

Module 6 – Phrasal Verbs

Title “Phrasal Verbs – Speak Naturally in English”

Hi everyone, and welcome to this lesson on phrasal verbs. If you've ever wondered what 'come up with' or 'get by' really mean – you're in the right place!

[Introduction: What Are Phrasal Verbs?

Phrasal verbs are combinations of a verb and one or more small words – usually prepositions or adverbs – that create a new meaning.

Example:

Take + off = to remove / to leave the ground (airplane)
He took off his jacket.
The plane took off at 6 p.m.

The tricky part is that the meaning often isn't literal. So you need to learn them in context.

Why They Matter

A side-by-side comparison of:

Formal: She suggested a solution.
Natural: She came up with a solution.

English speakers use phrasal verbs all the time. Replacing them with formal verbs can sound stiff or unnatural.

Get – Versatile and Common

Let's look at 'get'. It changes meaning depending on the word that follows.

Examples:

- Get by → managing with little → I don't earn much, but I get by.
- Get over → recovering → She finally got over the flu.
- Get along → They get along really well.

- Get through to → I couldn't get through to him – he didn't understand.

Take – Multiple Meanings

- Take off → plane / success: His career took off.
- Take in → absorb / deceive: I was completely taken in.
- Take up → hobby: She's taken up painting.
- Take over → company control: The firm was taken over by a competitor.

Pay attention to context — one verb, many meanings





Common in Instructions

- Put off – postpone: Let's put off the meeting.
- Put up with – tolerate: I can't put up with the noise!
- Put out – extinguish: They put out the fire.
- Put forward – propose: He put forward an idea.

Come – Creative & Expressive

- Come up with – invent/suggest: She came up with a solution.
- Come across – discover by chance: I came across an old photo.
- Come down with – get sick: He came down with a cold.
- Come out – be released: The new album comes out next week.

Grammar Tips: Separable vs Inseparable

- Put off the meeting 
- Put the meeting off 
- Put off it 
- Put it off 

Some phrasal verbs are separable – you can place the object in the middle – but some are not. Learn the pattern with each verb.

That's it for now! Practice phrasal verbs daily, and your English will take off in no time.