

## Phrasal Verb Examples

Audio Lessons: 101 to 110

### Lesson 101: Ask About

Alternative: To enquire or question

Example 1:

- I wanted to ask my mechanic about a problem my car was having.
- I wanted to question my mechanic about a problem my car was having.

Example 2:

- I made sure to ask about a refund after buying the wrong shoes.
- I made sure to enquire about a refund after buying the wrong shoes.

### Lesson 102: Bargain for

Alternative: To get a better price, more value or a bonus

Example 1:

- At garage sales it is common to bargain for a better price than what is advertised.
- At garage sales it is common to ask for a better price than what is advertised.

Example 2:

- When I received my camera it came with a camera case which was more than I bargained for.
- When I received my camera it came with a camera case which was a bonus.

### Lesson 103: Walk Up

Alternative: to approach on foot

Example 1:

- I want you to walk up to that girl and get her phone number.
- I want you to approach that girl on foot and get her phone number.

Example 2:

- Be careful when you walk up to that dog he looks really angry.
- Be careful when you approach that dog on foot he looks really angry.

**Lesson 104: Put on #1**

Alternative: To wear something

Example 1:

- I put on a sweater because it was cold.
- I decided to wear a sweater because it was cold.

Example 2:

- She put on a wig as part of a costume.
- She was wearing a wig as part of a costume.

**Lesson 105: Put on #2**

Alternative: To fake something or to act

Example 1:

- Joe put on that he was a professional basketball player to his girlfriend.
- Joe faked being a professional basketball player to his girlfriend.

Example 2:

- The sixth grade drama class put on a great show last night
- The sixth grade drama class was a great act last night.

**Lesson 106: Take Up #1**

Alternative: To start doing a hobby

Example 1:

- Jill took up doing yoga last year and she is really enjoying it now.
- Jill started doing yoga as a hobby last year and she is really enjoying it now.

Example 2:

- I think I'm going to take up writing and start a blog.
- I think I'm going to start writing as a hobby and start a blog.

**Lesson 107: Take Up #2**

Alternative: To accept an offer

Example 1:

- I decided to take Amy up on her idea to go on a road trip.
- I decided to accept the idea Amy had to go on a road trip.

Example 2:

- I will take you up on having coffee today.
- I will accept your offer on having coffee today.

**Lesson 108: Take Up #3**

Alternative: To use time

Example 1:

- Preparing food for meals takes up a lot of time every day.
- Preparing food for meals uses a lot of time every day.

Example 2:

- Commuting to work every day takes up an hour of my time in the morning.
- Commuting to work every day uses an hour of my time in the morning.

**Lesson 109: Zone In**

Alternative: To Focus on

Example 1:

- When I was learning Spanish, I learned more when I would zone in on my vocabulary.
- When I was learning Spanish, I learned more when I would focus on my vocabulary.

Example 2:

- I always zone in on my music when I'm playing drums.
- I always focus on my music when I'm playing drums.

**Lesson 110: Be up for**

Alternative: to be willing

Example 1:

- John asked me if I would be up for helping him move on the weekend.
- John asked me if I would be willing to help him move on the weekend.

Example 2:

- I'd be up for going out for dinner tonight, what about you?
- I'd be willing to go out for dinner tonight, what about you?

**Phrasal Verb Story**

Jennifer was at the market and she decided to **ask about** (inquire about) a painting that was for sale. She **walked up** (approached on foot) to the painting, **put on** (to wear) her glasses and really started **zoning in** (focusing) on the detail. The person that was selling it noticed she was interested and asked if she had any questions. She wanted to know when he **took up** (started the hobby) painting because the work was amazing.

After telling the artist how much she liked the painting, she decided to **bargain for** (ask for a deal) a slightly better price than the \$500 it was advertised for. She asked if he would **be up for** (willing) accepting an offer of \$400 for the painting.

The artist **put on** (acted) like the painting took more than 300 hours to complete and how it **took up** (used time) a lot of his time to paint it. Jennifer only had \$400, so she told the artist she couldn't buy it right then. He finally decided to **take her up** (accept) on the offer and he sold the painting.