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Lesson 1. TAKE

1.



1

Listen.

TAKE AFTER to look or behave like an older relative
parecerse a, salir a

She resembles her mother in appearance but in character she takes after her father.

TAKE BACK to admit that you were wrong to say something
retirar

OK, I withdraw all the bad things I said about my boss. I take it all back!

BE TAKEN IN to be completely deceived by someone who lies to you
engañar

Be careful! You can be easily deceived by him. I was taken in by his lies many times.

TAKE OFF to remove a piece of clothing
quitar

This boy can't remove his scarf. Can you help him take it off?

TAKE OFF (of a plane) to rise into the air from the ground
despegar

What time does his plane leave the ground? I guess it takes off in a few minutes.

TAKE OFF to have a holiday from work on a particular day
coger libre

I haven't had a break at work for a long time so I've decided to take ten days off next month.

TAKE ON to employ someone
contratar

The company has decided to employ new staff. First they are going to take on a new secretary.

TAKE OVER to take control of something
asumir el control, tomar el mando

This big company will soon gain control over the local business. If they take it over, most of the workers will be fired.

TAKE TO to start to like someone or something
tomar gusto, coger cariño

I didn't feel a liking for my neighbours at first. In fact, I didn't take to them for a long time.

TAKE UP to become interested in a new activity
apuntarse a, empezar a hacer algo nuevo

You should start a new hobby. Why don't you take up tennis?

2.



2

Listen and repeat.

She takes after her father in character.

Ok, I take back everything I said about him.

I was taken in by a conman.

Take off your shoes, please.

The plane will take off in a few minutes.

He has taken ten days off work.

I've decided to take on a new secretary.

What if this big company takes us over?

I didn't take to my neighbours at first.

You should take up tennis.

3.



3

Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *take*.

- Ask somebody if he resembles his mother or father.
- ...
*Do you **take after** your mother or father?*
- Say you withdraw everything you said.
- ...
*I **take back** everything I said.*
- Say you won't be deceived by these lies.
- ...
*I won't be **taken in** by these lies.*
- Ask what time the plane leaves the ground.
- ...
*What time does the plane **take off**?*
- Say that you can't remove your jacket.
- ...
*I can't **take off** my jacket.*
- Say that you would like to have a three-day holiday at work.
- ...
*I'd like to **take three days off** work.*

- Ask somebody when he employed his last worker.
- ...
*When did you **take on** your last worker?*

- Ask who is going to gain control over the business.
- ...
*Who is going to **take over** the business?*

- Say that you immediately start liking honest people.
- ...
*I immediately **take to** honest people.*

- Advise somebody to start boxing.
- ...
*You should **take up** boxing.*

Lesson 2. GET

1.



4

Listen.

GET AT to keep criticizing someone in an unkind way
meterse con, pinchar a

Do you really have to attack me all the time? Why don't you get at somebody else for a change?

GET AWAY to leave a place, especially when this is not easy; to escape
escapar

Two dangerous prisoners escaped yesterday. Somebody must have helped them get away.

GET AWAY WITH to not be caught or punished when you have done something wrong
salirse con la suya

Don't think you can avoid punishment for this. Nobody gets away with cheating during an exam.

GET BY to have enough money to buy the things you need, but no more
apañárselas

I don't know how she manages to live on such a small pension but somehow she gets by.

GET DOWN to make someone feel unhappy
deprimir

For me the most depressing is rainy weather. It always gets me down.

GET DOWN TO to start doing something that is difficult or needs a lot of time
ponerse a

Stop playing around and start working. I tell you son, get down to work!

GET ON to get old
hacerse viejo

He's aged considerably since his wife's death. He's getting on before your eyes.

GET ON to make progress
progresar

Are you making any progress with the project? Not really, it's difficult to get on without the necessary data.

GET ON WITH to have a friendly relationship with each other
llevarse bien con

I have a very friendly relationship with my father-in-law but I don't get on well with my mother-in-law.

GET OVER to become well again after an illness
recuperarse

Jack's still recovering from his operation. We all hope he'll get over it soon.

GET OVER to successfully deal with a problem or difficulty
vencer, superar

She can't overcome her shyness. How could we help her get over it?

GET ROUND (of news) to spread
difundirse, dar a conocer

The bad news spread very quickly. It soon got round that she was divorcing her third husband.

GET THROUGH TO to succeed in speaking to someone on the telephone
comunicarse con alguien (por teléfono)

I couldn't reach her by phone because the line was busy. I had to try a few times before I finally got through to her.

GET THROUGH to be successful in a test, exam etc.
arreglárselas, pasar

After many attempts, she finally got through the exam. I think she managed to pass this time thanks to her new teacher.

2.



5

Listen and repeat.

Do you really have to get at me all the time?

Two dangerous prisoners got away yesterday.

Nobody gets away with cheating during an exam.

I don't know how she gets by on such a small pension.

Rainy weather always gets me down.

Stop playing around and get down to work!

He's getting on before your eyes.

I'm getting on slowly with the project.

I don't get on well with my mother-in-law.

We hope he'll get over his operation soon.

She can't get over her shyness.

The bad news got round very quickly.

I couldn't get through to her because the line was busy.

She finally got through the exam.

3.



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Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *get*.

