

Phrasal verbs – carry on/put off

Introduction

1) A phrasal verb is a verb that is made up of a main verb together with an adverb or a preposition, or both. Typically, their meaning is not obvious from the meanings of the individual words themselves.

2) The phrasal verb *to carry on* has several meanings:

a) *to carry on doing something/with something* means to continue doing something.

*Sorry, I interrupted you. **Carry on**, please.*

*You'll put on weight if you **carry on** eating fast food.*

*I want to **carry on with** my business idea.*

b) *to carry on* means to continue moving.

***Carry straight on** until you see the red building.*

c) *to carry on something* means to do or take part in a particular kind of work or activity.

*It was so noisy there that it was difficult for us to **carry on** a conversation.*

d) (*spoken*) *to carry on about* means to speak with overwhelming enthusiasm.

*I wish my friends would stop **carrying on** about their trip.*

The phrasal verb *to put off* has several meanings:

a) *to put something off/to put off doing something* means to delay doing something or to arrange to do something at a later time or date, especially because there is a problem or you do not want to do it at that time.

*The game **has been put off** until tomorrow because of bad weather.*

*I've **been putting off** working on my thesis because I'm never in the mood.*

b) *to put somebody off/put somebody off (doing) something* means to make you dislike something or not want to do something.

*Don't let his humour **put you off** – he's a nice guy actually.*

*I don't want my fears to **put you off** finding a job in another state.*

c) *to put somebody off* means to make someone wait because you do not want to meet them, talk to them etc. until later.

*If my brother calls, **put him off** as long as possible.*

d) *to put somebody off (something)* means to make it difficult for someone to pay attention to what they are doing by talking, making a noise etc.

*It **puts me off** when you're listening to music while I'm talking to you.*

Short Story Dialogue

– Can you **carry on** a project together with Alice?

– I'd rather work alone. There's something about her that **puts me off**.

– What are you talking about? She's the nicest person I've ever met.

– Well, maybe this is exactly what **puts me off**. I can't **carry on** a conversation with her.

And she is constantly **carrying on about** random things.

– Sorry, but you have to **carry on with** it. We can't **put off** this whole project because of that.

Independent Practice - Phrasal verbs – carry on/put off

1) Fill in the gaps with *carry on* or *put off*. You can change the form if necessary.

- a. straight until you see a huge monument to your left.
- b. You should doing physical exercises. It can also improve your mood.
- c. We can't our trip. We've already booked everything.
- d. This music really me..... I can't seem to concentrate.

2) Match the sentences.

a. It's so hard to carry on going to the gym.	1. Please, carry on.
b. They can't put off their wedding just like that.	2. I always feel sore.
c. Sorry that I interrupted you.	3. The guests are on their way.

3) Answer the questions.

a. Why can't some students carry on attending morning classes?
b. Would you put off your vacation if you were asked to do some urgent work?
c. What puts you off when you're talking to someone?

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3) Answer the questions. Sample Answers:

- a. Some students can't carry on attending morning classes because they like sleeping.
- b. No, I wouldn't put off my vacation if I were asked to do some urgent work.
- c. Inappropriate jokes put me off.

Phrasal verbs – turn down/break up

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1) A phrasal verb is a verb that is made up of a main verb together with an adverb or a preposition, or both. Typically, their meaning is not obvious from the meanings of the individual words themselves.

2) The phrasal verb *to turn down* has several meanings:

a) *to turn down* means to turn the switch on a machine (e.g. an oven, radio etc.) so that it produces less heat, sound etc. (opposite to *to turn up*).

*Can you **turn down** the TV? I'm trying to study.*
*I'll **turn down** the heater. It's too hot in the room.*

b) *to turn down* means to refuse an offer, request, or invitation.

*Ann offered Peter the job but he **turned it down**.*

c) *to turn down* means to refuse someone's offer of marriage.

*We were shocked to hear that Lilly **turned him down**.*

d) if *the economy turns down* it means that the level of activity falls, companies become less profitable etc.

*After the crisis in 2008 **the economy has turned down**.*

The phrasal verb *to break up* has several meanings:

a) *to break up* means to break into a lot of small pieces.

*The vase just **broke up** in my hands.*

b) *to break up* means to separate something into several smaller parts.

*I think that their intention is to **break up** our company into several smaller ones.*

c) *to break up* means to stop a fight.

*Their mom was the one to **break up** fights.*

d) *to break up* means to make people leave a place where they have been meeting or protesting.

