

B2 Phrasal Verbs Worksheet

1. Put Off (Separable)

Definition: to delay something until a later time

Formal alternative: postpone

Examples:

- We had to put off the meeting until next week.
 - We had to put the meeting off until next week.
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2. Carry Out (Separable)

Definition: to perform or complete something

Formal alternative: conduct / perform

Examples:

- The researchers carried out an experiment.
 - The researchers carried the experiment out successfully.
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3. Turn Down (Separable)

Definition: to refuse an offer or opportunity

Formal alternative: reject

Examples:

- She turned down the job offer.
 - She turned the offer down.
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4. Bring About (Separable)

Definition: to cause something to happen

Formal alternative: cause

Examples:

- The new policy brought about major changes.
 - The new policy brought the changes about.
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5. Set Up (Separable)

Definition: to establish or create something

Formal alternative: establish

Examples:

- They set up a new business.
 - They set the business up last year.
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6. Take Over (Separable)

Definition: to gain control of something

Formal alternative: assume control of

Examples:

- A larger company took over the business.
 - A larger company took the business over.
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7. Point Out (Separable)

Definition: to draw attention to something

Formal alternative: indicate

Examples:

- She pointed out a mistake in the report.
 - She pointed the mistake out immediately.
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8. Cut Down On (Inseparable)

Definition: to reduce the amount of something

Formal alternative: reduce

Example:

- I'm trying to cut down on sugar.
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9. Come Up With (Inseparable)

Definition: to think of an idea or solution

Formal alternative: devise / generate

Example:

- She came up with a brilliant solution.
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10. Look Into (Inseparable)

Definition: to investigate

Formal alternative: investigate

Example:

- The police are looking into the incident.
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11. Run Into (Inseparable)

Definition: to meet unexpectedly

Formal alternative: encounter

Example:

- I ran into an old friend yesterday.
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12. Get Across (Separable)

Definition: to communicate an idea successfully

Formal alternative: convey

Examples:

- He got his message across clearly.

- He got the message across clearly.
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13. Bring Up (Separable)

Definition: to introduce a topic

Formal alternative: mention

Examples:

- She brought up an interesting question.
 - She brought the question up during the meeting.
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14. Work Out (Separable)

Definition: to find a solution

Formal alternative: resolve

Examples:

- We worked out the problem.
 - We worked the problem out together.
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15. Deal With (Inseparable)

Definition: to handle a situation or problem

Formal alternative: handle

Example:

- She deals with customer complaints every day.
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16. Go Through (Inseparable)

Definition: to experience something

Formal alternative: experience

Example:

- They went through a difficult period.

17. Make Up For (Inseparable)

Definition: to compensate for something

Formal alternative: compensate for

Example:

- This bonus makes up for the extra work.

18. Keep Up With (Inseparable)

Definition: to stay at the same level as someone or something

Formal alternative: remain informed about / match

Example:

- It's difficult to keep up with technological changes.

19. Turn Out (Inseparable)

Definition: to prove to be

Formal alternative: prove

Example:

- The project turned out to be a success.

20. Carry On (Inseparable)

Definition: to continue

Formal alternative: continue

Example:

- Despite the difficulties, they carried on.