- Tell somebody not to attack you all the time.
- ...
*Don't **get at** me all the time.*
- Ask if the burglars escaped through the window.
- ...
*Did the burglars **get away** through the window?*
- Warn somebody that they won't avoid punishment.
- ...
*You won't **get away with** this.*
- Ask somebody if they'll manage to live on such a small salary.
- ...
*Will you **get by** on such a small salary?*
- Ask somebody what usually depresses them.
- ...
*What usually **gets** you **down**?*
- Say that it's high time you started working on your project.
- ...
*It's high time I **got down** to my project.*
- Say that you don't want to grow old so quickly.
- ...
*I don't want to **get on** so quickly.*
- Ask somebody how they are advancing with their work.
- ...
*How are you **getting on** with your work?*
- Ask somebody what kind of people they have a friendly relationship with.
- ...
*What kind of people do you **get on with**?*
- Warn somebody that it won't be easy to recover from such a shock.
- ...
*It won't be easy to **get over** such a shock.*

- Advise somebody to do everything to overcome their weakness.
- ...
*You should do everything to **get over** your weakness.*

- Ask somebody how the news of their marriage spread.
- ...
*How did the news of your marriage **get round**?*

- Say that it's always difficult to reach your boss by phone.
- ...
*It's always difficult to **get through to** my boss.*

- Promise to help somebody manage their depression.
- ...
*I will help you **get through** your depression.*

Lesson 3. TURN

1.



7

Listen.

TURN AGAINST to stop liking someone or something
volverse en contra

It was sad to see how she became an enemy of her former colleagues. She turned against them in a most vicious way.

TURN AWAY to refuse to let someone enter a place
rechazar

We were not allowed to enter the nightclub because the event was only for members. Everybody else was turned away.

TURN DOWN to turn a switch on a machine so that it produces less heat, sound etc.
bajar

She asked her son to reduce the noise but he refused to turn the music down.

TURN DOWN to refuse an offer, request, or invitation
rechazar

You should never turn down a job offer hastily. Think twice before you reject it.

TURN INTO to change by magic from one thing into another
transformarse, convertirse

Do you know what the princess changed into after midnight? She turned into a frog again!

TURN OUT to happen in a particular way, especially one that you did not expect
resultar

In the end he proved to be the wrong person for the position. He turned out to be lazy and irresponsible.

TURN OVER to change to another channel on a television
cambiar

When I see commercials I always change the channel. I turn over because I can't stand them!

TURN TO SB to try to get help or advice from someone
acudir a alguien

Why don't you ask your father for advice? He'll help you if you turn to him.

TURN UP to turn a switch on a machine so that it produces more heat, sound etc.
subir

Each time I wanted to increase the heat in the room it got colder. Maybe you know how to turn it up?

TURN UP to arrive at a place, usually unexpectedly
acudir, asistir

He was the only one to arrive late for the meeting. Everybody else turned up on time.

2.



8

Listen and repeat.

She turned against her former colleagues.

We were turned away from the nightclub.

She asked her son to turn the music down.

You should never turn down a job offer hastily.

The princess turned into a frog after midnight.

In the end he turned out to be irresponsible.

I always turn over the channel when I see commercials!

Why don't you turn to your father for advice?

Do you know how to turn up the heat?

He turned up late for the meeting.

3.



9

Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *turn*.

- Promise that you will never become an enemy of your old friends.

- ...

*I will never **turn against** my old friends.*

- Say that you weren't allowed to enter the nightclub.

- ...

*We were **turned away** from the nightclub.*

- Ask somebody to reduce the loud music.

- ...

*Could you **turn down** the music, please?*

- Advise somebody not to reject a job offer hastily.

- ...

*You shouldn't **turn down** a job offer hastily.*

- Ask what the princess changed into after midnight.
- ...
*What did the princess **turn into** after midnight?*

- Say that in the end he proved to be irresponsible.
- ...
*In the end he **turned out** to be irresponsible.*

- Say that you change the channel when you see commercials.
- ...
*I **turn over** the channel when I see commercials.*

- Ask somebody whom he asks for advice.
- ...
*Who do you **turn to** for advice?*

- Ask somebody how to increase the heat.
- ...
*Do you know how to **turn up** the heat?*

- Ask somebody why he arrived late for the meeting.
- ...
*Why did you **turn up** late for the meeting?*

Lesson 4. BREAK

1.



10

Listen.

BREAK DOWN to fail or stop working
averiarse

Our car stopped functioning one day and nobody knew why it had broken down.

BREAK DOWN to be unable to stop yourself crying, especially in public
sufrir un colapso

He didn't lose control of himself on hearing of her death. But he broke down completely at the funeral.

BREAK INTO to enter a building or car by using force, in order to steal something
forzar

The firemen had to break into the house. They wouldn't have saved the people inside if they hadn't entered by force.

BREAK OFF to come loose and be no longer attached to something else
partirse, romperse

First the left wing came apart and then the whole back section of the plane broke off.

BREAK OUT OF to escape from a prison
escaparse de

He had attempted to escape several times before he finally broke out of prison.

BREAK OUT (of something unpleasant such as a fire, fight etc) to start
estallar, comenzar

It's sheer ignorance to claim that the Second World War began in 1940. It broke out in 1939!

BREAK OUT IN if you break out in spots etc, they appear on your skin
salir (sarpullido, granos...)

He became ill right after he'd eaten strawberries. It's obvious that he broke out in a rash because he was allergic to the fruit.

BREAK UP (of a marriage or relationship) to separate and do not live together
terminar, romper

Have you heard that Jack and Jill have ended their relationship? They broke up after a long and happy engagement.

BREAK UP to separate something into several smaller parts
romper

'How was the cupboard separated into smaller parts?'
'The builders broke it up with a sledgehammer.'

BREAK UP (of a school) to close for a holiday
terminar

When does your school term end? It breaks up for the holidays in three weeks.

2.



11

Listen and repeat.

Our car broke down and nobody knew why.

He broke down completely at the funeral.

The firemen had to break into the house.

The whole back section of the plane broke off.

He attempted to break out of prison several times.

The Second World War broke out in 1939.

He broke out in a rash because he was allergic to fruit.

They broke up after a long and happy engagement.

