

## Phrasal verbs: **Feelings**

### **What's a Phrasal verb?**

If you're new, a phrasal verb is a verb that goes together with one or more prepositions to create a single meaning. For example, "carry out" is a phrasal verb that means "to make something happen", and it's made up of the verb "carry" and the preposition "out".

### **More details? We've got you covered!**

With a different preposition, the meaning of the phrasal verb changes. For example, the phrasal verb "get over" means to overcome something. However, if you switch the preposition "over" to something else (away, back, behind, down, in, on, etc. ), you have a completely different meaning.

In English, we use phrasal verbs all the time. For example, for the verb "get," there are 19 phrasal verbs alone! That means 19 different "get + preposition" combinations - yikes!

#### *Paying attention to multiple prepositions*

Sometimes, phrasal verbs use TWO prepositions: verb + preposition + preposition. It's important to know when a phrasal verb uses two prepositions, because if you're missing one, the meaning changes!

Think of the phrasal verb "get away with," which means to avoid getting caught doing something. If you forget the second preposition "with" and just say "get away," that means to escape!

#### *Separating the verb from the preposition*

Another challenging part of prepositions is knowing when you can separate the verb from the preposition. Let's look at the phrasal verb "get across," meaning to successfully communicate an idea. In this case, we can separate the verb "get" from the preposition "across." For example, we can say "get the idea across."

There's no good way to know whether you can separate the verb from the preposition. You just have to memorize this aspect for each phrasal verb.

### **Let's get down to business!**

Now that we know what a phrasal verb is, let's look at some phrasal verbs related to feelings!

**pissed off** - to be angry or irritated.

Example: I always get pissed off when I get stuck in traffic at 8am.

**fed up** - to be annoyed or upset at a situation or treatment.

Example: how we all feel about the Coronavirus. Completely fed up!

**burn out** - to become too tired or unable to work, because of working too hard.

Example: when you take a super hard exam and your brain is so burned out, it's just not working anymore.

**freak out** - to suddenly get very angry or scared.

Example: I always freak out when I find a spider in my room. Why, spider, why?!

**cheer up** - to become happier.

Example: when I'm sad, I like to drink a nice cup of hot chocolate and it cheers me up.

**crack up** - to laugh out loud.

Example: I love that feeling when someone tells a very good joke and you crack up so hard that you start crying.

### Ready to get a little practice?

Now that you're all set, we're going to test what we've learned.

1. Circle the phrasal verbs you hear in the story. you can find the answers **in this video**

cheer up	crack up	show off
pissed off	come out	freak out
fed up	break up	burn out



2. Match the phrasal verbs with their definitions. You can find the answers **in this video**

a. pissed off

d. freak out

b. fed up

e. cheer up

c. burn out

f. crack up

1. to become too tired or unable to work, because of working too hard.

2. to laugh out loud

3. to be angry or irritated.

4. to become happier.

5. to be annoyed or upset at a situation or treatment.

6. to suddenly get very angry or scared.

**You're almost a Phrasal Verb Master. Let's see how you do in the next one:**

**3. Fill in the blanks in the conversation with the correct phrasal verb. There's one extra that you don't need to use.**

A: Hey, Jodi, you look a bit upset. Is something wrong?

B: Honestly? I'm quite \_\_\_\_\_ right now. I've been trying to upload this document for half an hour, and it's not letting me. I hate this Wi-Fi!

A: Oh, yeah, it sucks. But don't worry; come for a drink with us, I'm sure that will \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_.

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A: I've been looking for movie recommendations to watch over the weekend. Do you have any ideas?

B: Hmm, let me think... Oh, yeah! Last week I saw the last Adam Sandler movie on Netflix. It's so funny, I kept \_\_\_\_\_ every five minutes, and I had to pause the movie to laugh!

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A: Man, I'm so \_\_\_\_\_ after this morning's seminar. The speaker just spoke for like three hours without stopping!

B: Yeah! To be honest, I'm completely \_\_\_\_\_ with teachers who make their classes long and boring. It's like they do it on purpose!

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4. Optional exercise: check out this topic's flashcards for extra practice! Click the link **here** or on the online page.

**Well done! Now that you've mastered these phrasal verbs, remember that to truly incorporate them you have to take any opportunity you can to use them and put them into practice. Have fun, and Keep Learning.**