



Festive phrasal verbs

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1 Phrasal verbs

Study the questions and match each underlined phrasal verb with its meaning below.

1. Are you looking forward to next Christmas?
 2. Did you put off buying Christmas presents until the last minute?
 3. Did you put up any decorations during the Christmas period?
 4. Did you hang up stockings on a Christmas tree?
 5. Do you enjoy wrapping up presents?
 6. Did you decide to give something up for the New Year?
 7. Did you end up somewhere you didn't expect to be on New Year's Eve?
 8. Did you go out or stay in on New Year's Eve?
 9. Did you bump into any old friends over the Christmas period?
- a. attach something somewhere from the top of the object
 - b. covering something completely with paper material
 - c. delay, postpone
 - d. finally find yourself in a place that you didn't intend to go to
 - e. meet by chance
 - f. place something somewhere so that everybody notices it
 - g. stop doing something, for example a bad habit
 - h. take part in a social activity outside the home
 - i. waiting for something with pleasure

Ask and answer the questions with a partner. Try to use the phrasal verbs in your answers and get more information by asking further questions, for example 'Why/Why not?', 'Where did you end up?', 'What have you given up?' etc.



Now complete the phrases below and make an original sentence for each phrasal verb, selecting one of the choices or using your own ideas.

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| 1. look forward to | a. a birthday party/the end of the week/the winter |
| 2. put up | b. a gift/a toy/a bottle of wine |
| 3. put off | c. a sign/a poster/a painting/a notice |
| 4. hang up | d. an umbrella/a coat/a hat |
| 5. wrap up | e. at a party/in a strange part of town/in the wrong street |
| 6. end up | f. your boss/your teacher/your doctor |
| 7. bump into | g. your homework/cleaning the floor/doing the dishes |

2 Same verb, different meaning

Some of the phrasal verbs can have more than one meaning. Use one phrasal verb from Exercise 1 in the correct form for each pair of sentences. Each phrasal verb has a new meaning in the second sentence. Try to guess what it means and complete the definitions below.

- I was really surprised when I _____ Mike on New Year's Eve. I hadn't seen him since we were at school together.
I _____ the wall on my way to the bathroom. I think I had too much wine this Christmas.
- Alan always _____ the cleaning until the minute before the guests arrive.
His awful behaviour really _____ me _____ every Christmas.
- Can you _____ that bottle of wine? It's a present.
It's getting late. Let's _____ this meeting and go home.
- I hardly ever _____ during the week. I'm just too busy.
When the lights _____, I will fall asleep like a baby.
- Jim _____ smoking last year. He hasn't smoked since then.
When Claire decided to exercise every day, she stuck to it and never _____.
- You can _____ your coat over there.
He was complaining on the phone about the present I gave him, so I decided to _____.

- _____ : to hit an obstacle accidentally
- _____ : to stop doing what you had decided to do, for example because it is too difficult
- _____ : to end a telephone conversation by putting the receiver down
- _____ : to make you stop liking someone or something
- _____ : to finish or conclude something
- _____ : to stop burning or shining



3 Talking point

Discuss any of the following questions.

1. What things put you off when you meet someone for the first time?
2. Have you ever hung up on someone who was being rude?
3. Do you make New Year's resolutions? Do you usually stick to them or do you give up very quickly?
4. Have you made any New Year's resolutions this year? Do you think you will stick to them or give up very quickly?
5. What things do you put off until the last minute (apart from buying presents)?

4 Homework

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

5 Review

You must review the phrasal verbs from this lesson in order to remember them. Write down the more difficult phrasal verbs in a notebook and try to study them at least once a week.

Alternatively, you can review multimedia flashcards with the Expemo memorization system. Go to www.linguahouse.com, click 'Learning English' and enter Lesson code: NM4H-T64B-9TH3-E.



1 Phrasal verbs

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

In the last part of the exercise, students can work individually and check in pairs. This activity gets the students to use the phrasal verbs in a more general context. Elicit the first sentence from a strong student, e.g. 'I really don't look forward to the winter. It's very cold', 'I put up a 'Do not disturb' sign on my hotel door.'

1. a 2. c 3. g 4. d 5. b 6. e 7. f

2 Same verb, different meaning

1. bumped into 2. puts off 3. wrap up 4. go out 5. gave up 6. hang up

1. bump into 2. give up 3. hang up 4. put off 5. wrap up 6. go out

3 Talking point

Explain what a 'resolution' is: a commitment that a person makes to a personal goal, for example giving up a bad habit. Point out the structure 'hang up on someone'.

5 Review