The builders broke up the cupboard with a sledgehammer.

When does your school break up for the summer?

3.



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Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *break*.

- Ask somebody why their car stopped functioning.
- ...
*Why did your car **break down**?*
- Say that he lost control of himself at the funeral.
- ...
*He **broke down** at the funeral.*
- Tell somebody not to enter the house by force.
- ...
*Don't **break into** the house!*
- Say that the whole back section of the plane came apart.
- ...
*The whole back section of the plane **broke off**.*

- Ask somebody why the man attempted to escape from prison.
- ...
*Why did the man try to **break out of** prison?*

- Ask when the Second World War began.
- ...
*When did the Second World War **break out**?*

- Say that he became covered with a rash because he was allergic to fruit.
- ...
*He **broke out in** a rash because he was allergic to fruit.*

- Ask somebody why they ended their relationship.
- ...
*Why did you **break up**?*

- Say that they should separate the old cupboard into smaller parts.
- ...
*They should **break up** the cupboard.*

- Ask somebody when their school term ends.
- ...
*When does your school **break up**?*

Lesson 5. LOOK

1.



13

Listen.

LOOK AFTER to take care of someone
cuidar

I don't think she's the right person to care for her children. She can't even look after herself.

LOOK AROUND / ROUND to try to find something
echar un vistazo

We are looking around because we want to buy a house. We are searching for it in a number of places in the area.

LOOK BACK to think about something that happened in the past
recordar

My grandmother becomes very nostalgic when she remembers her past. Elderly people often do so when they look back on their childhood.

LOOK DOWN ON to think that you are better than someone else
despreciar

I hate the way she looks down on people. There is no reason why she should feel superior to others.

LOOK FOR to search for something
buscar

I've been looking for some information about diabetes. I think the best place to search for it is on the Internet.

LOOK FORWARD TO to be excited about something that is going to happen
anhelar

Children always look forward to their summer holiday. It's natural that they anticipate it with great pleasure.

LOOK INTO to try to find out the truth about a problem in order to solve it
examinar, investigar

Look carefully into the case before you give your opinion. You must examine it thoroughly.

LOOK THROUGH to look for something among a pile of papers, in a drawer, etc
hojear, echar un vistazo

My dad looks through the newspaper before breakfast. He always reads it in silence.

LOOK UP to try to find information in a book, on a computer etc
buscar

The teacher told the pupils to look up all the new words. They had to search for them in a bilingual dictionary.

LOOK UP TO SB to admire or respect someone
respetar

You may not look up to your parents now but you will learn to respect them with time.

LOOK SB UP to visit someone you know, especially when you are in the place where they live for a different reason
visitar

Should you be in London again, do look us up. You are always welcome, whenever you decide to visit our house.

2.



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Listen and repeat.

She can't look after her children.

We are looking around because we want to buy a house.

Elderly people often look back on their childhood.

I hate the way she looks down on people.

I've been looking for some information on the Internet.

Children always look forward to the summer holiday.

Look carefully into the case before you give your opinion.

My dad looks through the newspaper before breakfast.

The teacher told the pupils to look up all the new words.

You should look up to your parents.

Should you be in London again, do look us up.

3.



15

Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *look*.

- Ask somebody to take care of your cat while you are away.

- ...

Could you look after my cat while I'm away?

- Tell somebody to search in a number of places and choose the best house for them.
- ...
Look around and choose the best house for you.
- Ask somebody if they ever remember their school years.
- ...
Do you ever look back on your school years?
- Say that there is no reason why she should feel superior to others.
- ...
There is no reason why she should look down on people.
- Suggest searching for some information on the Internet.
- ...
Let's look for some information on the Internet.
- Ask if the bride is eagerly anticipating her wedding.
- ...
Is the bride looking forward to her wedding?
- Advise somebody to examine both pictures in detail and find the differences.
- ...
Look carefully at both pictures and find the differences.
- Ask somebody if they often read their notes just before the exam.
- ...
Do you often look through your notes just before the exam?
- Advise somebody to check new words in a dictionary.
- ...
You should look up new words in a dictionary.
- Say that children ought to respect their teachers.
- ...
Children should look up to their teachers.
- Invite somebody to visit you when they are in the neighbourhood.
- ...
When you are in the neighbourhood, look us up.

Lesson 6. BRING

1.



16

Listen.

BRING ABOUT to make something happen
provocar, ocasionar

What brought about such dramatic changes in him? Were they caused by the death of his father?

BRING BACK to make you remember something
traer a la memoria

The old records reminded me of my childhood. They brought back the happiest memories.

BRING BACK to take something with you when you come back
devolver

Don't forget to return the books once you've read them. You must bring them back.

BRING STH ON ONESELF to cause something bad or unpleasant happen
provocarse algo a uno mismo

He was sunburnt but it was his own fault. He brought it on himself by falling asleep on the beach.

BRING OUT to make something easier to see, notice etc
sacar

Ironically, the stress at work brings out the best in her. It reveals her perseverance and stamina.

BRING OUT to produce something that will be sold to the public
sacar, lanzar

They're going to produce a new album. They're bringing it out this summer.

BRING SB ROUND to manage to persuade someone to do something or to agree with you
convencer

You won't have to persuade her to stay longer. We have already brought her round.

BRING SB ROUND to make someone become conscious again
reanimar

If he fainted, would you know how to restore him to consciousness? I mean, do you know what to do to bring him round?

BRING UP	to raise a child educar
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Raising a child is a very responsible task. The way you bring up your child will affect its whole future life.

BRING UP	to mention a subject or start to talk about it plantear
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I hate to bring up the question of money but I think it's time someone mentioned the problem.

2.



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Listen and repeat.

His father's death brought about dramatic changes in him.

