

More on phrasal verbs with *on* and *off*

GRAMMAR

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Intermediate

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English





Goals

- Can recall and identify phrasal verbs.
- Can accurately use phrasal verbs in a range of straightforward sentences.



Don't **put off** learning English. The sooner you start, the sooner you can achieve your goals.

And don't get **put off** when it starts to become difficult. **Carry on** and you will learn eventually.



Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson you are going to learn some **phrasal verbs** with **on** and **off**, and practise using them.



Always **put on** sunglasses when the weather is sunny.



Phrasal verbs

**Can you remember
what a phrasal verb
is? Do you know what
the phrases below
mean?**

get up

put up

take down



Phrasal verbs

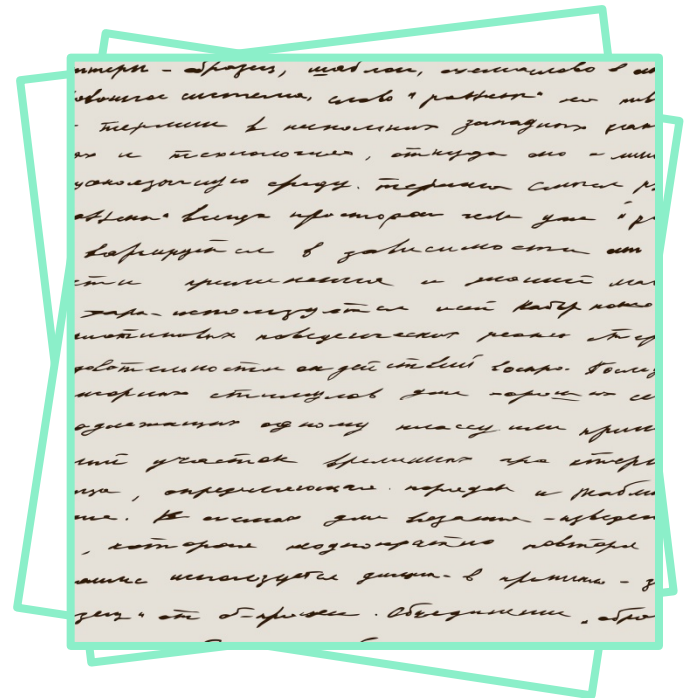
Are **phrasal verbs** used more in **speaking** or in **writing**?

Are they **formal** or more **informal**?



Phrasal verbs

Which phrasal verbs do you know? Can you use them in a sentence?
Try to write 5 sentences and share these with your teacher.





Different meanings of *go on*

- Some **phrasal verbs** can have many **different meanings**.
- Look at the phrasal verb ***go on*** in the sentences below. What different meanings does it have?

Go on - you were saying something interesting.

Don't go on at me! I know I made a mistake.

She went on and on about how wonderful her son is. It was so annoying!

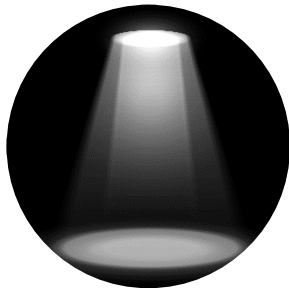
You go on ahead and I'll catch you up.





Transitive and intransitive

- Some phrasal verbs are **transitive**, which means that they **need an object**.
- Others are **intransitive**, which means they **do not need an object**.



Please **switch on** the light.

Hang on! I forgot my wallet.





Phrasal verbs with *on*

- Here are some **phrasal verbs** with *on*.

get on	I get on well with my sisters.
hold on	Hold on to my hand really tightly – I don't want to lose you.
take on	I've taken on too much work and I'm really stressed.
going on	He wouldn't stop going on about how he's going to Greece this summer.
hang on	Hang on a minute! I've forgotten my umbrella.



Phrasal verbs with *on*

- Here are some more **phrasal verbs** with *on*.

carry on	I asked him to be quiet, but he carried on talking loudly anyway.
count on	I can always count on my neighbour if I need some help.
put on	She's always putting pressure on me to get my work completed before the deadlines.
try on	I'm going to try on these trousers before I buy them.



