

Activities for classroom use

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PHRASAL VERBS

1. A. Study the list of phrasal verbs formed by **look + particle** and answer the following questions.

1. Which phrasal verbs have no direct object? Which prepositions are they usually followed by?

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2. Which phrasal verbs can be used both with and without an object?

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3. In which verbs is the object always placed after the particle?

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4. Are there any phrasal verbs that only allow the object to go between the verb and the particle?

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5. Find examples of phrasal verbs in the passive form.

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B. Match each phrasal verb with **look** with the more formal equivalent provided in the dictionary in the form of a sense indicator gloss.

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| 1. look after | a. despise/dominate |
| 2. look around | b. improve/check in book/visit |
| 3. look at | c. pay a visit/watch TV |
| 4. look back to | d. read/ scan idly/search |
| 5. look down on | e. care for/be responsible for |
| 6. look for | f. take care/be wary |
| 7. look in | g. examine/see/view |
| 8. look out | h. search for/expect |
| 9. look round | i. rely on/turn to/pay attention |
| 10. look through | j. reflect/ reminisce |
| 11. look to | k. look behind one/look about |
| 12. look up | l. turn/glance around |

C. Now complete the following sentences with a phrasal verb with **look**.

- The police are the death of Mrs James.
- He likes talking about the past and on old times.
- a baby is a full-time job.
- I can't find my keys. I've them everywhere.
- This is a difficult word. I'll it in the dictionary.
- Before signing the contract, I'd like some time to it
- I'm to my trip to Greece.
- If you go shopping, for bargains and special offers.

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2. Read the following sentences and, with the help of the sense indicator glosses in the dictionary, find the translation and a more formal version of the phrasal verbs. Indicate their pattern, as in the example.

Ex. Remember to **get in** some beer for this evening.

Translation	sense ind. gloss	pattern
fare provvista, scorta di	<i>buy in</i>	<i>get [sth.] in, get in [sth.]</i>

a. My parents **are** both **getting on** a bit now.

b. If the news **gets out**, there'll be trouble.

c. I can't **get into** these shoes - they're too small.

d. She's sad now but she'll **get over** it soon.

e. I'm trying to **get** a team **together** for Sunday.

f. How **is** your son **getting on** at school?

g. I wish I could **get out** of going.

h. I find her a bit difficult to **get along with**.

i. Maria **gets by** on just 500 Euros a month.

j. Stop crying - you **are getting** everybody **down**.

k. Use a ladder to **get at** the books on the top shelf.

l. The three men **got away** in a stolen car.

m. I never lend books - you never **get** them **back**.

n. I don't really want the news to **get about**.

o. If her flight isn't delayed, she should **get off** by midday.

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3. Replace the underlined words and expressions with one of the following phrasal verbs. Use the dictionary to check the position of the particle and/or the object in each sentence. Some verbs are used more than once.

cut up **cut in on** **cut down on** **cut back** **cut across**
 cut off **cut out** **cut down**

1. We will have to reduce staff costs at work if we're to continue operating as normal. _____
2. The drug problem affects all social classes. _____
3. In winter the town is often isolated by snow. _____
4. I must prune that holly bush a bit. _____
5. This article is too long. It needs trimming. _____
6. I wish he would stop interrupting our conversation all the time. _____
7. The electricity company are threatening to disconnect us. _____
8. My doctor's told me to eat fewer fatty foods. _____
9. The surgeon has removed the tumour. _____
10. The new factory obstructs our view of the sea. _____
11. She has to cut all his food into small pieces for him. _____
12. Stop it! I'm trying to get some sleep. _____

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4. Complete the phrasal verbs in the sentences below by adding an appropriate particle. Then look at the sense indicator glosses and the translations in order to find a more formal equivalent of each phrasal verb.

off on forward down in by through away together back up aside

Ex. She's very good at *putting across* her ideas. *communicate*

1. She's always putting people _____
2. Can you put a team _____ in time for the game on Saturday? _____
3. Kids, will you put _____ your toys now? _____
4. I must talk to her, I can't put it _____ any longer. _____
5. The meeting had to be put _____ to the following week. _____
6. We forgot to put the clocks _____ last night. _____
7. He has been putting some money _____ every month. _____
8. I've put you _____ for the trip to Oxford. _____
9. Can you put me _____ to customer services? _____
10. We all put _____ five pounds for Steve's present. _____
11. I was put _____ by the strong odour. _____
12. Put the book _____ where it belongs, will you? _____
13. Hang on, I need to put my glasses _____ . _____
14. They have just had a new kitchen put _____ . _____
15. We can put you both _____ for the night. _____