*Police **broke up** the demonstration.*

e) *to break up (with) (when speaking of marriage, group of people, or relationship)* indicates that the people in this relationship separate and do not live or work together anymore.

*I was so sad to hear that my favourite band **broke up**.*

*James **broke up with** Kate broke up last year.*

Short Story Dialogue

– *Have you heard the latest news?*

– *No, what's up?*

– ***Sam and Alice broke up!***

– *What? No way! How did it happen?*

– *Apparently, Sam proposed to Alice in public and **she turned him down**.*

– *That's heartbreaking. I thought they were going to get married soon. They had been talking about that for months!*

– *I know! **Their break-up is sad news for everyone.***

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- a. Emily the offer because she didn't want to move to another state.
- b. Do you mind if I the music? It's a bit distracting.
- c. I asked July for help but she me..... I don't know what to do now.
- d. If the company, Todd will lose his job.

2) Match the sentences.

a. I am afraid that we have to turn down your offer.	1. The police is breaking up the people in front of the parliament building.
b. Breaking news!	2. I'll get a new one.
c. I'm sorry! I must have broken it up.	3. It is not financially feasible for us right now.

3) Answer the questions.

a. Do you turn down your friends' requests?
b. Would you ask a stranger to turn down the music in his headphones?
c. Do you believe that the majority of couples breaks up within a month?

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3) Answer the questions. Sample Answers:

- a. No, I don't turn down my friends' requests.
- b. No, I wouldn't ask a stranger to turn down the music in his headphones.
- c. Yes, I believe that the majority of couples breaks up within a month.

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2) The phrasal verb *to give up* has several meanings:

a) *to give something up/to give up doing something* means to stop doing something, especially something that you do regularly.

*Bella **gave up** her job and became a stay-at-home mom.*

*Why don't you **give up** drinking beer?*

b) *to give yourself/somebody up (to)* means to allow yourself or someone else to be caught by the police or enemy soldiers.

*The burglar **gave himself up**.*

*His friends **gave him up to the police**.*

c) *to give up something* means to use some of your time to do a particular thing.

*Emily didn't like **giving up time to** do laundry.*

d) *to give something/somebody up* means to give something that is yours to someone else.

*They had to **give up their** lands.*

e) *to give up on somebody/something* means to stop hoping that someone or something will change or improve.

*Greg had been in a coma for a year, and doctors **had almost given up on** him.*

f) *to give yourself up to something* means to allow yourself to feel an emotion completely, without trying to control it.

*They **gave themselves up to** laughter after hearing the joke.*

The phrasal verb *to turn out* has several meanings:

a) *to turn out (bad, fine, well etc.)* means to happen in a particular way, or to have a particular result, especially one that you did not expect.

*I thought I'd failed my exam, but **it turned out fine**.*

***As it turns out**, they have been dating for over a year.*

*James **turned out to be** Lilly's cousin.*

b) *to turn out for* means that a lot of people go to watch the event or take part in it.

*About 80% of the population **turned out for** the election.*

c) *to turn somebody out* means to force someone to leave a place permanently, especially their home.

*If you don't pay the rent, they will **turn you out** in a week.*

III. Short Story Dialogue

– ***It looks like Jerry has given up on his marriage.** I barely see him together with Ann.*

– ***I've never thought that it could turn out like that.***

– *Yeah, I know what you mean. It seemed like they were made for each other. **But it turns out that sometimes love is not enough.***

– ***Hey, don't give yourself up to depression.** They're both adults, they'll work it out.*

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- b. I can't now. I put all my effort in it.
- c. If you now, you'll regret it in the future.
- d. Michael to be the sweetest guy in the world.

2) Match the sentences.

a. Could you give me some money? I need to pay the rent.	1. You're always ready to give up!
b. I thought I had to go to classes today.	2. I don't want the landlord to turn me out.
c. Why can't you finish what you've started?	3. Guess what? It turns out that they were canceled.

3) Answer the questions.

a. Could you give up eating sweets?
b. Do many people turn out for elections?
c. Do people often give up on their dreams?

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- a. Sam broke up with Alice. It **turns out** that he has never loved her.
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c. Why can't you finish what you've started?	1. You're always ready to give up!

3) Answer the questions. Sample Answers:

- a. No, I couldn't give up eating sweets.
- b. Not many people turn out for elections.
- c. Sometimes people give up on their dreams.