

Phrasal Verbs – putting them into use

1. What is a phrasal verb? (choose the correct answer)

- A verb and a preposition
- A collection of words which have a new and unique meaning together

2. Which of these are phrasal verbs?

a) look into b) look at c) look for d) look up

Are there any that could be a phrasal verb and also can keep its original meaning?

3. How confident are you using phrasal verbs?

1 **2** **3** **4** **5**

If you don't use them why not?

4. Are they normally used in spoken or written English more?

Model answer for a letter

Here is a letter written asking for information, read the letter and answer these True or False questions.

1. The writer and reader know each other.
2. They have been in contact previously.
3. It is a well written short letter.
4. It is written in an appropriate style.

What do you think is the problem with the letter?

Dear Sir / Madam,

I was pleased to get your reply containing the information I had asked for, and I apologise for not getting around to replying earlier. I would be keen to get involved in one of your courses and will be available from the 2nd of March.

However, I have got one or two more questions for you. How much living allowance will we get? Will we get picked up at the train station or will we have to get a taxi?

I'm looking forward to coming to the summer camp and am sure I will get on well with all of the staff.

Yours faithfully

Russel Beardsmore



- Scan the text and underline all of the examples of 'get' that you can find.
- For each 'get' try to think of the meaning and a synonym. e.g. *get your reply* - receive your reply
- Now try to rewrite the text using the synonyms to make it more formal.

Putting knowledge into action

get together hang out with catch up sort out
pop by looking forward to be up for it keen on

Sam,

Oh my god, it was lovely to meet you and talk at the weekend. Hearing about all your news was great and just getting to spend time with you was fantastic. Anyway, it was so nice I thought we should try to plan another time when we can meet. What do you think?

My idea is to get a group of us and then go for a picnic in the park, depending on the weather. Would you like to go? I'm not going to ask lots of people, just a small group, but I thought it would be great if everyone brought a bit of food and we could maybe take a few balls or games.

At the moment, I'm thinking about Sunday next week. Even if you are busy you could come for a short time. I'll let you know if there people are interested in doing it later in the week.

I am excited about seeing you

Mark

Which phrasal verbs from the box could be used to replace the underlined words?

What is the effect of this change?