

Vocabulary and speaking

Phrasal verbs – literal

- 1 Phrasal verbs consist of a verb + adverb/preposition. They can be **literal** or **idiomatic**. Look at these sentences. Which are literal? Which are idiomatic?

carry out

- a He **carried out** nearly 600 virus attacks.
b I **carried out** the rubbish to the bin.

take up

- a He **took up** dancing three years ago.
b She **took the baby up** to the bedroom.

- 2 Complete these literal phrasal verbs with a word from the box.

up at down on back off

- Come in and take _____ your coat!
- Put _____ something warm. It's cold today.
- That was our family home. I grew _____ there.
- If you don't feel well, go and lie _____.
- Look _____ the countryside. Isn't it beautiful?
- I'll lend you £20. Pay me _____ when you can.

- 3 Do or mime these actions with a partner. Guess the phrasal verb.

- throw something away
- try something on
- look for something
- turn something off
- turn round
- pick something up



- 4 Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb from 3.

- I'm _____ my glasses. I can't find them anywhere.
- I like these jeans. Can I _____ them _____?
- That dress looks great on you. _____ so I can see the back!
- Don't drop litter on the floor! _____ it _____!
- Don't _____ that newspaper _____. I want to read it.
- Why are all these lights on? _____ them _____.

Phrasal verbs – idiomatic

- 5 Replace the idiomatic phrasal verbs with a phrase from the box.

get up-to-date became successful
stop learnt bit by bit

- He will **give up** dancing if he is homesick.
- She **picked up** Spanish when she worked in Madrid.
- Their new business **took off** very quickly.
- I'm just calling to **catch up** with your news.

- 6 Match the phrases with the pictures and make sentences.

look after a baby look up a word run out of petrol
fall out with someone get on well with somebody



- 7 Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb from 6.

- 'What does this word mean?' 'I don't know. I'll _____ it _____.'
- My boss is a great guy. I _____ very well _____ him.
- Leave little Evie with me. I'll _____ her while you're out.
- It was a terrible journey – traffic jams all the way, and we nearly _____ petrol.
- I feel miserable because I _____ my best friend last week.

Talking about you

- 8 Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb in the correct form.

- Do you use a dictionary to _____ new words?
- How do you usually _____ with your friends' news? Do you text or call?
- Do you always _____ with your parents or do you sometimes argue?
- Do you ever _____ with friends and stop speaking to them?
- Are you good at _____ foreign languages?
- Where did you _____? Do you still live there?

5.13 Listen and check. Ask and answer the questions about you with a partner.

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