



PHRASAL VERBS CONVERSATIONS 1

VIDEO COURSE 1



Answers at the end!

LEARN 250 PHRASAL VERBS VIDEO COURSE



“Learn to speak like a native English speaker with these 250 phrasal verbs!”



Introduction



Do you want to improve your English level? One great way is to learn lots of phrasal verbs! Native English speakers use phrasal verbs all the time. So, if you know the meaning of the most common ones, you'll be able to **follow conversations** much more easily. But how can you learn them?

Simple! The trick is to learn phrasal verbs in **topic areas** and to hear them in **conversations**. And this is what you'll get with our fantastic product. And by the end of the course, you'll have learnt **250 really useful phrasal verbs**.

Our Phrasal Verb CONVERSATIONS course is unique because we group the verbs into **TOPIC AREAS** (*relationships, meetings, money, the phone...*) and include them in **CONVERSATIONS**. This will help you learn them quickly – **GUARANTEED!**

- We only teach you the **most useful** phrasal verbs!
- The images will help you remember them more easily!
- We include the phrasal verbs in **conversations** so you can see how they're used naturally!
- There are exercises to help you remember them!



This fantastic video course will teach you more than 250 phrasal verbs **effortlessly** – just by watching the videos. It's ideal for anyone at an intermediate level and above who wants to start sounding more like a native English speaker. Simply watch the video and do the oral exercises with **your own personal teacher!** There's no need for any writing – just **listen, respond and learn!** Are you ready to learn 100s of English phrasal verbs quickly and easily? Just click on the videos and start learning!

Don't forget, there's another course in this series. So, if you liked this one, remember to get the other course!



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Unit 1 The news 1 (politics)

Watch the video with the exercises, conversation and explanations. Then, see if you can complete the mini quiz below.



Quiz

After watching the video, see if you can complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. Negotiations looked as if they were going to **br**_____ **d**_____.
2. The failing car manufacturer was **bai**_____ **o**_____ to protect the workers' jobs.
3. They threatened to **pu**_____ **o**_____ of the negotiations before they even began.
4. She was asked to **st**_____ **d**_____ after the scandal became public news.
5. After hearing what they said about the deal, she thought about **ba**_____ **o**_____ of it
6. The government succeeded in raising consumer confidence by **pl**_____ **d**_____ the seriousness of the poor state of the economy.
7. They needed to invest in some new equipment before they could **st**_____ **u**_____ production.
8. The candidate **sp**_____ **o**_____ about what she felt was an unfair election process.

UNIT 1

The News

(part 1)

Pull out of (talks)

TO STOP PARTICIPATING IN TALKS / NEGOTIATIONS.



"After news of the scandal hit the newspapers, the Liberal Party representatives decided to pull out of the talks."

Break down (talks)

IF TALKS "BREAK DOWN", THEY FAIL BECAUSE ONE OR BOTH OF THE PARTIES REFUSES TO CONTINUE.



"Talks between the two sides broke down after news of the attack became known."

Play down

IF YOU "PLAY DOWN" SOMETHING, YOU TRY TO MAKE PEOPLE THINK THAT IT IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN IT REALLY IS.



"The oil company was keen to play down the seriousness of the oil spill."

Speak out about

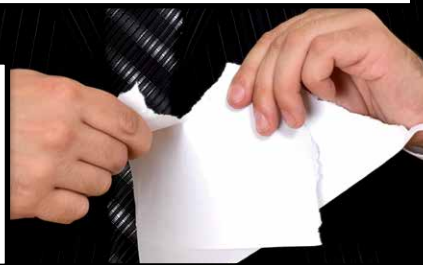
IF YOU "SPEAK OUT" ABOUT SOMETHING, YOU EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS FORCEFULLY AND PUBLICLY, ESPECIALLY IN ORDER TO CRITICISE OR OPPOSE SOMETHING.



"A number of people spoke out against the way the police had dealt with the protesters."

Back out (of an arrangement / agreement)

IF SOMEONE "BACKS OUT" OF AN AGREEMENT, THEY DECIDE NOT TO BE PART OF IT ANY MORE, OR NOT TO DO SOMETHING THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO DO.



"There were fears that investors would back out of the agreement to finance the high-speed train link."

Bail out

TO GIVE FINANCIAL HELP TO SOMEONE OR A COMPANY THAT IS IN DIFFICULTY.



"The government decided to bail out the bank and provided it with more than £2 billion in finance."

Step up

TO INCREASE; IF THE GOVERNMENT "STEPS UP" THE PRODUCTION OF SOMETHING, THEY INCREASE THE SPEED AT WHICH IT'S PRODUCED.



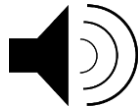
"The government have stepped up the production of arms and weapons."

Step down

IF A GOVERNMENT MINISTER "STEPS DOWN", HE/ SHE RESIGNS AND STOPS BEING A MINISTER.



"The minister for education stepped down when news of the scandal hit the newspapers."



Unit 1 The news conversation

Pull out of talks, break down talks, play down, speak out, back out of agreement, bail out, step up production, step down a minister

A = Annabel (Scottish) B = Ben (English)

Construction chaos!

A: I'm here with government minister Ben Bradley to talk about the delays in the construction of 40 new hospitals and schools by building company Carlenti. There are reports that talks between the government and Carlenti have **broken down** after Carlenti accused the government of **backing out** of an agreement to pay 50% of the building work in advance.



B: That is completely untrue!

A: There are also rumours that government negotiator Petra Nichols has **pulled out** of the talks altogether. What do you have to say about this?

B: No comment!

A: There are also rumours that the prime minister is also thinking about **stepping down**. As we all know, the president of Carlenti is the prime minister's *brother*. Many see this is a clear example of corruption!

B: That is an outrageous accusation.

A: Members of the opposition are also claiming that Carlenti were told to **step up** construction so some of the hospitals and schools would be ready in time for the elections this spring.

B: This is totally false.

A: Well, a number of your own ministers have been **speaking out** about this, and feel angry that your department seems to be **playing down** the seriousness of the issue. What have you got to say about this?

B: We need these new hospitals and schools. We will build them within the agreed timeframe, and with all the payments made on time, as well as... *[fades out]*