

## Phrasal Verbs: Set One

### PART ONE:

The **bold** words in the story are called phrasal verbs. Each phrasal verb has a verb and a second word. The meaning of the phrasal verb is not the same as the meaning of the verb or of the other word. While reading the story, think about what the phrasal verbs might mean. Then write your answers beside the words in Part Two.

#### Nick's Problem

For his whole life, Nick has never been able to **get up** early. When he was in elementary school, his mother would set the alarm clock for 6:00 AM, but it would not **wake** him **up**. When Nick was in high school, his alarm clock would **go off**, but he simply **turned** it **off** and **went back** to sleep. Every morning his father would shout, "**Come on**, Nick! You're going to be late." The shouting did not help, however. On a few days, Nick would **show up** two hours late! Nick knew that his school would not **put up with** this situation much longer. His parents were frustrated, but they could not **give up**. One day Nick's mom **came across** a blog on the Internet where people were sharing their stories about oversleeping and different solutions they had **come up with** to solve their problems. After **going over** a few of these stories and realizing there could be an underlying health issue, Nick's mother **made up** her mind that the best advice was to **look for** a sleep specialist on the Internet. After **checking out** several websites, Nick's mom **found out** about a specialist for her son's condition. She **called him up** and left a message. The next day, the doctor **called her back** to **talk about** Nick's situation. Now the family is **counting on** him to help solve Nick's problem.

PART TWO: After reading the story, what do you think these phrasal verbs mean?

**get up**

**wake up**

**go off**

**turn off**

**go back**

**come on**

**show up**

**put up with**

**give up**

**come across**

**come up with**

**go over**

**make up your mind**

**look for**

**check out**

**found out**

**called up**

**called back**

**talk about**

**count on**

PART THREE: 10 Common Phrasal Verbs in English: Read the sentences. Notice that when the tense changes, it is the verb part of the phrasal verb that changes.

1. **go on** What's going on?

Will it go on all day?

Last week it went on much too long.

2. **carry out** Which plan did the workers carry out?

They carried out the boss's plan.

3. **set up** It is expensive to set up a new business.

I set one up last year.

I will set up another new business next year.

4. **pick up** Ted will pick me up at the airport on Monday.

He picked me up last week, too.

He doesn't mind picking me up.

5. **go back** When is Peter going back home?

Peter went back home yesterday. He will go back to work tomorrow.

6. **come back** What time are you coming back?

You came back too late last time.

Don't worry. I will come back at the correct time.

7. **go out** When did the lights go out?

The lights went out around ten.

8. **point out** What did your teacher point out?

He pointed out the important pages.

9. **find out** When did you find out about the accident? I found out on Sunday.

10. **come up** His new car came up in our conversation today.

It also came up yesterday. I think it will come up a lot in the future.

## PART FOUR: Practice with phrasal verbs

Read the story and underline the eight phrasal verbs. Do you know what they mean?

### The Library

Today I am going to the library because I need to take back a book I checked out two weeks ago and then pick out a new book to read. One of my favorite things is to take off my shoes, sit down on the sofa, and hold a real book in my hands as I read the pages. Of course I could look over a list of e-books and download one to my Kindle, but it's just not the same experience. I also like going to the library because there is always a chance I might run into an old friend there. Sometimes my best friend and I meet at the library for coffee and catch up on each other's news before we find new books to take home. I really enjoy my library visits.