby. (Take care of)
3. She wants to -----the truth? (Discover)
4. Where can I ----- !". the sweater? (See if it fits)

5. ----- . (Be quick)
6. Why don't you ----- ? (Take a seat)
7. I will ----- the train now. (Enter)
8. ----- the word in a dictionary. (Consult a dictionary)
9. I want to ----- the form. (Complete)
10. The firemen ----- the fire. (Extinguish)

### ANSWERS

1. Take off
2. look after
3. find out
4. try on
5. Hurry up
6. sit down

7. get into

8. look for

9. fill in

10. put out

