

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 up lift 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

