

Phrasal Verbs Practice | Lesson 19

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Example Dialogues

Simon : I'm so bored!

Lucy : You should get out of the house more often.

* * *

Sean : When I look back on my teenage years, I feel so embarrassed!

Ron : Me too.

* * *

Carmen : The numbers just don't add up! I guess i'll drop in at John's place and see what he thinks.

Adrian : Yeah he'll help you sort things out.

* * *

Tim : Will this be on the exam, Sir?

Lecturer : It may. I advise you to put down the main ideas in your notebooks.



Try to figure out the meaning of these phrasal verbs.

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Example Passage

Last summer, Francis **got out of** his house during the weekend for a hiking trip. He **put down** everything he needed on a piece of paper and headed to a shop. He bought bottled water, food, and a few other things. Then he remembered he had forgotten his map. He went back home to get it. When he was finally back on track, it started raining. Francis was furious, because it didn't **add up**; the weather forecast said that it would be sunny the whole day. Francis headed back. Since it was raining heavily, he **dropped in** at his friend's house. They drank some coffee and had a nice conversation. **Looking back** on that day, Francis laughs and says that it all turned out for the better.

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

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Definitions

add ... up | calculate

*All children in preschool know how to **add** numbers **up**.*

add up ... | make sense; equal a total

*His story is very suspicious; the facts just don't **add up**!*

*The numbers don't **add up** to the total. I probably made a mistake.*

drop in | to visit someone, often unexpectedly

*I'll **drop in** at grandma's house after school.*

get out of | to avoid or escape something

*Mike keeps trying to **get out of** paying when we go out.*

*Sarah's son just can't **get out of** trouble!*

look back | think about the past; turn around to see

***Looking back** at my high school years, I understand how happy I was.*

*He **looked back** because he thought he saw someone he knew.*

put down ...

put ... down | stop holding something; take a note

***Put down** the puppy, it's scared.*

***Put** the puppy **down**, it's scared.*

*I **put down** the name of that perfume, so I wouldn't forget.*

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

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Practice

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

1 | If you _____ 2 and 3, you get 5.

2 | The boss was very angry with me, but I _____ that predicament with the help of my colleague.

3 | My grandma often _____ on the time when she was young.

4 | Don't touch the vase, Mike. _____ it _____ this instant!

5 | The children _____ their house chores and went outside for some fresh air.

6 | I made some apple pie and guess who _____ !

7 | You should _____ what she is saying. Otherwise, you'll forget.

8 | It just doesn't _____. Ostriches can't fly, man!

9 | They would unexpectedly _____ on us sometimes.

10 | I was too scared to _____ !



APPLICATION:

Create your own sentences using these phrasal verbs.

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

(Yui is telling Otto about what happened to her yesterday.)

Otto : Hi! You haven't _____ for a while.

Yui : Yeah. You won't believe what happened yesterday!

Otto : What?

Yui : I finally _____ some duties I usually had to perform at work, overtime. So I went home earlier. On my way home, I saw this strange lady walking a black cat on a leash!

Otto : Some people walk their cats. There's nothing strange about that.

Yui : You haven't heard all of it yet! She was walking next to me. Then she stopped, picked her cat up, and the _____ it _____ again. I looked in the other direction for a second and then when I _____ she wasn't there! She vanished!

Otto : That certainly doesn't _____. Maybe she just went in other direction?

Yui : No, she didn't! Honestly, she just vanished.

Otto : That is uncanny!

 **APPLICATION:**

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

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