

# Phrasal Verbs 1

## 1: GO ON = happen

What's **going on**?

There's a class **going on** at the moment. What went on last night?

## 2: PICK UP = get something or someone from a place

I **picked up** my brother from the airport. Please pick up some bread.

Would you come and **pick me up** from work tonight?

## 3: COME BACK = return to a place (the speaker is in that place)

She came back around 10pm last night. When will you come back from France?

Please come back! It's boring here without you.

## 4: COME UP WITH = produce an idea

Julie came up with a great idea.

He came up with an answer to the question very quickly. Can you come up with a better solution?

## 5: GO BACK = return to a place (the speaker isn't in that place)

He finished his work and **went back** to his flat. When is she planning to **go back** to Japan?

I'll **go back** to the library later.

## 6: FIND OUT = get information

Can you **find out** what time the restaurant opens?

I **found out** that we need to submit our essays next Tuesday.

I don't know what the weather forecast is for tomorrow, but I'll **find out**.

## 7: COME OUT = appear from a place

She **came out** of the kitchen.

He went to the café and **came out** with a coffee. Please **come out** of the bedroom.

## 8: GO OUT = go to an event / restaurant / pub / party

Let's **go out** for dinner.

You're **going out** a lot these days.

We should **go out** more.

**9: POINT OUT = show / mention**

She **pointed out** the beautiful paintings on the walls.  
Please **point out** to the students that they must attend all the lectures.  
'We'll miss the bus if we don't hurry', he **pointed out**.

**10: GROW UP = become an adult**

I **grew up** in Scotland.  
My children **are growing up** too fast! When will he grow up?

**11: SET UP = create / arrange**

I need to **set up** a new bank account. She's decided to set up her own company.  
I **set up** some language classes at the school.

**12: TURN OUT = in the end we discover**

The maid **turned out** to have stolen the money. He turned out to be a friend of Alex's.  
The party **turned out** to be a big success.

**13: GET OUT = leave a room / building / car**

I need to **get out** of the house!  
She **got out** of the car and went into the shop. Get out! There's a fire in the kitchen!

**14: COME IN / INTO = enter (the speaker is in that place)**

Please **come in!** It's great to see you.  
She **came into** the living room and sat down. Don't come in! I'm not ready yet!

**15: TAKE ON = to be responsible for**

He's going to **take on** the new project.  
She **isn't taking on** any new students at the moment.  
Could you **take on** some extra work?

## Phrasal Verbs Exercise 1

## Choose the correct phrasal verb:

go on / pick up / come back / come up with / go back / find out / come out / go out /  
point out / grow up / set up / turn out / get out / come in(to) / take on.

1. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ (think of an idea) a better idea?
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (showed / mentioned) that the shops would already be closed.
3. I wish I hadn't \_\_\_\_\_ (become responsible for) so much work!
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (went to an event) for dinner with my husband last night.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (entered a place where the speaker is) the kitchen and made some tea.
6. Where did you \_\_\_\_\_ (become an adult)?
7. I'd love to \_\_\_\_\_ (arrange / create) my own business.
8. I really want to \_\_\_\_\_ (leave a building) of this office and go for a walk.
9. As I arrived, he \_\_\_\_\_ (appeared from a place) of the door.
10. She \_\_\_\_\_ (got something from a place) some dinner on the way home.
11. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ (get information) what time we need to arrive?
12. I thought the conference was going to be boring but it \_\_\_\_\_ (in the end we discovered) to be quite useful.
13. What time did you \_\_\_\_\_ (return to a place where the speaker is) yesterday?
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ (appeared from a place) of the café and put on her gloves.
15. A performance \_\_\_\_\_ (is happening) at the moment.
16. He \_\_\_\_\_ (left a car) of the car.
17. He \_\_\_\_\_ (went to an event) a lot at the weekend, so he's tired today.
18. Can we \_\_\_\_\_ (arrange / create) a meeting next week?
19. Would anybody like to \_\_\_\_\_ (become responsible for) this new client?
20. He \_\_\_\_\_ (returned to a place where the speaker is) before I left.
21. It's lovely watching my children \_\_\_\_\_ (become adults).
22. She \_\_\_\_\_ (returned to a place where the speaker is)

- not) to school.
23. He \_\_\_\_\_ (showed / mention) the stars to the children.
24. He \_\_\_\_\_ (returned to a place where the speaker is not) to Poland last year.
25. He \_\_\_\_\_ (thought of an idea) a solution.
26. Please \_\_\_\_\_ (enter a place where the speaker is)!
27. At the end of the film, it \_\_\_\_\_ (in the end we discovered) that John was a good guy.
28. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ (get someone from a place) Lucy later?
29. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ (get information) how much it costs.
30. What \_\_\_\_\_ ('s happening)?

**Answers: Phrasal Verbs 1**

1. *Can you come up with a better idea?*
2. *She pointed out that the shops would already be closed.*
3. *I wish I hadn't taken on so much work!*
4. *I went out for dinner with my husband last night.*
5. *He came into the kitchen and made some tea.*
6. *Where did you grow up?*
7. *I'd love to set up my own business.*
8. *I really want to get out of this office and go for a walk.*
9. *As I arrived, he came out of the door.*
10. *She picked up some dinner on the way home.*
11. *Could you find out what time we need to arrive?*
12. *I thought the conference was going to be boring but it turned out to be quite useful.*
13. *What time did you come back yesterday?*
14. *She came out of the café and put on her gloves.*
15. *A performance is going on at the moment.*
16. *He got out of the car.*
17. *He went out a lot at the weekend, so he's tired today.*
18. *Can we set up a meeting next week?*
19. *Would anybody like to take on this new client?*
20. *He came back before I left.*
21. *It's lovely watching my children grow up.*
22. *She went back to school.*
23. *He pointed out the stars to the children.*
24. *He went back to Poland last year.*
25. *He came up with a solution.*
26. *Please come in!*
27. *At the end of the film, it turned out that John was a good guy.*
28. *Could you pick up Lucy later?*
29. *We need to find out how much it costs.*
30. *What's going on?*