

Advanced phrasal verbs in focus

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Goals

- Can recognise and explain the meaning of a range of more advanced phrasal verbs.
- Can accurately use these phrasal verbs in a variety of contexts.







Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson you will learn some new phrasal verbs related to **disclosing information**.



They **made out** that he left of his own accord, but I don't think that's the full story. Everyone in the office is **playing along** but the atmosphere is really tense and awkward.



Reviewing phrasal verbs

- A **phrasal verb** acts like a verb but is made up of two or more words: a **verb** and a **particle** (which is usually a **preposition**).

Examples of phrasal verbs in use

We **drew up** a rota for sorting the post.

I might **put off** the beach trip until things are not so busy at work.

I think we need to **narrow down** our options. It will help us make a decision.

She wanted to **bring up** the issue of parking facilities. What are we going to do to improve them?

They want to **look into** getting better facilities but cost is an issue.





Reviewing transitive and intransitive phrasal verbs

- Phrasal verbs can be **transitive** or **intransitive**. **Transitive** verbs take an object while **intransitive** verbs do not take an object.

transitive phrasal verbs	intransitive phrasal verbs
to call for	to come over
to pick up	to eat out
to run into	to end up
to turn off	to go ahead
to call up	to meet up



Review transitive and intransitive phrasal verbs



- **Intransitive** phrasal verbs are always **inseparable**.
- Some **transitive** phrasal verbs are **separable** and some are **inseparable**.
- With a **separable** phrasal verb, the **object** can be placed **in-between** the **verb** and the **particle**. See the examples below:

■ intransitive

■ transitive (separable)

■ transitive (inseparable)

■ I can't be bothered to cook tonight, let's **eat out**.

■ Can you **turn** the radio **off**, please? David, didn't you hear me? I asked you to **turn it off!**

■ I **ran into** my neighbour at the supermarket, she gave me a lift home with all my shopping.



Phrasal verbs in practice

Can you put each of the phrasal verbs below into a sentence?



to account for

to draw up

to put off

to map out

to put forward

to bring up

to sum up

to adhere to

to verge on



Practise using phrasal verbs

Can you rewrite the text below using phrasal verbs in place of the verbs marked in bold? Use your answers from the previous slide to help you.

I think we might need to **postpone** this afternoon's meeting. I want to check that we're **following** the industry guidelines properly before we plan the next step. I looked over the project notes this morning and I think there are some parts that could be **near** breaking the rules.

Alternatively, we could ask Mark to **summarise** his team's findings so far in an email and **plan** their activity for the next couple of days instead. At the last meeting he **mentioned** the need to have more regular feedback from us, so I want to **propose** some ideas to his team as soon as possible.





Phrasal verbs: decision-making and influencing

- Here are some new **phrasal verbs**. They are particularly useful for talking about **decision-making** or **influencing**.

phrasal verb	synonym or meaning
to mull something over	to consider, to think about something
to come around to something (e.g. an idea)	to eventually accept something
to tend towards	to lean in a particular direction, to be disposed or inclined to



Phrasal verbs: decision-making and influencing

- Using phrasal verbs makes your speech and writing sound closer to that of a **native** speaker. It is natural to use phrasal verbs in **everyday** speech!
- Phrasal verbs can sometimes be **less formal**. However, sometimes they are the most natural expression to use in a sentence because they have no exact synonym.

- I really want to move to London so I can have the career of my dreams, but my husband would prefer to live in the countryside. I'm hoping he'll **come around to** my way of thinking though.
- Perhaps I need to suggest some different options to him and ask him to **mull them over**.





Match each phrasal verb to its synonym or definition and then make a sentence with each phrasal verb

to arrive at

to consider

to choose

to mull over

to decide on

to come around

to eventually accept something

to lean in a particular direction

to reach

to tend towards





Extra practice

Look at the phrasal verbs on the cards below.
Tell your teacher about your experience in each situation. Give
as much detail as you can.
Remember to use the phrasal verb in your answer.



When was the
last time you had
to **mull over** a
big decision?

What sort of
approach do you
tend towards
when handling
conflict?

Have you ever
persuaded
someone to
come around to
your point of
view?

If you are
working in a
group, how do
you **arrive at** a
decision?



