

Common Phrasal Verbs for TOEFL

Apa itu Phrasal Verb?

Phrasal verb adalah gabungan dari kata kerja biasa (Normal verb) dengan kata keterangan (adverb) atau kata depan (preposition) yang membentuk phrasal verb dan mempunyai arti yang baru. Sebagai contoh get up yang berarti bangun memiliki arti yang berbeda dengan get dan up. Karena itu phrasal verb bisa saja membuat kita bingung karena definisinya yang tidak selalu mudah ditebak. Karena phrasal verb tidak hanya digunakan di dalam tes TOEFL tapi juga percakapan bahasa Inggris, jadi ada baiknya nih homies kita mengetahui contoh - contoh dari phrasal verb.

Contoh dari Phrasal Verb

Phrasal Verb	Definition	Sentence
Ask out	Invite on a date	He is too shy to ask her out
Ask around	ask many people the same question	I asked around but nobody has seen my wallet.
add up to	To make total amount of something	Your purchases add up to \$205.32
Back up	To support somebody/something	- I will back you up if they don't believe you. - the writer doesn't back up his opinions with examples.
blow up	explode	The racing car blew up after it crashed into the fence.
Break down	Stop working especially in reference to machine.	Our car broke down at the side of the highway in the snowstorm.
break in	To enter a building by force	Somebody broke in last night and stole our stereo.
Break up	end a relationship	My boyfriend and I broke up before I moved to America.
bring <i>someone</i> down	To make someone unhappy	This sad music is bringing me down .
Call around	To contact multiple people	We called around but we weren't able to find the car part we needed.
call <i>someone</i> back	return a phone call	I called the company back but the offices were closed for the weekend.
call <i>something</i> off	To cancel a planned event	Jason called the wedding off because he wasn't in love with his fiancée.
call on <i>someone</i>	visit someone	We called on you last night but you weren't home.
calm down	relax after being angry	You are still mad. You need to calm down before you drive the car.

check out	leave a hotel	You have to check out of the hotel before 11:00 AM.
check <i>someone/something</i> out	look at carefully, investigate	The company checks out all new employees
cheer up	become happier	She cheered up when she heard the good news.
cheer <i>someone</i> up	To make someone happy, especially if they were previously sad.	I brought you some flowers to cheer you up .
clean <i>something</i> up	tidy, clean	Please clean up your bedroom before you go outside.
come across <i>something</i>	find unexpectedly	I came across these old photos when I was tidying the closet
come apart	To break into pieces	The book just come apart in my hand
come between	To interfere with a relationship between to people	<i>After more than fifty years of partnership, nothing could come between them.</i>
dress up	wear nice clothing	It's a fancy restaurant so we have to dress
drop back	move back in a position/group	Andrea dropped back to third place when she fell off her bike.
drop out	quit a class, school etc	I dropped out of Science because it was too difficult.
eat out	eat at a restaurant	I don't feel like cooking tonight. Let's eat out .
end up	eventually reach/do/decide	We ended up renting a movie instead of going to the theatre.
fall apart	break into pieces	My new dress fell apart in the washing machine.
fall down	fall to the ground	The picture that you hung up last night fell down this morning.
fall out	separate from an interior	The money must have fallen out of my pocket.
figure <i>something</i> out	understand, find the answer	I need to figure out how to fit the piano and the bookshelf in this room.
find out	discover	We don't know where he lives. How can we find out ?
get along/on	like each other	I was surprised how well my new girlfriend and my sister got along/on .
get away	go on a vacation	We worked so hard this year that we had to get away for a

		week.
get back	return	We got back from our vacation last week.
get together	meet (usually for social reasons)	Let's get together for a BBQ this weekend.
get up	get out of bed	I got up early today to study for my exam.
give in	reluctantly stop fighting or arguing	My boyfriend didn't want to go to the ballet, but he finally gave in .
give up	stop trying	My maths homework was too difficult so I gave up .
go after <i>someone</i>	follow someone	My brother tried to go after the thief in his car.
go ahead	start, proceed	Please go ahead and eat before the food gets cold.
go back	return to a place	I have to go back home and get my lunch.
hand <i>something</i> down	give something used to someone else	I handed my old comic books down to my little cousin.
hang in	stay positive (N.Amer., informal)	Hang in there. I'm sure you'll find a job very soon.
hang on	wait a short time (informal)	Hang on while I grab my coat and shoes!
hang up	end a phone call	He didn't say goodbye before he hung up .
hold on	wait a short time	Please hold on while I transfer you to the Sales Department.
keep <i>something</i> up	continue at the same rate	If you keep those results up you will get into a great college.
let <i>someone</i> down	fail to support or help, disappoint	I need you to be on time. Don't let me down this time.
let <i>someone</i> in	allow to enter	Can you let the cat in before you go to school?
look after <i>someone/something</i>	take care of	I have to look after my sick grandmother.
look down on <i>someone</i>	think less of, consider inferior	Ever since we stole that chocolate bar your dad has looked down on me.
look forward to <i>something</i>	be excited about the future	I'm looking forward to the Lebaran break.

Exercise:

Instruction: Silahkan dicocokkan arti kalimat di bawah ini dengan idiom nya.

1. Stop trying
A. Give in
B. Give up
2. End a phone call
A. Hang up
B. Hang on
3. Be excited about the future
A. Look after
B. Look forward to
4. Break into pieces
A. Fall apart
B. Fall down
5. like each other
A. Get along/on
B. Get back
6. Meet (usually for social reasons)
A. Get together
B. Get up
7. Invite on a date
A. Ask around
B. Ask out
8. Stop working especially in reference to machine.
A. Break up
B. Break down
9. Allow to enter
A. Let *someone* in
B. Let *someone* up
10. Become happier
A. Check out
B. Cheer up

Key:

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. A



- 6. A
- 7. B
- 8. B
- 9. A
- 10. B

Source:

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