

Make C2 Proficiency Use of English tasks on phrasal verbs

Use of English Part One and Part Two

Making Use of English Part One multiple-choice questions on phrasal verbs

Work in at least two groups. Choose a verb from your worksheet and four prepositions/ adverbs from that line (if there are more than four there), e.g. work + at/ in/ on/ with. Write a sentence to test another group with that has that verb and a gap that can only be filled by one of the four particles. You can't use a dictionary at this stage, but you don't have to know all four multiword verbs, as long as you are sure that only one fits the gap. You will get one point for each question that other groups get wrong, as long as they agree that the other answers aren't possible. You can work separately to your partners if you like, but make sure that you double-check that your partners' sentences have gaps which can only be filled by the one word which they have chosen as the correct answer.

Use a dictionary for exactly 5 min. to check your questions and/ or to write more questions. Then test another group or groups with your questions, giving them the paper or reading out the gapped sentence and the four options each time.

Look at all the pages below and ask about any phrasal verbs which you don't understand or don't understand the difference between.

Change pages with another group and do the same with four different verbs with the same particle, e.g. four verbs with "along". Write a phrase where only one of the four verbs fits.

Look at all three pages and do the same with four completely different phrasal verbs (different verbs and different particles) that might be confused.

Making Use of English Part Two open cloze questions on phrasal verbs

Choose one of the verb + preposition/ adverb combinations from your sheet. Write an example sentence for it, take out either the verb or the particle, check that only that word can go in that gap, and change the example sentence to be more specific if more than one option is possible in that gap (or do the same with another combination if that is impossible). Then do the same with other phrasal verbs. You will get one point for each question that other groups get wrong as long as they agree that other options aren't possible, so try to make many challenging questions. You can work separately to your partners if you like, but make sure that you double-check that your partners' sentences can only be completed by the one word which they have chosen as the correct answer. You can't use a dictionary at this stage.

Use a dictionary for exactly 5 min. to check your questions and/ or write more questions. Then test another group or groups with your questions.

Share questions you think really had more than one option and see if the class agrees.

Making more realistic exam questions

Look at all the options from a real exam Use of English Part One task or all the answers from a Use of English Part Two task and write suitable questions where other answers aren't possible to test another group with.

Group A

1. act as/ act in/ act on/ act up
2. back away/ back down/ back out/ back up
3. bear down on/ bear forward/ bear out/ bear up/ bear with
4. blow away/ blow apart/ blow down/ blow off/ blow over/ blow up
5. boot around/ boot back/ boot out/ boot over/ boot up
6. bounce around/ bounce back/ bounce between/ bounce off
7. break apart/ break away/ break down/ break into/ break off/ break out/ break through/ break up
8. bring about/ bring back/ bring forward/ bring in/ bring off/ bring on/ bring up
9. burn away/ burn down/ burn out/ burn up
10. buy back/ buy into/ buy off/ buy out/ buy up
11. call ahead/ call back/ call for/ call off/ call in/ call on/ call out/ call up
12. carry around/ carry away/ carry forward/ carry off/ carry on/ carry out
13. catch in/ catch on/ catch out/ catch up
14. check back/ check in/ check off/ check out/ check up
15. chop away/ chop back/ chop down/ chop off/ chop up
16. climb back/ climb down/ climb on/ climb over/ climb up
17. come about/ come along/ come apart/ come around/ come back to/ come between/ come forward/ come from/ come off/ come on/ come over/ come to/ come up
18. count down/ count for/ count on/ count up
19. crack down/ crack on/ crack out/ crack under/ crack up
20. creep about/ creep around/ creep back/ creep into/ creep off/ creep up
21. cut around/ cut back/ cut down/ cut into/ cut off/ cut out/ cut up
22. die from/ die like/ die of/ die off/ die out
23. dig about/ dig around/ dig away/ dig between/ dig in/ dig into/ dig out/ dig up
24. divide between/ divide by/ divide from/ divide into/ divide off/ divide up
25. double back/ double down/ double under/ double up
26. draw ahead/ draw apart/ draw down/ draw in/ draw off/ draw on/ draw out/ draw up
27. drive ahead/ drive apart/ drive around/ drive away/ drive back/ drive between/ drive down/ drive from/ drive in/ drive off/ drive on/ drive out/ drive over/ drive up
28. drop away/ drop back/ drop between/ drop in/ drop off/ drop out
29. eat between/ eat in/ eat out/ eat up
30. face away/ face down/ face off to/ face up to
31. fade away/ fade in/ fade into/ fade out
32. fall about/ fall apart/ fall back/ fall back on/ fall between/ fall for/ fall in with/ fall into/ fall off/ fall out/ fall over
33. feel around/ feel like/ feel under/ feel up
34. fight about/ fight back/ fight for/ fight over/ fight with
35. fill in/ fill out/ fill up/ fill with

