



# IELTS VOCABULARY

**10 MORE 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.

‘Drop out of’ is a phrasal verb that means to no longer be a part of something.

# What are phrasal verbs?



John dropped out of college after his first year.

He dropped out of politics after the scandal.

I am going to drop out of my evening classes as I don't have enough time.

# What are phrasal verbs?



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

Past: drop out of → dropped out of

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. **Make up**

To invent a story or plan

“She **made up** the excuse of being stuck in heavy traffic.”

“Fictional novels are all **made up**.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 1. **Make up**

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

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 2. **Meet up**

To attend a pre-arranged gathering

“The former colleagues agreed to meet up at the nearest café.”

“Asifa usually meets up with his family at the weekend”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 2. **Meet up**

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

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 3. **Pick out**

To distinguish someone or something from a group

“Let’s pick out the bad tomatoes in the basket.”

“I picked out a nice dress for Sarah’s wedding”

# 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. **Pick out**

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

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 4. **Put off**

To postpone something

“The seminar has been put off because of the pandemic.”

“We will have to put off the concert due to the bad weather.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 4. Put off

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

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 5. **Rule out**

To exclude from something or say something is not possible

“Jessica has been ruled out as a suspect in the murder case.”

“John’s age ruled him out of applying for the position.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 5. **Rule out**

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

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 6. **Sort out**

1. To arrange things systematically in groups or according to type.
2. To resolve a problem or difficulty.

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 6. **Sort out**

1. “Sort out the things you want to keep and throw the rest.”
2. “I sorted out the scheduling problem we had.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 6. **Sort out**

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

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 7. **Stumble upon**

To find or learn about something unexpectedly

“He stumbled upon a nice picnic area on his way home.”

“I stumbled upon an old castle while walking in the forest.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 7. **Stumble upon**

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

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 8. **Take after**

To resemble or act like a relative

“You should take after your brother who is a hardworking student.”

“You really take after your mother. Your faces are almost identical.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 8. **Take after**

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

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 9. **Turn down**

To reject or refuse something that was offered.

“She turned down the job offer as the salary was too low.”

“I turned the chance to go abroad to study as I didn’t want to leave my family.”

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 9. Turn down

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

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 10. **Zone out**

**To fall asleep or lose concentration  
or consciousness**

**“He was so exhausted that he zoned  
out.” for a while.”**

**“I always zone out when I watch  
action movies.”**

# PHRASAL VERBS



## 10. **Zone out**

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

# VOCABULARY TEST



- **We are now 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. My university course is too difficult for me, so I will have to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I can never pay full attention in morning lectures. I always \_\_\_\_\_.
3. People often say I \_\_\_\_\_ my mother.
4. I'm late for work again. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ a believable excuse.

# VOCABULARY TEST



5. When I go shopping, it's always hard to \_\_\_\_\_ clothes that suit me.
6. It's always nice when I \_\_\_\_\_ new information that can help me with my studies.
7. I was offered a new smartphone contract, but I \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.
8. My company \_\_\_\_\_ the annual party. We will now have it next month.

# HOMework



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

- **When something was put off**
- **Who you take after**
- **Something you turned down**
- **A time you made up an excuse or story**

# HOMework



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



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