

5.8 Language in focus

Phrasal verbs

I can recognise and use common phrasal verbs.

- 1 Read the information about phrasal verbs and complete the table with examples a–d.

With phrasal verbs you need to think about:

- the **meaning**: is it literal – she *picked the baby up* (= lifted), or idiomatic – she *picked a skill up* (= learnt)?
- the **grammar** and **syntax**: you can say *she picked French up*, *she picked up French*, *she picked it up* but NOT *she picked up it*.

Phrasal verbs are usually divided into four types:

GRAMMAR (SYNTAX)	EXAMPLES
verb + particle + object	1 _____
verb + particle	2 _____
verb + object + particle	3 _____
verb + particle + object (NOT pronouns)	<i>We've taken on Jo.</i>
verb + particle + particle + object	4 _____

- a The service was bad but the food **made up for** it.
 b I'm busy. Can you **deal with** them?
 c Sarah's good so we've **taken her on**. / We've **taken on** Jo.
 d **Hang on**, I'm not ready yet!

- 2 Complete the phrasal verbs with *in*, *off* or *out*. Then answer the questions.

- 1 separate sth by cutting CUT _____
 2 stop working (a machine, an engine) GIVE _____
 3 hand sth to sb (an essay) TAKE _____
 4 accept that you can't win
 5 remove sth (clothing)
 6 become successful very fast (a business)

- Which phrasal verbs have a literal meaning?
- Which phrasal verbs have an idiomatic meaning?

- 3 For each gap, choose from options A–D to complete the sentences. Which statements do you agree with?

A come B take C get D put

- 1 Most people enjoy their job and just want to _____ on.
 2 People always try to _____ out of paying their taxes.
 3 Do tasks you hate straight away and don't _____ them off.
 4 On your first day in a new job there's always a lot to _____ in.
 5 It's important to _____ across as confident in an interview.

- 4 Rewrite the sentences. Replace the underlined phrases with phasal verbs that include the words in capitals. Which sentences are true for you?

- 1 My friend once cheated in a test but he didn't get caught. GOT
 2 Police officers are people who I really respect. TO
 3 My sister is always inventing stories that aren't true. UP
 4 I'd never reject part-time work. I need the money! DOWN
 5 I've never quarrelled with my friends. OUT
 6 Half the workforce have been dismissed at a local factory. LAID

05 WORD LIST

Jobs

accountant /ə'kaʊntənt/
 beautician /bju:'tɪʃən/
 caretaker /'keɪ,tetkə/
 civil servant /sɪvəl 'sɜ:vənt/
 detective /dɪ'tektɪv/
 lifestyle photographer /'laɪfstɑɪl fə'tɒɡrəfə/
 official ambassador /ə'fɪʃəl əm'bæsədə/
 park ranger /'pɑ:k ,reɪndʒə/
 wind turbine technician /'wɪnd ,tɜ:bəɪn tek,nɪʃən/

Career

accept a post /ək'sept ə 'pəʊst/
 application /ˌæplɪ'keɪʃən/
 apply for sth /ə'plai fə/
 available /ə'veɪləbəl/
 be in charge of sth /bi ɪn 'tʃɑ:dʒ əv/
 be responsible for sth /bi rɪ'spɒnsəbəl fə/
 candidate /'kændɪdət/
 career prospects/options /kə'riə ,prɒspekts/ɒpʃənz/
 colleague /'kɒliɡ/
 commute to work /kə'mju:t tə 'wɜ:k/
 contract /'kɒntrækt/
 create a vacancy/vacant post /kri'eɪt ə 'veɪkənsi/veɪkənt 'pəʊst/
 dedicate yourself to sth /'dedəkeɪt jə'self tə/
 degree /dɪ'ɡri:/
 dismiss /dɪ'smɪs/
 do an apprenticeship /du: ən ə'prentɪsɪp/
 duties /'dju:tɪz/
 employ/hire /ɪm'plɔɪ/'haɪə/
 employee /ɪm'plɔɪi/
 employer /ɪm'plɔɪə/
 experience of restaurant work /ɪk'spiəriəns əv 'restərɒnt wɜ:k/
 expire /ɪk'spaɪə/
 express interest in sth/concern about sth /ɪk'spres ɪn'trəst ɪn/kən'sɜ:n ə'baʊt/
 fill a vacancy/vacant post /fɪl ə 'veɪkənsi/veɪkənt 'pəʊst/
 find employment /faɪnd ɪm'plɔɪmənt/
 gain skills/qualifications /geɪn 'skɪlz/kwɒlɪfɪ'keɪʃənz/
 graduate /'ɡrædʒuət/
 interpersonal skills /ɪntə'pɜ:snəl 'skɪlz/
 interview (n, v) /'ɪntəvju:/
 interviewee /'ɪntəvju:'i:/
 interviewer /'ɪntəvju:ə/
 involve /ɪn'vɒlv/
 job opportunities /dʒɒb ,ɒpə'tju:nəti:z/
 (key/primary) responsibilities /('ki:/'praɪməri) rɪ'spɒnsə'bɪləti:z/
 leave a job /li:v ə 'dʒɒb/
 living expenses /'lɪvɪŋ ɪk'spensɪz/
 living standards /'lɪvɪŋ ,stændədz/
 long-term future /lɒŋ tɜ:m 'fju:tʃə/
 medical/teaching profession/post /'medɪkəl/'ti:tʃɪŋ/prə'feʃən/ 'pəʊst/
 morning person /'mɔ:niŋ ,pɜ:sən/
 motivate yourself to do sth /'məʊtəveɪt jə'self tə du: ,səməθɪŋ/
 motivation /ˌməʊtə'veɪʃən/
 pay packet of ... /'peɪ pækət əv/
 perk /pɜ:k/
 place of work /ˌpleɪs əv 'wɜ:k/
 position/post /pə'zɪʃən/pəʊst/
 prepare a shortlist of candidates /prɪ'peə ə 'ʃɔ:tɪst əv 'kændɪdətɪz/
 promote /prə'məʊt/
 recruit (v, n) /rɪ'kru:t/
 recruitment /rɪ'kru:tɪmənt/
 reference /'refərəns/
 relevant /rɪ'levənt/
 replace /rɪ'pleɪs/
 require /rɪ'kwaɪə/
 requirements /rɪ'kwaɪəmənts/
 retail /rɪ'teɪl/
 retain sb as ... /rɪ'teɪn ,səmbədi əz/
 retire /rɪ'taɪə/
 review (n, v) /rɪ'vju:/
 reviewer /rɪ'vju:ə/
 (rigorous) application/selection process /(rɪ'ɡərəs) ˌæplɪ'keɪʃən/sə'lekʃən ,prəʊses/
 run a competition /rʌn ə ,kɒmpə'tɪʃən/
 salary /'sæləri/
 sense of achievement /sens əv ə'tʃi:vmənt/