

Activity Type

Reading, listening and speaking activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Phrasal verbs

Aim

To guess phrasal verbs from sentences that describe their meaning.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each pair of students and cut as indicated.

Level

Intermediate

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this engaging activity, students play a card game where they guess phrasal verbs from sentences that describe their meaning.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a set of cards.

Tell the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the desk.

Students take it in turns to pick up a card from the top of the pile. The student then reads the first sentence on the card to their partner, signalling the words in bold with quotation marks.

The words in bold in the sentence describe the phrasal verb.

Their partner then reads the sentence back to the student, changing the words in bold to the phrasal verb.

If their partner says the correct phrasal verb, he or she keeps the card.

If not, the card is placed at the bottom of the pile.

The game continues until all the cards have been used.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.



<p>He moved backwards from the dog.</p>	<p>He backed away from the dog.</p>	<p>You must submit your homework now.</p>	<p>You must hand in your homework now.</p>
<p>He crashed his car and lost consciousness.</p>	<p>He crashed his car and blacked out.</p>	<p>She was too shy to participate.</p>	<p>She was too shy to join in.</p>
<p>I was raised by my father.</p>	<p>I was brought up by my father.</p>	<p>Don't fall asleep in class.</p>	<p>Don't nod off in class.</p>
<p>I registered at the hotel.</p>	<p>I checked in at the hotel.</p>	<p>Anna met May at the supermarket.</p>	<p>Anna ran into May at the supermarket.</p>
<p>I had to take care of an angry customer.</p>	<p>I had to deal with an angry customer.</p>	<p>I arrived late for my appointment.</p>	<p>I showed up late for my appointment.</p>
<p>The film lasted longer than expected.</p>	<p>The film dragged on.</p>	<p>The company hired some new staff.</p>	<p>The company took on some new staff.</p>
<p>The sale for the house didn't happen.</p>	<p>The sale for the house fell through.</p>	<p>Sorry, I finished all the coffee.</p>	<p>Sorry, I used up all the coffee.</p>
<p>I had no job but I managed to cope.</p>	<p>I had no job but I got by.</p>	<p>I will have to refuse your offer.</p>	<p>I will have to turn down your offer.</p>