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Beginner lessons for Phrasal Verbs

Master Phrasal Verbs for Everyday English!

DEFINITION

Phrasal verbs are phrases that combine a verb with a preposition or adverb, changing the meaning. They are commonly used in spoken and written English.

KEY CONCEPTS

Structure

Phrasal verbs consist of a main verb followed by one or more particles, like prepositions.

Types

There are separable and inseparable phrasal verbs, depending on whether the object can come between the verb and the particle.

Meaning Change

The meaning of a phrasal verb can be very different from the original verb, making them unique.

Common Examples

Examples include 'give up' (quit) and 'look after' (take care of), which are frequently used.

Context Importance

Understanding the context is crucial for grasping the correct meaning of phrasal verbs.

EXAMPLES

- I need to give up smoking.
- Can you look after my dog?
- She turned down the job offer.

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Visualize actions: Imagine scenarios where you use the phrasal verb.
- ★ Group similar verbs: Learn phrasal verbs by category, like travel or emotions.
- ★ Create sentences: Make your own sentences to reinforce memory.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Confusing separable and inseparable verbs.
- ✗ Using the wrong particle, like saying 'look for' instead of 'look after'.
- ✗ Translating directly from your native language.

QUICK RECAP

Phrasal verbs are essential for fluent English communication. They consist of a verb and a particle, changing the verb's meaning. Practice common examples and remember their contexts for better understanding.