

# Online Interactive Booklet



# Phrasal Verbs 1

# Interactive Books: **Phrasal Verbs** 1

## Introduction

Welcome to the Interactive Phrasal Verbs booklet. Phrasal verbs are a complex but highly important area of language. Hot English has a unique approach to teaching them with five key features:

### 1 Key language

- The language in these booklets has been carefully selected so you'll only learn the most useful phrasal verbs.

### 2 Images

- The photos and illustrations will help you understand the phrasal verbs by creating a link between the images and the phrasal verbs.

### 3 Audio files

- The recorded audio files will help you with the pronunciation of the phrasal verbs. Listening to the example sentences will also help you remember the phrasal verbs, especially if you hear them over and over again.

### 4 Topic areas

- The phrasal verbs have been divided up into topic areas. This is good for you because by organising language, it's easier for you to memorise it.

### 5 Example sentences

- The example sentences will give you a clear example of how the phrasal verbs are used. Plus, they'll help you memorise the phrasal verbs. Remember, for effective learning, you should always learn language in phrases or sentences – never as individual words or expressions!

We hope you enjoy learning these phrasal verbs!



## How to use the material

- Before reading or listening to the material, look at the images. They'll help you understand the phrasal verbs. Later, you can refer to the pictures while you're reading and listening to the definitions and example sentences. This will also help you remember the language.
- Read and listen to the audio files. This will help you understand the language, remember it and hear how it's pronounced. Later, you can listen to the audio files on their own (without the text) while you're in the car, jogging in the park, lying on the sofa, walking in the street... This will really help you memorise the phrasal verbs.
- Listen and repeat the example sentences. This will help with your pronunciation of the language, and will also help you memorise it.

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Thanks,

*The Hot English Team.*

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# UNIT 1

# The News

(part 1)

### Pull out of (talks)

TO STOP PARTICIPATING IN TALKS / NEGOTIATIONS.



"After news of the scandal hit the newspapers, the Liberal Party representatives decided to pull out of the talks."

### Break down (talks)

IF TALKS "BREAK DOWN", THEY FAIL BECAUSE ONE OR BOTH OF THE PARTIES REFUSES TO CONTINUE.



"Talks between the two sides broke down after news of the attack became known."

### Play down

IF YOU "PLAY DOWN" SOMETHING, YOU TRY TO MAKE PEOPLE THINK THAT IT IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN IT REALLY IS.



"The oil company was keen to play down the seriousness of the oil spill."

### Speak out about

IF YOU "SPEAK OUT" ABOUT SOMETHING, YOU EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS FORCEFULLY AND PUBLICLY, ESPECIALLY IN ORDER TO CRITICISE OR OPPOSE SOMETHING.



"A number of people spoke out against the way the police had dealt with the protesters."

### Back out (of an arrangement / agreement)

IF SOMEONE "BACKS OUT" OF AN AGREEMENT, THEY DECIDE NOT TO BE PART OF IT ANY MORE, OR NOT TO DO SOMETHING THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO DO.



"There were fears that investors would back out of the agreement to finance the high-speed train link."

### Bail out

TO GIVE FINANCIAL HELP TO SOMEONE OR A COMPANY THAT IS IN DIFFICULTY.



"The government decided to bail out the bank and provided it with more than £2 billion in finance."

### Step up

TO INCREASE; IF THE GOVERNMENT "STEPS UP" THE PRODUCTION OF SOMETHING, THEY INCREASE THE SPEED AT WHICH IT'S PRODUCED.



"The government have stepped up the production of arms and weapons."

### Step down

IF A GOVERNMENT MINISTER "STEPS DOWN", HE/ SHE RESIGNS AND STOPS BEING A MINISTER.



"The minister for education stepped down when news of the scandal hit the newspapers."