

Phrasal verbs 1

Lesson code: KXSU-PRQB-C87J-I

INTERMEDIATE

1 Reading

In pairs, read the two conversations below:

Conversation A

- Host:** Hello! **Enter!**
- Guest:** Thank you. Just let me **extinguish** my cigarette.
- Host:** Sure.
- Guest:** Shall I **remove** my shoes?
- Host:** No, it's all right. You can **continue to wear them**. How was the first week in your new job?
- Guest:** Well, I **have a very good relationship** with my colleagues. But my new boss is very mean.
- Host:** I see that you look a bit upset. But I have some news that will **make you feel happier**.
- Guest:** Really?
- Host:** Yes. I **unexpectedly found** some photos of our holiday in Spain. Have a look.

Conversation B

- Host:** Hello! **Come in!**
- Guest:** Thank you. Just let me **put out** my cigarette.
- Host:** Sure.
- Guest:** Shall I **take off** my shoes?
- Host:** No, it's all right. You can **keep them on**. How was the first week in your new job?
- Guest:** Well, I **get on** very well with my colleagues. But my new boss is very mean.
- Host:** I see that you look a bit upset. But I have some news that will **cheer you up**.
- Guest:** Really?
- Host:** Yes. I **came across** some photos of our holiday in Spain. Have a look.

Which conversation sounds more formal? Which sounds more natural?



2 Practice

Now complete the questions below with the phrasal verbs from conversation B in the correct form.

1. What _____ you _____ when you are in a bad mood? (*makes you feel happier*)
2. Do you _____ with your boss at work/teachers at school? (*have a good relationship*)
3. Have you ever _____ something you thought you had lost? (*found unexpectedly*)
4. Do you always _____ your shoes when you visit somebody's house? (*remove*)
5. Have you ever _____ a fire? (*extinguished*)

Ask and answer your partner the questions, then report your answers to the class.

3 More phrasal verbs

In pairs, look at the sentences below. Match the phrasal verbs to their meaning without using a dictionary. Try to discover their meaning from the context.

1. John started to work out at the gym to improve his physical condition.
2. I can't meet you on Wednesday. Can we put off the meeting to Friday?
3. I'm afraid I have to call off our meeting. I'm really busy today.
4. He finally found the courage to ask her out.
5. I'm going to be at home all afternoon, so drop by if you find some time.
6. Are you going to move in with your parents again?
7. Don't turn up late for the meeting! The boss won't be happy.
8. The Internet connection wasn't working, so I had to do without email for a day.
9. Diego always eats in. His wife is a very good cook.
10. Mr Chan can't cook very well, so he often eats out.

- a. arrive
- b. cancel
- c. do physical exercise
- d. has a meal at home
- e. has a meal in a restaurant
- f. invite somebody on a date
- g. manage without something
- h. postpone
- i. start living somewhere
- j. visit somebody without making an appointment



4 Find someone who ...

Now complete the questions:

1. Do you often _____ things _____ until the last minute?
2. Have you ever had to _____ something important?
3. Do you often _____ late for your meetings and appointments?
4. Did anybody _____ while you were at home last week?
5. Have you ever needed to _____ an important meeting?
6. Do you _____ at the gym?
7. Do you often _____ or do you prefer to eat at home?

One-to-one and small classes: Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions.

Larger classes: Ask your classmates the questions and find a person who fits the sentences on the next page. Report your findings to the class.

5 Homework

Watch the video clips (go to <http://linguahouse.com/r/1q> or scan the QR code with your mobile device). Match the sentences with each clip.



- A woman is eating in. ____
- A woman is eating out. ____
- A woman is putting on lipstick. ____
- A woman is taking off her shoes. ____
- A woman is trying to cheer somebody up. ____
- A woman is working out. ____
- A woman needs to calm down. ____

Now write 10 original sentences about you using any of the phrasal verbs from this lesson.



Find someone who ...

_____ puts things off until the last minute.

_____ had to do without his/her _____ .

_____ often turns up late for meetings and appointments.

While _____ was at home last week, _____
dropped by.

_____ had to call off an important meeting.

_____ works out at the gym.

_____ prefers to eat out.



1 Reading

The aim of this exercise is to point out that phrasal verbs can be said or written in a different way, usually as a Latinate one-word equivalent (remove = take off, extinguish = put out) or as a phrase (unexpectedly found = came across). Learners of English tend to prefer the non-phrasal verb equivalent. However, as the dialogues show, they often sound formal like in Conversation A.

2 Practice

Students first complete the questions individually. Go through the answers. The second part of the activity can be adapted for all learning environments. In a one-to-one or Skype-based lesson, simply ask your student the questions.

1. cheers you up
2. get on
3. come across
4. take off
5. put out

3 More phrasal verbs

1. c 2. h 3. b 4. f 5. j 6. i 7. a 8. g 9. d 10. e

4 Find someone who ...

In a large class, have the students complete the questions individually or in pairs. Go through the answers and then hand out page 4. Have the students stand up and ask each other the questions. Tell them that they cannot have the same name written down more than twice during this activity. Do some feedback on the exercise, asking what the students discovered about each other.

1. put off
2. do without
3. turn up
4. drop by
5. call off
6. work out
7. eat out

5 Homework

This exercise can either be set for homework or done at the beginning of the next class if you have the means to play the video. Students review phrasal verbs they learned in the lesson by watching the video clips and matching them to the sentences. The video can be played online via the link or printed QR code. The file is also available to download if requested.

1. A woman is taking off her shoes.
2. A woman is working out.
3. A woman is trying to cheer somebody up.
4. A woman is putting on lipstick.
5. A woman needs to calm down.
6. A woman is eating out.
7. A woman is eating in.