Phrasal verbs: truth, lies and secrets

- These new phrasal verbs are often used to talk about **truth**, **lies** and **secrets**. You might sometimes see these verbs in some **newspapers**.

phrasal verb	meaning
to play along	to pretend to believe someone or something that is unconvincing
to cover up	to hide or conceal the truth about something
to catch out	to catch someone in the act of lying or doing something wrong
to give away	to reveal something that should have been kept secret



Phrasal verbs: news and manipulating the truth

- You will come across some of these phrasal verbs if you read English language press, especially **tabloid newspapers**.



Oscar-Winning Actor **Gives Away** Secret Plot of Film in Exclusive Interview!



Read all about it

Do you know what a tabloid newspaper is?
Look at the tabloid headlines below. Can you rewrite each headline without using the phrasal verb?



Food Authority **Covers Up** Huge Scandal

Cheating Husband **Caught Out** by Wife When Florist Sent Flowers and Note to Wrong Address

Famous Childstar and Singing Sensation Publicly **Confides In** Pushy Mother: I'd Rather Be a Doctor!



Using phrasal verbs

Look below at the snippets of conversation between two friends.
Can you rewrite the text incorporating appropriate phrasal verbs?

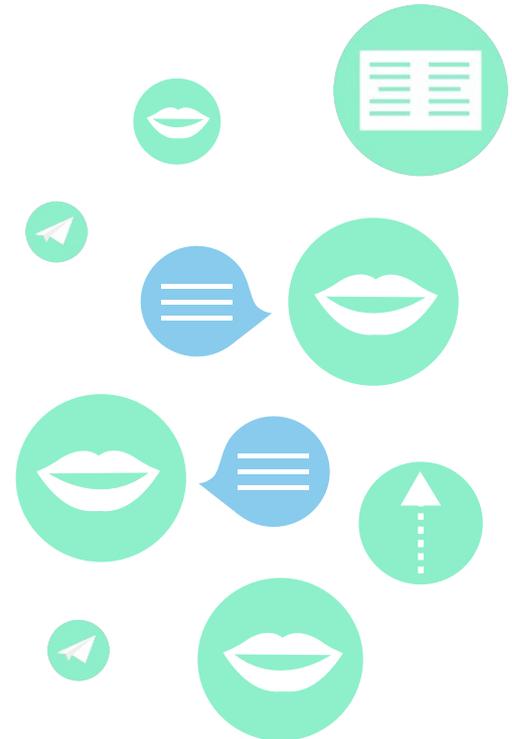
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I can't believe I told you that secret! I said I'd keep it to myself but I really needed to tell someone. It was worrying me.

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Don't worry, I'm a good actor. Nobody will ever realise I know. I'll pretend that I still think he's leaving for Australia next Friday. But how will you hide the truth after that, when he's still here and everyone thinks he's left the country?





Speaking

Imagine you are talking to a friend. Imagine you are explaining each situation on the cards below.

Use as many phrasal verbs in your explanations as you can.



Someone you know is lying to their mother.

The newest staff member at work is being promoted.

Your neighbour is involved in a big court case.

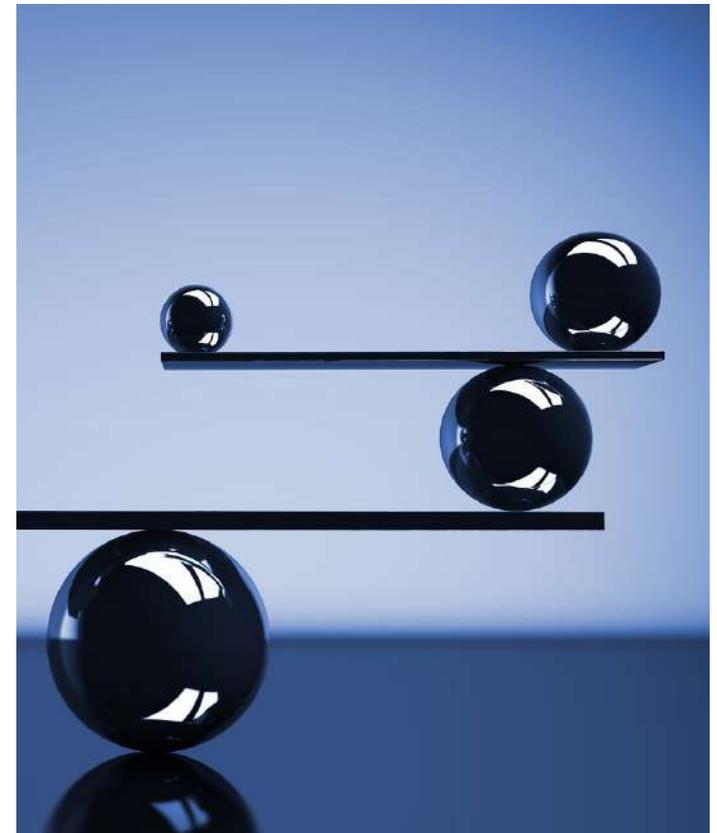
Two of your friends have had a big fight and are no longer speaking.



