

**STANDARD 6**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**CH 19: PHRASAL VERBS**

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## 1. Phrasal Verbs

**Definition:** A phrasal verb is a combination of a verb & preposition OR a verb & adverb, in which the meaning of the verb usually changes.

**Examples :** (a) She **put on** her overcoat as it was pretty cold.

(b) It was very difficult for her to **put up** with her neighbour's rude behaviour.

In sentence (a), 'put on' implies 'wore'.

In sentence (b), 'put up' implies 'tolerate'.

**Examples :** (a) They sat down. Here, 'sat' is a verb and 'down' is an adverb. So, 'sat down' is a phrasal verb.

(b) When did this come about? Here, 'come' is a verb and 'about' is a preposition. They form a prepositional phrase.

Some phrasal verbs are used in the sentences given below. Their meanings are given in brackets.

1. **Look up** the synonyms of the given words in the thesaurus. (find)
2. Rita refused to **put up** with her brother's rude behaviour. (tolerate)
3. The little orphan was **brought up** by a childless couple. (looked after and taken care of)
4. Mother **called up** her friend to wish her on her anniversary. (made a phone call)
5. Ragini and Tashi have **made up** and do not fight any more. (resolved differences)

## 2. EXERCISE A

***Phrasal Verbs*** are interesting to read and easy to understand. Here are a few more ***phrasal verbs*** to be picked up from the box and used in fill ups.

1. She was about to turn on the lights of the corridor.
2. The student thought that he could get away with excuses for not submitting his assignment on time.
3. The brave soldier laid down his life for his country.
4. Balvinder has made up with his cousin and they do not argue anymore.
5. Deepa is looking forward to her sister's marriage.
6. My father was driving fast and mother told him watch out for speed breakers or sharp curves.
7. Mr. Mehta decided to hand over the signed lease agreement to his landlord before he shifted into the house.
8. After the accident Ruhi was disheartened and due to her fractured leg she gave up the idea of participating in the marathon.
9. My mother had drawn the curtains to cut out the strong glare of bright sunlight.
10. While walking across the valley I came across a host of daffodils dancing in the breeze.

### 3. EXERCISE B

Read the following *phrasal verbs* and their meanings. Then use them in sentences of your own.

1. break down- collapse.

The soldier's wife **broke down** on hearing that he died in battle.

2. break out- begin

Mina **broke out** dancing as soon as she heard the music playing.

3. pull down- demolish

The municipality workers **pulled down** the illegal constructions in town.

4. put aside- save

My grandmother **puts aside** money for a rainy day.

5. put off- postpone

The teacher **put off** the test as the students were not prepared for it.

6. run away- flee

The enemy soldiers **ran away** on realizing that they were outnumbered.

7. run into- meet by chance

I **ran into** my friend in town, we had not met since several months.

8. run over- drive over

The puppy was **run over** by a speeding car and was badly injured.

## 4. EXERCISE C

Read the following, pick the correct *phrasal verbs* and fill in the blanks to complete the sentences.

1. Rohit has to give back the novels to the library today.
2. The driver stopped to fill up the fuel tank of the bus.
3. Kanika has looked for her wallet everywhere but she hasn't found it yet.
4. There is peace and calm in the coastal town since the cyclone has blown over.
5. Sumedha called on her friend to give her home-made cookies.
6. He wanted to stay away from the noisy crowd in the park.
7. Nasreen likes to show off her precious jewellery.
8. Aditi blew out the candles before she cut the cake while the guests clapped.

## 5. EXERCISE D

Match the *phrasal verbs* with their correct meaning.

1. set up- establish
2. set out- begin journey
3. back up- support
4. put aside- save
5. let off- excused

## EXERCISE E

Use the above *phrasal verbs* in sentences given below.

1. The merchant set up his own trading company.
2. The girl had the back up of her family when she struggled to complete her college assignment.
3. The voyager set out on a fine day to explore new islands.
4. The criminal was let off because the police could not find proof that he had committed the crime.
5. My mother put aside some money to buy a jewellery box for me.

- **This is the end of Zoom class for Ch 19: Phrasal Verbs.**
- **This is for your further understanding.**
- **You do not have to copy it anywhere.**