The old records brought back the happiest memories of my childhood.

Don't forget to bring the books back.

He was badly sunburnt but he brought it on himself.

The stress at work brings out the best in her.

They're bringing out a new album this summer.

We have already brought her round to the idea.

Would you know how to bring somebody round?

Bringing up a child is a very responsible task.

I hate to bring up the question of money but someone has to.

3.



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Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *bring*.

- Ask somebody what caused such a big change in their friend.

- ...

*What **brought about** such a big change in your friend?*

- Say that old photos often cause memories to return.

- ...

*Old photos often **bring back** memories.*

- Tell somebody not to return the documents unsigned.

- ...

*Don't **bring back** the documents unsigned.*

- Warn somebody that if they drink too much alcohol they'll cause trouble for themselves.

- ...

*If you drink too much alcohol you'll **bring** trouble **on** yourself.*

- Say that it was a great success to reveal the truth about the accident.
- ...
*It was a great success to **bring out** the truth about the accident.*

- Ask when they are publishing the latest book by Eco.
- ...
*When are they **bringing out** the latest book by Eco?*

- Tell somebody not to persuade you to their way of thinking.
- ...
*Don't **bring me round** to your way of thinking.*

- Ask what the best way to restore somebody to consciousness is.
- ...
*What is the best way to **bring somebody round**?*

- Ask if it is difficult to raise a child nowadays.
- ...
*Is it difficult to **bring up** a child nowadays?*

- Ask who will mention the problem at the meeting.
- ...
*Who will **bring up** the problem at the meeting?*

Lesson 7. COME

1.



19

Listen.

COME DOWN ON SB to criticize someone severely
criticar

Why did their boss criticise them so severely? He came down on them for their arrogance.

COME BACK TO to remember something
recordar

Every time I look at this picture, the good old times come back to me. I remember them clearly.

COME INTO to inherit money or property from someone after they have died
heredar

My uncle came into a fortune at a very young age. He inherited the money when he was only twenty.

COME OFF to be successful
tener lugar, salir bien / mal

Despite long preparations, the party didn't come off as planned. Actually, nothing happened as we wanted.

COME OUT (of a book, record etc) to become available
salir, lanzar (un producto)

When will his latest book be available? I think it will come out next year.

COME ROUND to visit someone
visitar

Why don't you visit us tomorrow? You could come round at seven.

COME ROUND / TO to become conscious again after you have been unconscious
volver en sí

We were obviously relieved when she regained consciousness. I don't want to think what would have happened if she hadn't come round.

COME UP (of a subject) to mention it and discuss it
surgir

Who mentioned the pay rise at the meeting? I must say it came up quite unexpectedly.

COME UP TO	to be as good as you expected alcanzar
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His test results didn't come up to his expectations. They weren't as good as he had expected.

COME UP WITH	to think of an idea, answer etc proponer, ocurrise algo
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You'd better find a good excuse for your absence at school. If you don't come up with something convincing, the teacher will be furious.

2.



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Listen and repeat.

Their boss came down on them for their arrogance.

Every time I look at this picture, the good old times come back to me.

My uncle came into a fortune at a very young age.

Unfortunately, the party didn't come off as planned.

When will his latest book come out?

Why don't you come round at seven?

We were relieved when she came round.

The question of the pay rise came up quite unexpectedly.

His test results didn't come up to his expectations.

You'd better come up with a good excuse for your absence.

3.



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Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *come*.

- Say that the teacher criticised his pupils very heavily.

- ...

*The teacher **came down on** his pupils very heavily.*

- Ask somebody if they now remember the details of the accident.

- ...

*Do the details of the accident **come back** to you now?*

- Say that everyone would like to inherit some money.

- ...

*Everyone would like to **come into** some money.*

- Promise to help somebody if their plans fail.

- ...

*I'll help you if your plans don't **come off**.*

- Say that her memoirs have just been published.
- ...
*Her memoirs have just **come out**.*

- Ask somebody not to visit you in the afternoon.
- ...
*Please, don't **come round** in the afternoon.*

- Advise somebody to call an ambulance if the girl doesn't recover consciousness soon.
- ...
*You should call an ambulance if the girl doesn't **come round** soon.*

- Tell somebody to call you only if something unexpected happens.
- ...
*Call me only if something unexpected **comes up**.*

- Ask somebody if their new job is as good as they expected.
- ...
*Does your new job **come up to** your expectations?*

- Ask who had the idea to hide the money in the vase.
- ...
*Who **came up with** the idea to hide the money in the vase?*

Lesson 8. GIVE

1.



22

Listen.

GIVE AWAY to show what someone is thinking when they are trying to keep this a secret
traicionar

Her trembling voice gave her away. It betrayed her nervousness.

GIVE AWAY to give something to someone because you do not want it
regalar

You shouldn't give all your money to the poor. You'll be poor yourself if you give away everything you have.

GIVE IN to finally agree to do or accept something that you had at first opposed
ceder, darse por vencido

He begged her to forgive him but she wouldn't agree. She didn't give in to him even though he promised her a new fur coat.

GIVE STH IN to give a piece of work or something you have written to someone in authority
entregar

We must hand over the tests in two hours. If we don't give them in on time, they will be declared invalid.

GIVE OFF / OUT to produce a smell, light, heat, a sound etc
emitir, despedir

This factory chimney gives off a strange smell. I think it may be emitting poisonous gases.

GIVE OUT to hand out
distribuir

My first job was distributing leaflets in the street. I had to give out about a thousand of them each day.

GIVE OUT (of a supply) to finish
agotarse, acabarse

Our food supply will give out soon. I hope we'll be rescued before it completely comes to an end.