More phrasal verbs

- Here are some more new phrasal verbs, this time to do with **change** and **cause** and **effect**.

phrasal verb	meaning
to turn into	to become
to lead to	to cause
to change around	to alter or move things
to stem from	to develop as a result of something





Phrasal verbs in action

- The more you practise using phrasal verbs the easier it gets!

- The success of the business **stemmed from** its founder's enthusiasm for the company.
- Maybe we should **change** these times **around** so that they make more sense.
- I didn't get much work done today. I met Louise for coffee and half an hour **turned into** the whole afternoon!





Categorise your phrasal verbs

Categorise the following phrasal verbs:

decide on, mull over, tend towards, come around, arrive at, confide in, cover up, catch out, play along, give away, turn into, lead to, result in, change around, stem from



Hint: divide them into separable and inseparable first.



Hint: if you are unsure, try using the verb in a sentence.



intransitive

transitive (separable)

transitive (inseparable)



All about your career



Tell your teacher about your job and career path. Why did you **decide on** that career? Where did your interest in your job **stem from**? How did you **arrive at** the job situation that you are in today?

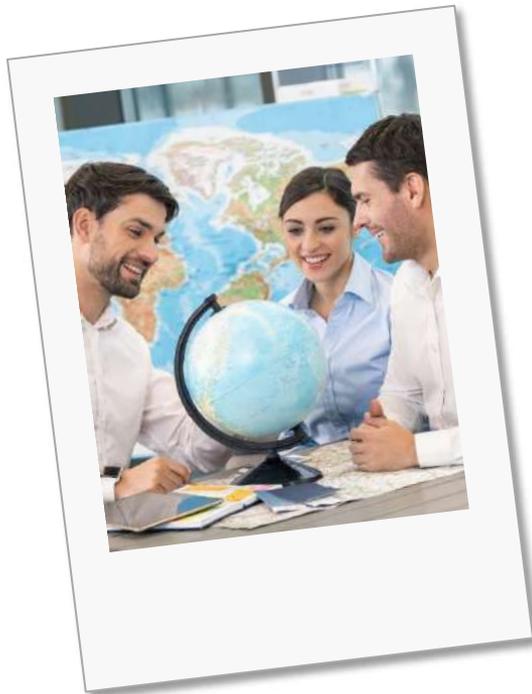
Use these phrasal verbs in your answers.



English is the key to success!

One of your colleagues is not sure whether they should take English lessons or not.

Using the phrasal verbs, talk about where your interest in the language comes from and what opportunities English might bring in the future.





Reflect on the lesson

Take a moment to review any new **vocabulary, phrases, language structures** or **grammar points** you have come across for the first time in this lesson.

Review them with your teacher one more time to make sure you don't forget!





Answer key

Exercise p. 13
 to mull over – to consider, to arrive at – to reach, to decide on – to choose, to tend towards – to lean in a particular direction, to come around – to eventually accept something

Exercise p. 22
Intransitive: play along, come around.

Transitive (inseparable): arrive at, tend towards, decide on, confide in, result in, stem from.

Transitive (separable): turn into, give away, catch out, cover up, mull over, change around, lead to.

