

# Phone English

## Lesson: V107

### Phrasal Verbs 1

**Aims: to enable you to learn and use a range of phrasal verbs**

**A. Look at these examples of phrasal verbs and say what you think they might mean**

1. I'll **drop** you **off** at the bus-stop. It's raining and I am sure you don't want to get wet.
2. I've **used up** all my holiday money so I'll have to come home a week earlier.
3. You never help around the house. You **take after** your father. He never did any housework, either
4. Bad habits are not always easy to **give up**.
5. Every time he gets in his car, he **turns** the radio **up** full. It's deafening!
  
6. You shouldn't believe everything he says. He has a habit of **making** things **up**.
7. My cousin is **doing up** an old cottage in France, and he's planning to let it for £300 per week when he's finished it.
8. The truth finally **dawned on** him. He had thought that the money had stolen by thieves, but now he realized his own brother had taken it.
9. Are you coming to **see** us **off** at the station?
10. He's getting better and he'll be out of hospital soon, but I still think it will take him some time to **get over** his illness.
  
11. If you don't slow down, you'll **end up** in hospital.
12. I was tired of listening to her moaning about her holiday, but she **went on** and **on**.
13. Driving a car isn't something that can be **picked up** overnight. You'll need to be patient and keep going to your driving lessons.
14. Shall we continue doing the decorating? Do you **feel up to** it today?
15. He thinks that his sweet talk will persuade me, but I can **see** straight **through** him. He's only after my money.
  
16. I really hope he won't **let me down** again. I need that delivery by Thursday.
17. I was walking home and then something suddenly **came over** me – I felt dizzy and fell over.
18. Where did you **come across** these old photos? I thought I'd thrown them out.
19. We had been **counting on** the completion of the contract by Christmas. We've arranged to move into our new house in the New Year so you can't put it off to February now.
20. You shouldn't **put off** going to the dentist if you've got toothache.

## B. Gap-fill

The following verbs are used in the gaps below (in the form given):

doing	see	take	saw	turn
gave	making	counting	feel	dawned
came	ended	get	use	come
putting	goes	let	dropping	pick

1. That's the second time he's.....me down this week – he's becoming so unreliable.
2. We can't go to Linda's party this weekend as she's .....it off until the week after next.
3. I was ..... on you to lend me your car. How am I going to get to the airport if you are using it yourself?
4. You can borrow my camera, but try not to .....up all the film.
5. I feel so upset, but I expect I'll.....over it in a few days
6. I don't speak any French, but I'm sure I'll.....up a few words after a few days.
7. I .....up smoking three years ago, and I have never regretted it.
8. Do you think he's telling the truth? I reckon he's .....the whole thing up.
9. He's done a great job of .....that old motorbike up. It looks great! It was all rusty before.
10. How can you say that I ..... my sister? I think we are completely different.
11. I'm going to the airport to .....John off. Do you want to come?
12. She's so boring! She just .....on and on about her cruise to the Bahamas. I wish she'd change the subject.
13. I don't really ..... up to playing squash today. I'm still getting over my cold.
14. Can you ....the music up a bit? I can't hear it.
15. We went to 3 different pubs last night and .....up at the Chinese restaurant.
16. I've lost my keys. Could you let me know if you .....across them?
17. You don't mind taking Peter with you, do you? He only needs ..... off at school. It's on your way to work.
18. I've no idea why I was so rude to him. I just don't know what .....over me.
19. He tried to say it was nothing to do with him, but we ..... right through him. He's a bad liar.
20. I'd been looking for that book for ages, and then it suddenly .....on me that I'd lent it to John.

**C. Complete these phrases**

1. You can always .....on her to be late.
2. Our flight was re-directed and instead of Tokyo we ..... up in Bangkok.
3. He's such a darling. People say he takes .....his grandfather.
4. I don't think I'll ever want to give .....cycling. I enjoy it and it's good for my fitness.
5. Don't you think it's time you ..... up your house? It will sell much better if it looks clean and tidy.
6. I believed every word he said, but it turned out that he'd made the whole thing .....
7. I can't find my glasses. Can you let me know if you come ..... them?
8. I know he won the championship, but there's really no need to ..... on and on about it.
9. They were really nice to me during my stay. They even came to .....me off at the airport.
10. I was looking for his number in the telephone directory when it suddenly .....on me that he had moved house.
11. I know he seems like a nice person, but he's got ulterior motives. I'm surprised you didn't ..... through that story about his divorce. He .....it up so you would sympathize with him.
12. They have had to .....the meeting off till they get the new figures.
13. I never feel .....to going for a long walk on Boxing Day. It's always cold, and after all that food I just haven't got the energy.
14. If you let ..... down once more, I'll walk out on you.
15. You ..... the volume ..... by adjusting this switch.
16. He never really got..... his parents divorcing.
17. You ..... the volume ..... by adjusting this switch.
18. I've used ..... all my stamps. Have you got a spare one?
19. You should know better than to count .....her. She always lets people .....
20. Knowing him he'll pick it .....very quickly. He's a quick learner.
21. Could you .....me off at the entrance to the supermarket. It's raining and I don't want to get wet.