



# IELTS VOCABULARY

**10 ESSENTIAL PHRASAL  
VERBS FOR THE IELTS TEST**

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# What are phrasal verbs?



Phrasal verbs consist of a combination of a verb and a preposition and / or adverb.

'Call off' is a phrasal verb that means to cancel something.

# What are phrasal verbs?



We called off the match due to bad weather.

They had to call off their wedding.

We called off the seminar as not enough people registered.

# What are phrasal verbs?



When we use phrasal verbs, the verb tense changes like it would in a regular sentence

■ Past: call off → called off

The preposition / adverb never changes

# What are phrasal verbs?



- Phrasal verbs can make your speech sound more natural.
- However, incorrect use of these expressions can have the opposite effect.

# What are phrasal verbs?



- Therefore, it is important to understand their meaning and use fully before using them.
- So, let's look at some commonly used phrasal verbs.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 1. Break down

- a. To stop working because of a fault.
  - b. To fail.
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- a. Our car broke down so we had to take the bus.
  - b. Their relationship had broken down.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 1. **Break down**

- Use this phrasal verb to make some sentences.
- You can write your sentences in the chat.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 2. **Bring up**

To care for a child, teaching him/her how to behave.

It can also be used to talk about our childhood.

“My mother brought up four children”.

“I was brought up in the USA.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 2. **Bring up**

- Use this phrasal verb to make some sentences.
- You can write your sentences in the chat.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 3. **Catch up**

1. To reach somebody who is ahead by going faster.
2. To talk to someone you haven't seen for a while and find out what they have been doing.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 3. **Catch up**

1. “You go ahead and I will catch up with you in a few minutes.”
2. “It’s always nice to catch up with old friends.”  
“I caught up with Sarah last week. It was nice seeing her again.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 3. **Catch up**

- Use this phrasal verb to make some sentences.
- You can write your sentences in the chat.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 4. **Eat out**

**To have a meal at a restaurant**

**“My family and I are going to eat out at a local diner this weekend.”**

**“I ate out at a nice Greek restaurant last night.”**

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 4. **Eat out**

- Use this phrasal verb to make some sentences.
- You can write your sentences in the chat.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 5. **Get along**

To have a friendly or harmonious relationship

“The players of the other team don’t get along with each other.”

“I get along really well with my new roommate.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 5. **Get along**

- Use this phrasal verb to make some sentences.
- You can write your sentences in the chat.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 6. **Give up**

To stop making an effort; to resign oneself to failure

“He was trained not to give up so easily.”

“I gave up playing guitar as it was too sore on my fingers.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 6. Give up

- Use this phrasal verb to make some sentences.
- You can write your sentences in the chat.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 7. **Hang out**

To spend time relaxing or socializing informally.

“We usually hang out at our favorite restaurant every Friday.”

“I hung out with my friends last night.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 7. **Hang out**

- Use this phrasal verb to make some sentences.
- You can write your sentences in the chat.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 8. **Let down**

To fail to support or help somebody as they had hoped or expected.

“The students felt like that they had let their teacher down.”

“My brother was supposed to pick me up, but he didn’t come. He really let me down.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 8. **Let down**

- Use this phrasal verb to make some sentences.
- You can write your sentences in the chat.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 9. **Look forward to**

To feel happy and excited about something that is going to happen

“The children in the village always look forward to Halloween.”

“I am looking forward to my holiday this summer.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 9. **Look forward to**

- Use this phrasal verb to make some sentences.
- You can write your sentences in the chat.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 10. **Look up**

- a. search for and find a piece of information in a book or database.
- b. (of a situation) improve.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 10. **Look up**

**"the translation process involved  
looking up words in dictionaries"**

**"things seemed to be looking up at  
last"**

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 10. **Look up**

- Use this phrasal verb to make some sentences.
- You can write your sentences in the chat.

# VOCABULARY TEST



- **We are going to look at some sentences with missing words.**
- **All answers will be phrasal verbs we have studied today.**
- **Write your answers in the chat**

# VOCABULARY TEST



1. She has been my best friend for years. We really \_\_\_\_\_ well.
2. Pablo is from Spain. He was \_\_\_\_\_ in Madrid.
3. I usually enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ in Italian restaurants.
4. I really want to learn French. I am not going to \_\_\_\_\_.

# VOCABULARY TEST



1. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ at the cinema with my friends.
2. I hadn't see Paul for a few years, so it was great to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My car \_\_\_\_\_ three times last month. I need to get a new one.
4. I am \_\_\_\_\_ the concert next month. They are my favourite band.

# HOMework



**Choose one of today's phrasal verbs and write a paragraph describing something in your life:**

- **Your computer broke down**
- **Where you like to hang out**
- **Who you get along with**
- **Something you gave up**

# HOMEWORK



**I like to eat out in Italian restaurants. My favourite place is called Bella Napoli. It serves all kinds of pizza and pasta, and the food is always very fresh. I go there once a month with my family, and usually order a pepperoni pizza and some side dishes. I am looking forward to my next visit there.**

# HOMework



- **Post your homework in the comments section of this video on YouTube**
- **I will give you some feedback**



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