GIVE UP to stop doing something
dejar

You had better stop smoking. A pregnant woman should give up cigarettes if she wants to have a healthy baby.

GIVE UP to stop trying to do something
darse por vencido, rendirse

Don't give up too easily! It's silly to stop trying after the first failure.

GIVE SOMEBODY UP to lose hope of saving someone
dar a alguien por perdido

My father was so sick that we stopped believing he would survive. But luckily, the doctors didn't give him up and he was saved.

2.



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Listen and repeat.

Her trembling voice gave her away.

You shouldn't give away all your money.

He begged her to forgive him but she wouldn't give in.

We must give in the tests in two hours.

This factory chimney gives off a strange smell.

My first job was giving out leaflets in the street.

Our food supply will give out soon.

You should give up smoking.

It's silly to give up after the first failure.

The doctors didn't give him up and he was saved.

3.



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Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *give*.

- Ask somebody not to reveal the ending of the film.
- ...
*Please, don't **give away** the ending of the film.*
- Ask somebody why they got rid of their furniture for free.
- ...
*Why did you **give away** your furniture?*
- Ask somebody if they would ever admit their defeat publicly.
- ...
*Would you ever **give in** publicly?*

- Remind somebody to hand over the documents before they leave.
- ...
*Don't forget to **give in** the documents before you leave.*

- Ask why the eggs are emitting such a bad smell.
- ...
*Why are the eggs **giving off** such a bad smell?*

- Ask somebody to distribute the papers in the class.
- ...
*Could you **give out** the papers in the class?*

- Explain that your patience came to an end when he lied.
- ...
*My patience **gave out** when he lied.*

- Advise somebody to stop eating sweets.
- ...
*You should **give up** eating sweets.*

- Promise that you will never stop trying to be the best.
- ...
*I will never **give up** trying to be the best.*

- Say that everyone stopped believing that the miner could be saved.
- ...
*Everyone **gave the miner up**.*

Lesson 9. CUT

1.



25

Listen.

CUT DOWN ON to reduce the amount of something you eat, drink or use
reducir

The doctor advised me to reduce my consumption of sugar so I cut down on it significantly.

CUT IN to interrupt someone who is speaking by saying something
interrumpir

I hate the way she interrupts people while they are speaking. Why does she always have to cut in?

CUT OFF (of a place) to be isolated
dejar incomunicado, aislar

The earthquake isolated a big part of the coast. Gradually, the piece that had been cut off turned into an island.

CUT OFF to stop the supply of something such as electricity, gas, water etc
cortar

If you don't pay your bills the electricity supply will soon be stopped. It will be cut off within one week.

CUT OFF to be disconnected when someone is speaking to on the telephone
cortar

I was on the phone to my boss when the conversation was cut off. It was disconnected at a very important moment.

CUT OUT to remove something from something
cortar

The producer decided to remove all the violent scenes from the film. He cut them out to make it more suitable for young people.

CUT SB OUT OF to prevent someone from getting something, especially your money after your death
deseredar

Mr Scrooge threatened to disinherit his nephews if they didn't work for him. They did but he cut them out of his will anyway.

CUT STH UP	to cut something into small pieces cortar
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My eccentric aunt always divides her meat into seven pieces. She believes that if she cuts it up this way it will bring her luck.

2.



26

Listen and repeat.

The doctor advised me to cut down on sugar.

I hate the way she cuts in on conversations.

An earthquake cut off a big part of the coast.

The electricity supply will be cut off within one week.

My conversation was cut off at a very important moment.

The producer decided to cut out all the violent scenes from the film.

He cut his nephews out of his will.

My eccentric aunt always cuts up her meat into seven pieces.

3.



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Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *cut*.

- Ask somebody when they are going to reduce their expenses.
- ...
*When are you going to **cut down on** your expenses?*
- Advise somebody not to interrupt during the discussion.
- ...
*You shouldn't **cut in** on the discussion.*
- Say that living in the countryside has isolated you from cultural life.
- ...
*Living in the countryside has **cut me off** from cultural life.*
- Ask somebody if they know why the power supply was stopped.
- ...
*Do you know why the power supply was **cut off**?*
- Ask why your phone was disconnected.
- ...
*Why was my phone **cut off**?*
- Ask who removed the best part of the cake.
- ...
*Who **cut out** the best part of the cake?*

- Promise somebody never to disinherit them.
- ...
*I will never **cut** you **out of** my will.*

- Ask why she cut her boyfriend's photo into pieces.
- ...
*Why did she **cut up** her boyfriend's photo?*

Lesson 10. PUT

1.



28

Listen.

PUT ASIDE to save money regularly, usually for a particular purpose
ahorrar, dejar a un lado

Try to save some money for later. If you put aside small sums every month, you'll be a rich pensioner.

PUT OFF to delay something
posponer, aplazar

The manager postponed the meeting for some personal reasons. He had to put it off till next week.

PUT OFF to make you dislike something or not want to do something
disuadir

My son is so easily discouraged from learning. Any small failure at school can put him off.

PUT ON to put a piece of clothing on your body
ponerse

I won't let you in unless you are properly dressed. You must put on a jacket and a tie.

PUT ON (WEIGHT) to gain weight
engordar

She's obsessed about putting on weight. She always counts the calories so as not to grow fatter.

PUT ON to arrange for a concert, play etc to take place, or to perform in it
dar, representar

The last time we staged a school play it was a great success. That's why we've decided to put one on again this year.

PUT OUT to make a fire stop burning
apagar

It took hours to extinguish the fire. Luckily, the firefighters managed to put it out before the church was burnt to the ground.

PUT THROUGH to connect someone to someone else on the telephone
poner a alguien con (en conversación telefónica)

The secretary refused to put me through, claiming that the boss was at a meeting. But I'm convinced she was told not to connect my phone calls.

