

Phrasal Verbs Practice | Lesson 14

brighten up | cloud over | clear up | freeze over | cool down

Example Dialogues

Alicia : Leo, when are we going on a picnic? You promised we'd go today!

Leo : I'm sorry Alicia, we can't go today. It's beginning to cloud over! It might rain.

Alicia : Okay... But if it clears up later, promise me we will go!

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Tim : Can I borrow your car?

Robin : No way! Remember last time?! You must be crazy...

Tim : Cool down! Don't be so mad, I won't touch your car!

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Nana : Look at the trees! They froze over at night.

Lucy : Yeah. It looks really beautiful. Especially now when it brightened up, and the sun is shining!

! *Try to figure out the meaning of these phrasal verbs.*

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Example Passage

I have seen the weather forecast on TV this morning. They said that the sky would be clouded over. The weatherman said that at noon it would clear up. I thought I'd wait until it brightens up to go shopping. However, I'll need to bring a scarf with me because it will cool down in the evening. I guess if the temperature falls even lower, my car will freeze over tonight.

! *Again, try to figure out the meaning of these phrasal verbs.*

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Definitions

brighten up | to become lighter; if the weather brightens up, it becomes sunnier

*Now that it **brightened up** we can go to the beach and sunbathe!*

cloud over | to become covered with clouds (usually the sky)

*It was **clouded over** for some time and then snow started falling.*

clear up | to stop being cloudy or rainy

*I wish it would **clear up** already! It has been raining since morning.*

clear ... up | to make something clear; to explain something

*Can you **clear** that **up** for me? I don't understand!*

freeze over | to become covered with a layer of ice

*It was so cold last night that everything **froze over**.*

cool down | to become cooler/ to stop being angry

*Suzy dislikes hot weather. That's why she prefers to go out in the evening when the air has **cooled down**.*

*Mira was so mad at her little brother that she went outside to **cool down**.*

Make sure you can understand the meaning of these phrasal verbs.

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Practice

Use the correct **phrasal verbs** (in a correct form) to complete the sentences.

- 1 | Planes can't fly when it's _____.
- 2 | Nancy will have to wait until it _____ to go sunbathing.
- 3 | The lake _____ this winter. Now the children can skate!
- 4 | Timmy will have to wait until the pie _____ to eat it.
- 5 | When you get a heat stroke, it's important to _____.
- 6 | It's so _____ and dark. I have no idea why he's wearing sunglasses.
- 7 | Just try to _____ and think rationally.
- 8 | The sky is expected to _____ by 3 am, so we will be able to go stargazing.
- 9 | I'll ask the teacher to _____ this poem _____. I just don't get it!
- 10 | I didn't notice the pavement _____, so I slipped and fell.

APPLICATION:

Create your own sentences using these phrasal verbs.

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Exercise

Use the correct **phrasal verbs** (in a correct form) to complete the dialogue.

(Otto, who works at a hospital, is checking on one of the patients - Mrs. Berg)

Otto : Hello Mrs. Berg! How are you feeling today?

Mrs. Berg : Oh, I'm feeling a lot better! And look outside! Such lovely weather. I like it when it _____.

Otto : Actually, I like it when it's _____.

Mrs. Berg : I see. I dislike bad weather because my joints hurt whenever it's about to rain!

Otto : That must be awful, Mrs. Berg. Well it _____, so you should be feeling okay. Let's take your temperature now.

Mrs. Berg : Of course.

Otto : Mrs. Berg, your temperature is quite high! You should rest while I bring you some medicine to help ____ you ____.

Mrs. Berg : Oh, ok then.

APPLICATION:

Create your own dialogue using these phrasal verbs with your teacher.

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