

Vocabulary Building -5 (Phrasal Verbs)

❖ Next milestone in vocabulary building is

'Phrasal Verbs'

We use phrasal verbs in our day- to- day life. Phrasal verbs are better suited to informal speech. You would complain about your friend who has not kept his/her promise by saying, "He has backed out at the last moment."

Phrasal Verb=verb + preposition and/or adverbs

Like idioms, phrasal verbs are widely used in English and they make our expression rich and fresh. They form a fixed group of words with an idiomatic meaning. They are expressions whose real meaning cannot be detected from that of constituent words.

Let's explore certain phrasal verbs:

Phrasal Verbs	Meaning
Break down	Go out of order, cease to function, lose control of one's emotions
Break out	Start suddenly
Break into	Enter by force
Call back	Return a phone call
Call off	Cancel
Call upon something	Formally invite or request
Drop in	Visit, usually on the way somewhere
Drop out	Leave school without finishing
Drop off	Deliver someone or something; fall asleep
Get away	Escape
Get in	Enter
Get into	Manage to survive
Get on with	Continue to do; make progress
Get off	Leave(bus, plane, train) ; Remove
Get out	Leave
Get on (well) with(somebody)	Have a good relationship with
Get out of	Avoid doing something
Get over	Recover from (illness, disappointment)
Get rid of	Eliminate
Get together	Meet each other
Get up	Rise , leave bed
Look after	Take care
Look ahead	Think of the future
Look down on	Consider an inferior
Look on	Be a spectator at an event
Look for	Try to find something
Look up to	Admire
Clam up	Refuse to speak
Do without	Manage without
Boil down to	Be summarised as
Check in	Register at a hotel or airport
Check out	Pay one's bill and leave (a hotel) ; investigates
Count on	Rely or depend on
Bump into	Meet by accident or unexpectedly
Butt in	Interrupt impolitely
Answer back	Reply rudely

Keep exploring more!