PUT SB UP to let someone stay in your house
alojar, hospedar

We can give you accommodation if the hotels are fully booked up. We can put you up overnight any time you stay in town.

PUT UP WITH to tolerate an unpleasant situation or person
tolerar, aguantar

It's really difficult to tolerate my cousin. I can't put up with his constant grumbling.

2.



29

Listen and repeat.

Try to put aside small sums every month.

The manager put off the meeting till next week.

My son is easily put off learning.

I won't let you in unless you put on a jacket and a tie.

She's obsessed about putting on weight.

The last time we put on a school play it was a great success.

It took hours to put out the fire.

The secretary refused to put me through.

We can you put you up if the hotels are full.

It's really difficult to put up with my cousin.

3.



30

Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *put*.

- Suggest saving some money to go for a luxury cruise.

- ...

*You should **put aside** some money to go for a luxury cruise.*

- Say that you have decided to postpone your departure until you get better.

- ...

*I've decided to **put off** my departure until I get better.*

- Tell somebody not to be discouraged if they fail their driving test.

- ...

*Don't be **put off** if you fail your driving test.*

- Advise somebody to dress smartly for the theatre.
- ...
*If I were you, I would **put on** smart clothes for the theatre.*

- Say that you have gained weight lately.
- ...
*I've **put on** weight lately.*

- Ask when the new musical will be staged.
- ...
*When will the new musical be **put on**?*

- Ask somebody to extinguish the cigarette.
- ...
*Could you **put out** the cigarette, please?*

- Ask somebody to connect you to room 55.
- ...
*Could you **put me through to** room 55, please?*

- Refuse to give accommodation to somebody because you have a small flat
- ...
*I can't **put you up** because I have a small flat.*

- Say that you can't tolerate your noisy neighbours.
- ...
*I can't **put up with** my noisy neighbours.*

Lesson 11. RUN

1.



31

Listen.

RUN AFTER to chase someone or something
perseguir

Puppies love chasing things. The funniest thing, however, is when they run after their own tails.

RUN AWAY to leave a place in order to escape from someone or something
escapar, fugarse

The boy escaped through the window during the daytime. It's strange that nobody saw him running away.

RUN OVER to hit someone or something with a vehicle, and drive over them
atropellar

He was driving in the fog when he hit and knocked over something. When he got out of the car he realised he had run over a cat.

RUN DOWN to criticize someone or something in a way that is unfair
criticar

I could hardly stand it when he criticised me for being too slow. But when he ran down my whole work so far, I burst out.

RUN INTO to hit someone or something with a vehicle
chocar contra

There was nothing left of his motorbike after he ran into a tree at full speed.

RUN INTO SB to meet someone by chance
toparse con, encontrarse con

Yesterday I ran into my old maths teacher. She must live in the neighbourhood because we just met by chance in the street.

RUN OUT OF to use all of something and not have any more left
acabarse

My patience is almost used up. I will run out of it soon if you don't stop making this noise.

RUN OUT to expire, to be no longer valid
vencer (la validez de un documento)

'What should I do if my passport expires when I'm abroad?'
'If it runs out, you should go to the embassy and ask for a new one.'

RUN THROUGH / OVER to repeat something in order to practise it
ensayar, repasar

When I learn my lines I usually repeat them for practice several times. But I never run through them on the day of a rehearsal.

RUN UP AGAINST to have to deal with unexpected problems
tropezar con

As a policeman you are forced to deal with all kinds of problems. You must know how to behave when you run up against difficulties.

2.



32

Listen and repeat.

Puppies often run after their own tails.

The boy ran away through the window.

He realised he had run over a cat.

I couldn't stand it when he ran down my work.

He ran into a tree at full speed.

Yesterday I ran into my old maths teacher.

I will soon run out of patience.

What should I do if my passport runs out?

I never run through my lines on the day of a rehearsal.

As a policeman you may run up against difficulties.

3.



33

Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *run*.

- Ask somebody why they had chased that man in the street.

- ...

*Why did you **run after** that man in the street?*

- Ask somebody if they had ever escaped from school.

- ...

*Have you ever **run away** from school?*

- Say that your neighbour was once knocked down by a bus.

- ...

*My neighbour was once **run over** by a bus.*

- Tell somebody not to criticise you unfairly.
- ...
*Don't **run me down** unfairly.*

- Ask somebody if they have ever collided with another car.
- ...
*Have you ever **run into** another car?*

- Ask somebody whom they met by chance at the shops.
- ...
*Whom did you **run into** at the shops?*

- Tell somebody not to worry if they use up all the coffee.
- ...
*Don't worry if you **run out of** coffee.*

- Ask somebody what to do if your driving licence expires.
- ...
*What should I do if my driving licence **runs out**?*

- Suggest rehearsing the marriage vow one more time.
- ...
*Let's **run through** the marriage vow one more time.*

- Tell somebody they must be prepared to encounter strong opposition.
- ...
*You must be prepared to **run up against** strong opposition.*

Lesson 12. GROW

1.



34

Listen.

GROW FROM to result from something
venir de, être le résultat de

I'm sure her depression resulted from her unhappy childhood. It must have grown from the fact that her parents had neglected her.

GROW INTO to become a particular kind of person
devenir

Her only wish was that her sons should develop into good people. She would never have expected them to grow into thieves and liars.

GROW INTO (of a child) to become big enough to wear some clothes
grandir

The little boy can't wait till he becomes big enough for his new trainers. He's decided to drink a lot of milk to grow into them faster.

GROW ON SB to gradually like something more and more
commencer à plaire à quelqu'un

At first I couldn't stand opera but with time it grew on me. It became more pleasing after I had dated an opera singer.