Phrasal verbs with *on*

- Some of the **phrasal verbs** have **different meanings**. Here are some examples.



Could you **hold on** a second, I need to finish this call?

Can you **put** the light **on**, please? It's very dark in here.



Just **get on** with the job and stop complaining!

She was **hanging on** his every word like a schoolgirl in love.





Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verb to make a phrasal verb.

go

put

hold

take

carry

1. I shouldn't have _____ on this new project at work. I've no idea what I'm doing.
2. _____ your coat on before you go outside. It's chilly out there today.
3. I haven't finished yet, so I'm going to _____ on for another hour.
4. Oh no! I've forgotten my sunglasses. _____ on while I get them.
5. Luke is always _____ on about how rich his parents are.





Fill in the gaps

Complete the gaps with a verb from previous slides – and then answer the questions.

1. Have you ever _____ on too much at work?
2. Who do you _____ on best with in your family?
3. Do you always _____ on clothes before you buy them?
4. When might you need to _____ on with a project even if you are tired?



Transitive or intransitive

Are these verbs transitive or intransitive? Make sentences with them to show the difference.

carry on

count on

hang on



Speaking

**Who can you
always count on in
a crisis?**



**Do you have any
friends who
always go on
about something?**



Multiple meanings

What different meanings can you remember for the **phrasal verb go on**?

Can you remember or do you know any other phrasal verbs with **multiple meanings**?



Phrasal verbs with *off*

- Here are some **phrasal verbs** with *off*. Look at the examples below.

call off	I decided to call off the wedding because I just didn't love her.
put off	I have to call my mother but I keep putting it off because she always talks for so long.
write off	I incurred a lot of business expenses this year, so I have to write them off on my taxes.
pay off	I need to pay off my student loans before I turn 40.
lay off	The company had to lay off 100 workers when it started losing money.



Phrasal verbs with *off*

- Here are some more **phrasal verbs** with **off**. Look at the examples below.

take off	I wish I could just take off and travel the world!
scare off	Don't scare her off by proposing on your second date.
tell off	I have to tell my children off when they are naughty.
doze off	I'm so tired I could doze off right now.
get off	We need to get off the bus at the next stop.



Phrasal verbs with *off*

- Here are two of the **phrasal verbs** from the previous page with **different meanings**.



It tasted quite nice, but the thought that it comes from an animal **puts me off**.

It's really hot in here, I need to **take off** my jumper.





Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verb to make phrasal verbs.

1. When the firm got new owners, a lot of workers were _____ off.
2. I think I _____ him off by telling him that I have 5 big dogs at home.
3. I _____ off the train at the wrong place and I got stuck there!
4. I think we need to _____ off the picnic. It's definitely going to rain.
5. _____ your coat off. It's so warm in here.
6. I try not to _____ my kids off too often because I don't want them to be scared of me.

get

scare

tell

take

call

lay

put



Speaking

Have you ever dozed off in a public place?

What kind of things do you always put off doing? Why?

Why are people often laid off?

Have you ever written off your car?



Fill in the gaps

Use *on* or *off* to complete the sentences.

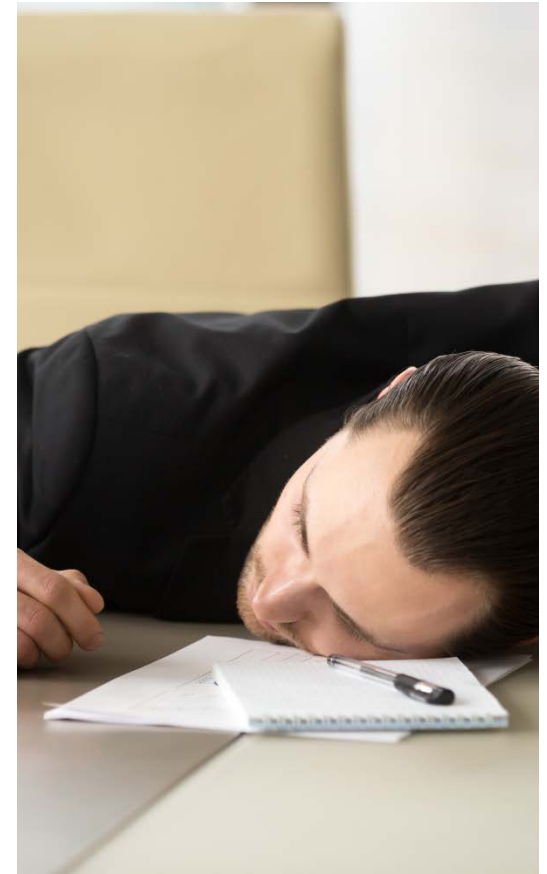
1. I put _____ my swimsuit before we went to the beach.
2. Please don't go _____ at me. I have a terrible headache.
3. You need to take _____ your shoes before you come in the house.
4. I knew I could count _____ you in a crisis!
5. I wanted to swim today but the cold weather put me _____.



