

Phrasal Verbs Practice | Lesson 30**mess up | send for | drop by | reel in | aim to****Example Dialogues**

Coleen : Oh, my! They messed up my hair really bad!

Patricia : Don't worry, you still look great!

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Alex : A pipe in my bathroom is leaking. I think I will have to send for a plumber.

Luke : If you want, I can drop by and see what the problem is.

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Mike : Does your company aim to maximize profits next year?

Ryan : Yes, we want to reel in as much money as we can.



Try to figure out the meaning of these phrasal verbs.

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Example Passage

I **aim to** graduate from university this year, and I hope nothing will **mess up** my plan. I will **send for** a friend who will go back home and bring me all of my books, so I don't waste time traveling instead of studying. I plan to **drop by** the library as much as I can, because I have access to all the books I need for my final exams there. All that will be left to do then is to **reel in** my diploma and hope to get a good job right after graduation.



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

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Definitions

mess up | to make a lot of mistakes; to become confused or troubled

*I failed the exam because I **messed up** the highest scoring exercise.*

*His divorce really **messed him up**.*

send for | to ask someone to come to you

*Mindy, **send for** Mr. Johnson, please. I want to speak to him.*

*Cassie, the school principal **sent for** you.*

drop by | to make a short visit, or a brief stop

*I will **drop by** the coffee shop tomorrow morning.*

*He **dropped by** to tell me the good news and left.*

reel in | to bring something in; to attract someone or something

*After two hours of fishing, he **reeled in** a 12 kilo carp!*

*I am trying to **reel in** new customers through my new TV advertisement.*

aim to | to try or intend to do or achieve something

*We **aim to** double our clients next year.*

*She **aims to** bake the world's biggest cake.*

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

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Practice

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

- 1 | You really _____ this place _____ !
- 2 | I will _____ in about ten minutes to take the jacket.
- 3 | You should always _____ get the highest grades!
- 4 | I can't understand what is wrong with my car. I will _____ a mechanic.
- 5 | You are engaged? Wow! You finally managed to _____ him _____ !
- 6 | Carl _____ to borrow some books.
- 7 | Andy, make your bed! You can't leave it _____ like this!
- 8 | Did you _____ me, sir?
- 9 | Their excellent pizza is _____ customers _____ .
- 10 | The team _____ win the last match of the season.



APPLICATION:

Create your own sentences using these phrasal verbs.

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Exercise

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

Lucy is talking to Rick about her painting.

Lucy : Rick, I think I _____ my whole painting! What do you think of these yellow lines?

Rick : I like them! They add depth to the painting. You didn't ruin anything.

Lucy : On second thought, I think you are right. I _____ make my breakthrough in the art world with this exhibition and everything has to be perfect.

Rick : You'll be fine! Your paintings will _____ thousands of art enthusiasts. Come on, let's _____ a restaurant before we go to the art gallery. What do you think?

Lucy : It's a great idea! After we finish eating, I will _____ somebody these five paintings. Thank you so much for letting me work in your studio!

APPLICATION:

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

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