GROW OUT OF to stop doing or using something as someone gets older
être trop grand pour quelque chose, mûrir

He gave away most of his toys when he became too old to play with them. The only one he didn't grow out of was his toy train.

GROW UP to develop from being a child to being an adult
grandir

It's amazing how quickly our children become older. They grow up before we know it.

2.



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Listen and repeat.

Her depression grew from her unhappy childhood.

Her sons grew into thieves and liars.

The little boy can't wait till he grows into his new trainers.

Opera grew on me with time.

He will never grow out of his toy train.

It's amazing how quickly our children grow up.

3.



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Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *grow*.

- Ask somebody where their interest in music resulted from.
- ...
*Where did your interest in music **grow from**?*
- Promise to develop into a good patriot.
- ...
*I will **grow into** a good patriot.*
- Say that the boy will soon become tall enough for his father's suit.
- ...
*The boy will soon **grow into** his father's suit.*
- Say that the idea of emigrating is slowly becoming acceptable to you.
- ...
*The idea of emigrating is slowly **growing on** me.*
- Say that you have already become too big for your school uniform.
- ...
*I've already **grown out of** my school uniform.*
- Ask somebody why they don't want to become an adult.
- ...
*Why don't you want to **grow up**?*

Lesson 13. SET

1.



37

Listen.

SET ABOUT	to start doing something empezar, ponerse a hacer algo
------------------	---

It took her hours to start preparing dinner. When she finally set about cooking it was late afternoon.

SET BACK	to delay the progress or development of something retrasar, atrasar
-----------------	--

The construction of the highway was said to be delayed by the severe winter. But it was also set back by poor management.

SET IN	to begin and seem likely to continue for a long time estabilizarse, quedarse
---------------	---

After rainy weeks it seems that autumn has set in for good. It began early this year and will probably continue.

SET OFF / OUT	to start to go somewhere ponerse en camino
----------------------	---

The journey is long so they want to start it early. Actually they are thinking about setting off at dawn.

SET OFF	to make a bomb explode accionar
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Nobody knows what really caused the bomb to explode. Some say that it was set off by a radio signal.

SET ON	to make people or animals attack someone atacar, agredir
---------------	---

He often threatens to cause his dog to attack me. I think one day he might really set his dog on me.

SET UP	to start a company montar
---------------	------------------------------

Don't try to establish a business on your own. It's always better to set it up together with somebody else.

SET UP	to trick someone in order to achieve what you want, especially to make it appear that they have done something wrong or illegal tender una trampa
---------------	--

The accused claimed he was unjustly incriminated. He said he was set up by his partner.

2.



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Listen and repeat.

It took her hours to set about cooking.

The construction of the highway was set back by the severe winter.

Autumn has set in for good.

They want to set off at dawn.

The bomb was set off by a radio signal.

He often threatens to set his dog on me.

Don't try to set up a business on your own.

The accused claimed that he was set up by his partner.

3.



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Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with set.

- Advise somebody to begin working on the project.
- ...
*You should **set about** working on the project.*
- Ask somebody if the earthquake delayed their building plans.
- ...
*Did the earthquake **set back** your building plans?*
- Tell somebody to leave before the storm begins for good.
- ...
*Leave before the storm **sets in**.*
- Ask somebody what time they want to start their journey.
- ...
*What time do you want to **set off**?*
- Tell somebody not to light fireworks in this way.
- ...
*Don't **set off** fireworks in this way.*
- Ask somebody who caused the dog to attack you.
- ...
*Who **set the dog on** me?*

- Ask somebody when they are going to establish a family.

- ...

*When are you going to **set up** a family?*

- Ask somebody why they are trying to incriminate you.

- ...

*Why are you trying to **set me up**?*

Lesson 14. CARRY

1.



40

Listen.

BE / GET CARRIED AWAY	to be so excited that you are no longer really in control of what you do or say llevarse por la emoción
------------------------------	--

The football fans got very excited after their team had scored. They got so carried away that they broke the fence.

CARRY OFF	to do something difficult successfully llevar a cabo
------------------	---

Although the critics doubted that the young actor would succeed in the play, he carried it off brilliantly.

CARRY ON	to do something in an annoying, overemotional way continuar, seguir
-----------------	--

The helpless mother just watched her son behaving wildly. No matter what she did, he carried on like a little savage.

CARRY ON (WITH)	to continue doing something continuar
------------------------	--

You must continue with your work. If you don't carry on with it, you won't get anywhere.

CARRY OUT	to do something that you have said you will do llevar a cabo, realizar
------------------	---

First we must conduct a survey among teenagers and then carry out the same survey among their parents.

CARRY STH THROUGH	to finish something successfully, in spite of difficulties hacer algo (a pesar de los problemas)
--------------------------	---

I'm sure the scientist will complete his research in spite of the difficulties. He will carry it through even if it takes a long time and lots of money.

2.



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Listen and repeat.

The football fans got carried away after their team had scored.

The young actor carried off the performance brilliantly.

The boy carried on like a little savage.

If you don't carry on with your work, you won't get anywhere

We must carry out a survey among teenagers.

The scientist will carry his research through in spite of the difficulties.

3.



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Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *carry*.

- Advise somebody not to get excited during the TV debate.
- ...
*Don't **get carried away** during the TV debate.*
- Say that you are sure he will perform the speech successfully.
- ...
*I'm sure he will **carry off** the speech.*
- Tell somebody not to behave in a foolish way when he loses a game.
- ...
*Don't **carry on** like a fool when you lose a game.*
- Advise somebody to continue walking no matter what.
- ...
*You should **carry on** walking no matter what.*
- Ask somebody if they will fulfil their promise before you come back.
- ...
*Will you **carry out** your promise before I come back?*
- Advise somebody to complete the plan despite all the objections.
- ...
*You should **carry the plan through** despite all the objections.*

Lesson 15. GO

1.