Find the mistakes

Find and correct the mistakes in these sentences.

1. The light is hurting my eyes. Please switch off.
2. You come on ahead and I will catch you up.
3. I accidentally dozed on at work because I was so tired.
4. I'm so warm! I should probably put on my coat.
5. I can't believe she called on the wedding so close to the date.





Speaking

Answer the questions below with your classmates.



Do you have any loans you need to **pay off**?

Is there anyone you don't **get on** with at work?

What reasons might someone have for **calling off** their wedding?

Can you remember being **told off** as a child? What had you done?



Game

I got told off by my teacher for dozing off...

Using the prompt below, continue the story with more sentences containing different phrasal verbs.

It can be as silly as you like!

One day I **dozed off** in public...

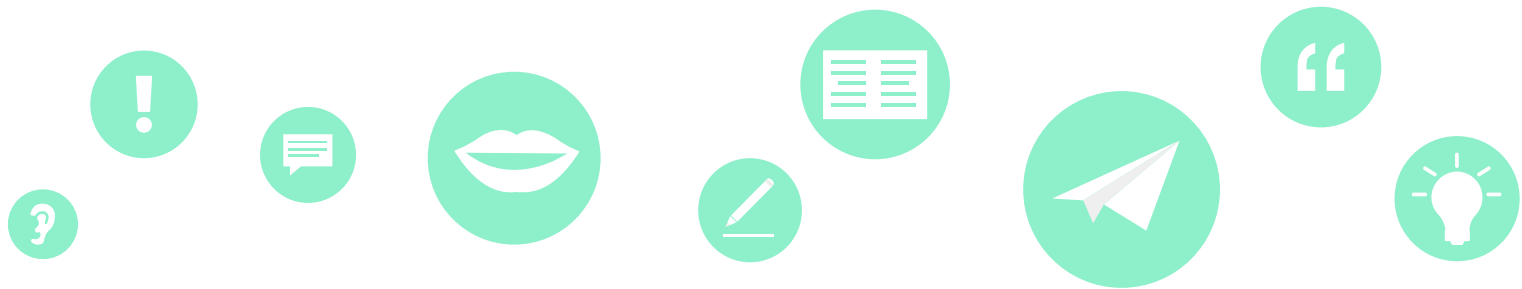


Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

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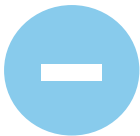




Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again





Answer key

Activity p. 24

1. switch **it** off, 2. **go** on, 3. dozed **off**, 4. **take off** my coat, 5. called **off**

