

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity

Language Focus

Phrasal verbs

Aim

To guess phrasal verbs from their definitions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet.

Level

Intermediate

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this fun teaching activity, students play a quiz game where they guess phrasal verbs from their definitions.

Procedure

Draw the grid from the worksheet on the board. Write the points at the top and verbs down the side.

Tell the students that they are going to play a quiz game where they guess phrasal verbs from their definitions.

Divide the students into four teams.

Have each team choose a team name.

Start by choosing a square to begin the game, e.g. break 100.

Read the definition of the phrasal verb, e.g. to end a relationship.

The first student to raise their hand and give the correct phrasal verb wins that square for their team and the amount of points in the square, e.g. 100 points. Their team name is then written in the square.

The winning team gets to choose the next square. However, any team can try to guess the phrasal verb.

If a student answers incorrectly, it goes to the other teams.

At the end of the game, add up the points for each team.

The team with the most points wins the game.

As a variation, when a student answers correctly, the winning team tries to make a sentence with the phrasal verb. If they do this successfully, the points for the square are doubled.

	100	200	300	400	500	1000
break	to end a relationship	to escape	to get upset	to separate	to force entry into a building	to develop a skin condition
	break up	break out	break down	break up	break in	break out in
get	to return	to go on a vacation	to get out of bed	to meet (usually for social reasons)	to retaliate or take revenge	to become interested in something again
	get back	get away	get up	get together	get back at	get back into
go	to make a loud noise or explode	to start or proceed	to review	to follow someone	to compete or oppose	to suffer, lack or deprivation
	go off	go ahead	go over	go after	go against	go without
look	to try to find	to be careful, vigilant or take notice	to investigate	to be excited about the future	to think less of or consider inferior	to have a lot of respect for
	look for	look out	look into	look forward to	look down on	look up to
put	to put what you are holding on a surface or floor	to postpone	to insult or make someone feel stupid	to assemble	to tolerate	to extinguish
	put down	put off	put down	put together	put up with	put out
take	to remove something (usually clothing)	to start to fly	to return an item	to break into pieces	to pay for someone to go somewhere with you	to resemble a family member
	take off	take off	take back	take apart	take out	take after