43

Listen.

GO DOWN to become lower in level, amount etc
bajar

I've found some nice shoes but I'm waiting till they are cheaper. I will buy them when they go down to half the price.

GO DOWN WITH to become ill, especially with an infectious disease
coger, contraer (una enfermedad)

Last week I became very ill and had to stay at home. I went down with flu.

GO IN FOR to take part in a competition
presentarse a

He loves quizzes and has taken part in many competitions. I'm sure he'll soon go in for a TV game.

GO OFF to explode or fire
explotar

Be careful, the bomb can explode any minute! If it goes off in here, hundreds of people will be injured.

GO OFF (of an alarm) to start
sonar

I don't like it when car alarms sound in the street. What I really hate is when they go off in the middle of the night.

GO OFF (of food) to become too bad to eat
estropear

If the pork goes off you must get rid of it immediately. There is nothing worse than meat that has become smelly.

GO OFF SB / STH to stop liking something or someone
dejar de gustar

At first she was mad about Joe but after a year she suddenly stopped liking him. It seems she went off him without any reason.

GO ON WITH to continue doing something
continuar con, seguir con

After a fierce argument the old couple behaved as usual. The man continued with his gardening and the woman went on with her knitting.

GO OUT to stop burning or shining
apagarse

Last night we were playing cards, when suddenly the lights stopped working. They went out for almost three hours.

GO OUT WITH SB to have a romantic relationship with someone
salir con alguien

I'm not sure how long John has been dating Debbie now. I guess they've been going out for two years or so.

GO UP to become higher in level, amount etc
subir

Most people are worried that the prices of houses might go up again because they have risen at least twice this year.

2.



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Listen and repeat.

I will buy the shoes when they go down to half the price.

Last week I went down with flu.

He loves quizzes and goes in for many competitions.

Be careful, the bomb can go off any minute!

I hate it when car alarms go off in the street.

If the meat goes off you must get rid of it.

She went off her boyfriend without any reason.

After an argument the woman went on with her knitting.

We were playing cards, when suddenly the lights went out.

They have been going out for two years.

The prices of houses might go up again.

3.



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Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *go*.

- Ask somebody if they will buy the car when the price becomes lower.

- ...

Will you buy the car when the price goes down?

- Ask what you should do if you become ill with smallpox.
- ...
*What should I do if I **go down** with smallpox?*

- Advise somebody to take part in a beauty contest.
- ...
*If I were you I would **go in for** a beauty contest.*

- Explain that if somebody touches the trigger the gun will fire.
- ...
*If somebody touches the trigger the gun will **go off**.*

- Say that your alarm clock didn't ring this morning.
- ...
*My alarm clock didn't **go off** this morning.*

- Tell somebody not to drink the beer because it has become stale.
- ...
*Don't drink the beer because it has **gone off**.*

- Ask somebody why they have stopped liking chocolate.
- ...
*Why have you **gone off** chocolate?*

- Advise somebody to continue with their work after a short break.
- ...
*You should **go on with** your work after a short break.*

- Ask when the fire stopped.
- ...
*When did the fire **go out**?*

- Ask somebody who they are dating at the moment.
- ...
*Who are you **going out with** at the moment?*

- Tell somebody not to sell the bonds until they increase in value.
- ...
*Don't sell the bonds until they **go up** in price.*

Lesson 16. MAKE

1.



46

Listen.

MAKE FOR to go in the direction of a particular place
dirigirse hacia

The children took the biscuits from the table and headed for the door. They made for the exit so quickly that I didn't have time to stop them.

MAKE OUT to understand something
entender

I'm dyslexic and I can't understand written texts well. It's always difficult for me to make them out the first time I read them.

MAKE OUT to say that something is true when it is not
fingir, pretender

Don't make out you're innocent. Sooner or later people will find out you did it.

MAKE UP to produce a new story, song etc by thinking
inventar

My grandmother had a real gift for inventing bedtime stories. She could make them up on any subject I wished.

MAKE UP to become friendly with someone again after you have had an argument
reconciliarse

I have no idea how to become friends again with my sister. We had a terrible fight and I'm sure saying "sorry" won't be enough to make it up with her.

MAKE UP FOR to make a bad situation better
compensar

After the war he studied both law and medicine to make up for lost time. In this way he managed to compensate himself for five long wasted years.

MAKE IT UP TO SB to do something to show that you are sorry about the problems you have caused someone
compensar

Don't worry, I'll find a way to compensate you for the money you wasted on this business. I'll make it up to you somehow.

2.



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Listen and repeat.

The children took the biscuits and made for the exit.

It's difficult for me to make out written texts.

Don't make out you're so innocent.

My grandmother makes up bedtime stories.

I have no idea how to make it up with my sister after our terrible fight.

He studied both law and medicine to make up for lost time.

I'll make it up to you somehow.

3.



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Listen to the instructions and make sentences using phrasal verbs with *make*.

- Say that it's late and you'd better head for home.
- ...
*It's late and we'd better **make for** home.*
- Say you couldn't understand what they wanted.
- ...
*I couldn't **make out** what they wanted.*
- Say he isn't as good a doctor as some people claim.
- ...
*He isn't as good a doctor as some people **make out**.*
- Ask somebody if they like inventing stories.
- ...
*Do you like **making up** stories?*
- Advise someone to end a quarrel and become friends again.
- ...
*You should **make it up**.*
- Say that nothing could compensate for losing her husband.
- ...
*Nothing could **make up for** losing her husband.*
- Ask somebody how you can compensate them for losing their book.
- ...
*How can I **make it up to** you for losing your book?*