Activity p. 23

1. on, 2. on, 3. off, 4. on, 5. off

Activity p. 21

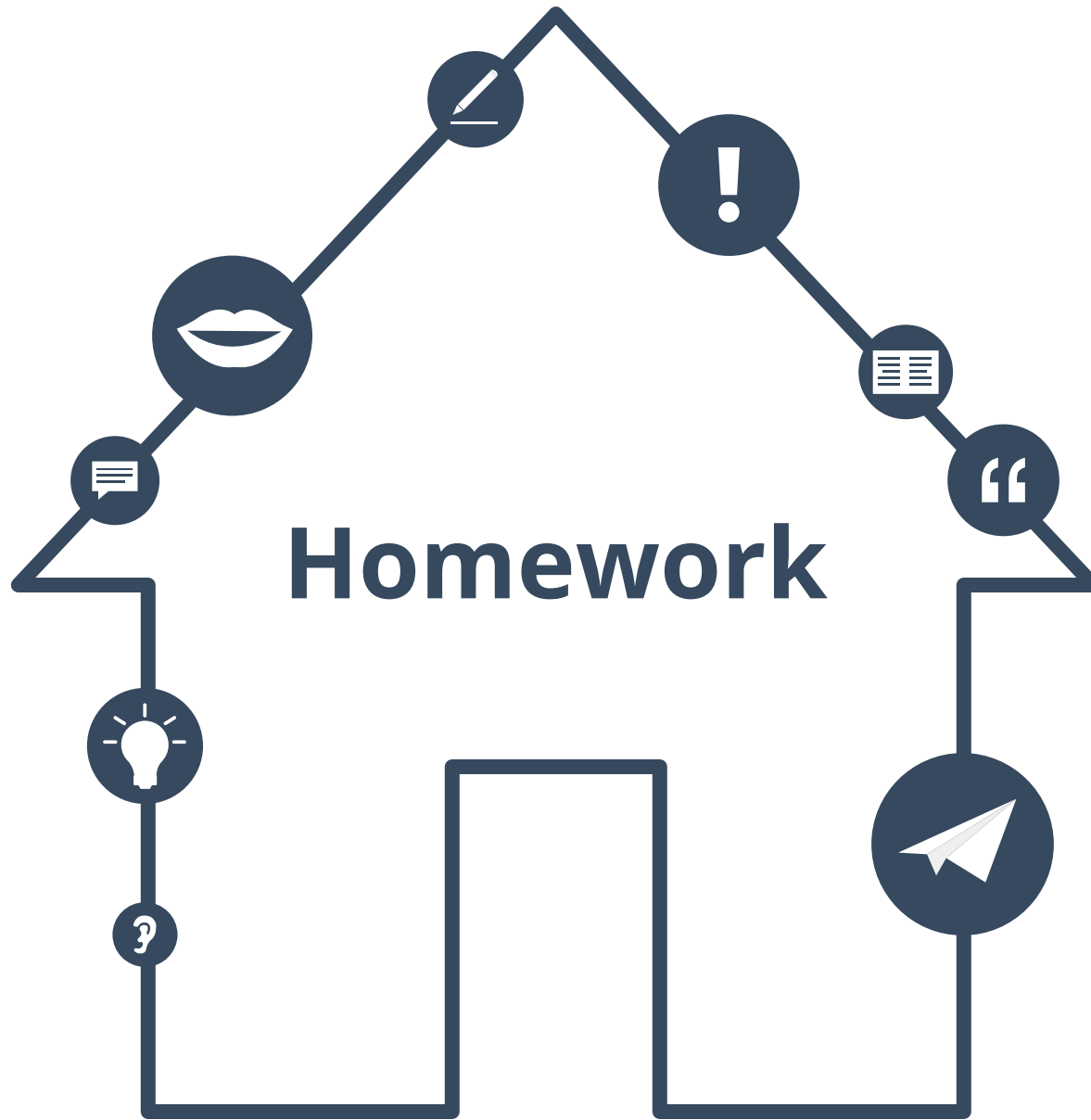
1. laid, 2. put, 3. got, 4. put, 5. take, 6. tell

Activity p. 14

1. taken, 2. get, 3. try, 4. power/carry

Activity p. 13

1. taken, 2. put, 3. carry, 4. hold, 5. going





Fill in the gaps with *on* or *off*

1. He put _____ telling his wife that he had crashed her car.
2. John wrote _____ his new car almost as soon as he bought it.
3. I had to put _____ my sunglasses when I left the house as it was really bright.
4. I didn't try this dress _____ before I bought it and it's too small.
5. I really need to carry _____ with my work for a bit longer.





Homework answer key

Activity p. 31
1. off, 2. off, 3. on, 4. on, 5. on