Group B

36. fit around/ fit behind/ fit between/ fit in/ fit like/ fit out/ fit together/ fit with
37. follow around/ follow back/ follow on/ follow up
38. get across/ get ahead/ get along/ get around/ get around to/ get away/ get away with/ get back/ get by/ get into/ get off/ get on/ get over/ get through/ get to
39. give away/ give back/ give in/ give off/ give out/ give up
40. go ahead/ go away/ go back on/ go back through/ go behind/ go for/ go forward/ go off/ go on/ go out/ go over/ go under/ go without
41. grind away/ grind down/ grind on/ grind out/ grind up
42. grow apart/ grow back/ grow from/ grow in/ grow into/ grow out of/ grow over/ grow up
43. hand back/ hand down/ hand in/ hand on/ hand out/ hand over
44. hang about/ hang around/ hang back/ hang down/ hang in/ hang on
45. hear back/ hear from/ hear out
46. hit back/ hit off/ hit on/ hit upon
47. hold apart/ hold back/ hold down/ hold forth/ hold in/ hold off/ hold on/ hold out/ hold out for/ hold up
48. keep ahead/ keep apart/ keep away/ keep down/ keep in/ keep on/ keep up with
49. land back/ land in/ land up/ land up with
50. laugh about/ laugh at/ laugh away/ laugh behind/ laugh down/ laugh off/ laugh out
51. lead away from/ lead back/ lead by/ lead down/ lead to/ lead with
52. lean away/ lean forward/ lean in/ lean on/ lean towards
53. leave around/ leave behind/ leave in/ leave off/ leave on/ leave out/ leave to/ leave without
54. live apart/ live down/ live out/ live under/ live up to/ live with
55. look after/ look ahead/ look around/ look away/ look back/ look down on/ look for/ look forward/ look in on/ look into/ look on/ look out for/ look over/ look to/ look up to
56. make back/ make into/ make out/ make over/ make up for/ make up with/ make with
57. mark down/ mark out/ mark up/ mark with
58. mess about/ mess around/ mess up/ mess with
59. move about/ move ahead/ move around/ move in/ move off/ move out/ move over
60. open into/ open out/ open up/ open up to/ open with
61. pack around/ pack down/ pack into/ pack out/ pack up/ pack with
62. pass around/ pass away/ pass back/ pass by/ pass down/ pass on/ pass out/ pass over/ pass up
63. pay back/ pay in/ pay off/ pay out/ pay up
64. pick apart/ pick between/ pick off/ pick out/ pick over/ pick up/ pick up on
65. play back/ play down/ play for/ play in/ play on/ play up
66. pull ahead/ pull apart/ pull away/ pull back/ pull back/ pull in/ pull out/ pull over/ pull up
67. push about/ push around/ push away/ push back/ push down/ push on
68. put across/ put away/ put back/ put down/ put forward/ put in/ put off/ put on/ put together/ put up/ put up with
69. reach across/ reach for/ reach into/ reach up
70. read about/ read ahead/ read along/ read back/ read into/ read on/ read out/ read over/ read up on

Group C/ Teacher

71. report back/ report from/ report on/ report to
72. roll back/ roll down/ roll out/ roll over/ roll up
73. run after/ run ahead/ run around/ run away/ run behind/ run down/ run on/ run out/ run over/ run up
74. rush about/ rush ahead/ rush back/ rush forward/ rush in/ rush off/ rush out/ rush over
75. see about/ see ahead/ see behind/ see into/ see off/ see out/ see through
76. sell back/ sell off/ sell on/ sell out/ sell up
77. send ahead/ send away/ send away for/ send back/ send in/ send off/ send on/ send out/ send over/ send up
78. set back/ set off/ set out/ set to/ set up
79. settle back/ settle down/ settle in/ settle on/ settle up
80. show around/ show into/ show off/ show up
81. shut away/ shut down/ shut in/ shut off/ shut out/ shut up
82. sign away/ sign in/ sign off/ sign on/ sign out/ sign over/ sign up/ sign with
83. sink back/ sink between/ sink down/ sink in/ sink under/ sink without
84. sit back/ sit down/ sit through/ sit out/ sit up
85. sleep around/ sleep in/ sleep off/ sleep on/ sleep over/ sleep through/ sleep with
86. slip around/ slip away/ slip behind/ slip between/ slip by/ slip down/ slip from/ slip in/ slip off/ slip on/ slip out/ slip over/ slip under/ slip up
87. soak away/ soak off/ soak in/ soak up
88. split apart/ split between/ split from/ split into/ split off/ split up
89. stand apart/ stand around/ stand as/ stand back/ stand down/ stand for/ stand in/ stand out/ stand up for/ stand up to/ stand with
90. start back/ start off/ start out/ start up/ start with
91. stay ahead/ stay away/ stay back/ stay on/ stay over/ stay up/ stay with
92. step away/ step back/ step between/ step around/ step down/ step forward/ step up
93. stick in/ stick out/ stick to/ stick up for/ stick with
94. strike back/ strike off/ strike out/ strike up
95. switch back/ switch off/ switch on/ switch over
96. take apart/ take away/ take back/ take down/ take in/ take off/ take on/ take out/ take over/ take up
97. talk back/ talk down/ talk out/ talk up
98. think ahead/ think back/ think over/ think up
99. throw away/ throw around/ throw down/ throw off/ throw up
100. tie around/ tie back/ tie down/ tie in/ tie to/ tie up
101. turn around/ turn away/ turn back/ turn down/ turn in/ turn into/ turn off/ turn on/ turn out/ turn over/ turn to/ turn up
102. walk about/ walk ahead/ walk away/ walk back/ walk in/ walk into/ walk off/ walk on/ walk out/ walk over
103. wear away/ wear in/ wear off/ wear out
104. work around/ work on/ work out/ work off/ work under/ work up
105. write back/ write down/ write for/ write off/ write out/ write up