Exercise p. 9
 adhere to - obey

verge on - approach

put forward - suggest

put off - postpone

draw up - create

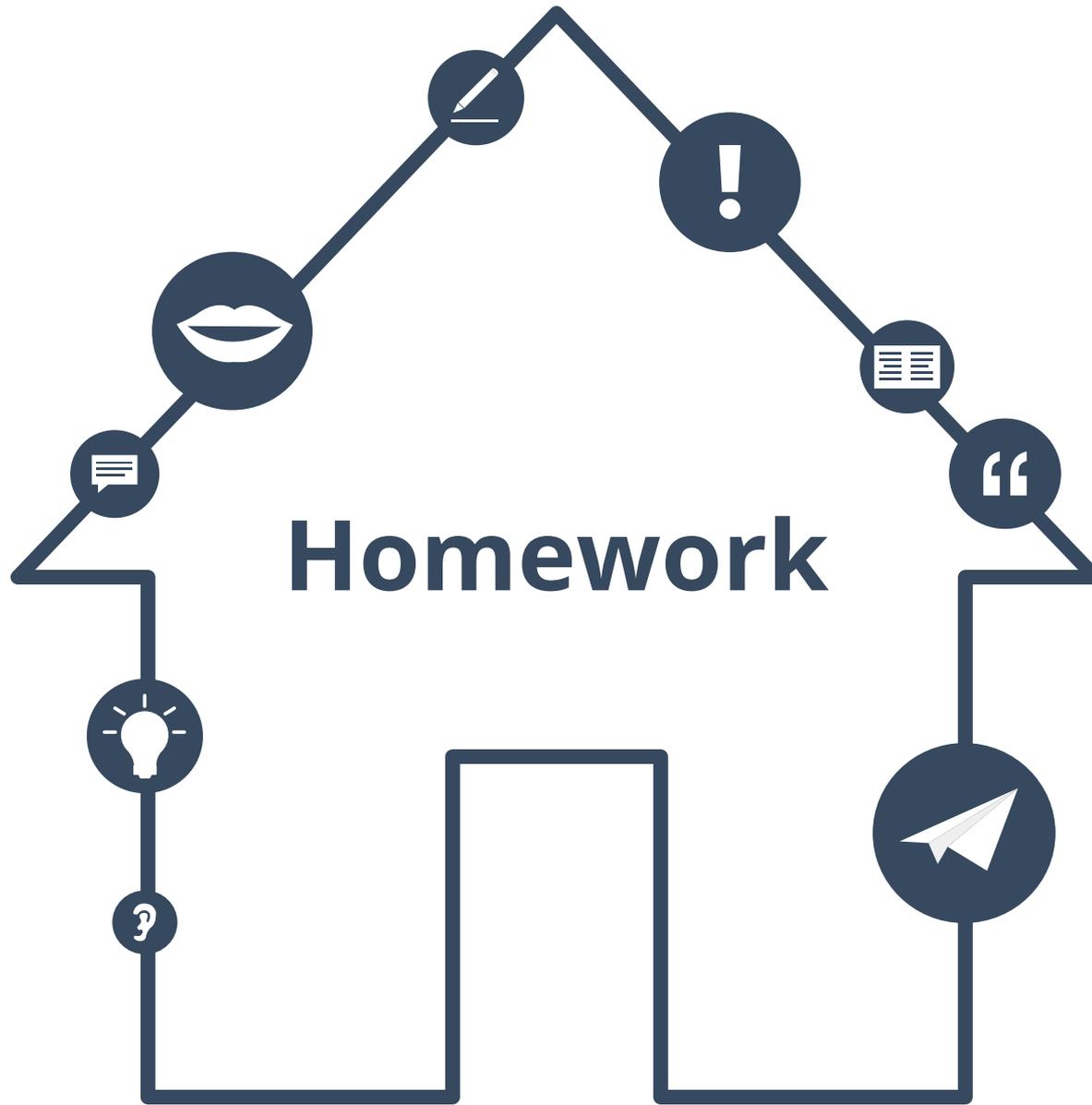
map out - plan

bring up - mention

sum up - summarise

Exercise p. 10

postpone – put off, following – adhering to, summarise – sum up, plan – map out, mentioned – brought up, propose – put forward





Match the verb to the particle

1. stem

2. cover

3. come

4. turn

5. catch

6. play

7. confide

a. on

b. out

c. along

d. up

e. in

f. from

g. around



Homework answer key

Exercise p. 28
1f, 2d, 3g, 4a, 5b, 6c, 7e



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