

3. Phrasal verbs

To put

Put:

1. To place. i.e. **Put** your book on the table.
2. To say; to state. i.e. Can I **put** a suggestion to you?
3. To write; to mark. i.e. **Put** the title on each page.

Put about: Change direction.

i.e. The wind **put about**.

Put across: Make someone understand.

i.e. I cannot **put across** the message.

Put aside:

1. Stop using. i.e. He **put aside** his old T.V.
2. Save. i.e. He had **put aside** enough money to buy a new laptop.

Put away: Put into the proper place.

i.e. When you finish the experiment **put away** the power supply and the cables.

Put back:

1. Replace. i.e. **Put back** the diode that was in the circuit.
2. Move back. i.e. **Put** the clock **back** by five minutes.

Put by: Save. i.e. He **puts by** some money every month.

Put down:

1. Place down. i.e. **Put** your book **down** on the floor.
2. Stop by strong action. i.e. **Put down** a rebellion.

Put forward:

1. Ask for something to be considered. i.e. **Put forward** a new idea.
2. Move forward. i.e. **Put forward** the clock by five minutes.

Put in:

1. Ask for something to be considered. i.e. **Put in** a claim.
2. Do. i.e. I **put in** more than one hours for each English lesson.
3. Enter. i.e. The next train will **put in** at 7 p.m.

Put off:

1. Delay until later. i.e. We must **put off** all exams.
2. Make someone do something badly. i.e. Stop talking! You are **putting** me **off**.
3. Discourage someone; make him dislike something. i.e. He was **put off** research.

Put on:

1. Clothe with. i.e. **Put on** your coat.
2. Increase. i.e. **Put on** weight.
3. Cause to work or happen. i.e. **Put on** the radio.

Put on to: connect with (by telephone).

i.e. **Put me on to** Algiers, will you?

Put out:

1. Cause to be outside. i.e. He was **put out** the library at 5 p.m.
2. Stop something from burning or being lit. i.e. The security man **put out** the fire in the laboratory.
3. Hold out. i.e. **Put out** your tongue.
4. Angry, worry. i.e. I am **put out** by people's behavior.
5. Trouble oneself. i.e. Please, don't **put yourself out** for us.

Put over: Make someone understand.

i.e. He is trying to **put over** his ideas.

Put through:

1. Connect by telephone. i.e. Please, Can you **put me through** to 02796.....
2. Do; make. i.e. He is trying to **put through** a deal.

Put together: Make something from different parts.

i.e. We must **put** the radio **together** again.

Put up:

1. Raise. i.e. **Put up** the volume of the radio.
2. Put in a place where it can be seen. i.e. **Put up** a notice.
3. Give a place to sleep to somebody. i.e. Can you **put me up** for the night.

A put up job: something arranged in advance in order to trick someone.

i.e. I don't believe it! It's a **put up** story.

Put up with: Bear without complaining.

i.e. We have to **put up with** high prices.

Put into practice: Use.

i.e. **Put** your English **into practice**.

Put pressure on someone: Try to get someone to do something by persuasion.

i.e. They had to **put pressure on** him before he accepted the job.

To make

Make:

1. Cause to exist. i.e. God **made** the world.
2. Cause to be. i.e. you **made** me angry.
3. Force someone/something to do something. i.e. He **made** the students work hard.
4. Earn, get. i.e. He **makes** 50000 DA a month.
5. Be the same as, equal. i.e. 100 cm **make** 1 metre.
6. Become. i.e. This student will **make** a good teacher.

Make for:

1. Go towards. i.e. We **made for** Algiers at 7 a.m.
2. Tend to produce. i.e. Chatting with students **makes for** good relations.

Make of: Think of.

i.e. What do you **make of** the boss?

Make off: Go away; escape.

i.e. The thief **made off** with the money.

Make out:

1. Write out. i.e. He **made out** a cheque for his wife.
2. Be able to see, understand. i.e. Can you **make out** what is written here?

Make up:

1. Invent; think up; create. i.e. Try to **make up** a science fiction story.
2. Put things together in some way. i.e. He **made up** an electronic clock.
3. Liquids used to improve one's appearance. i.e. The woman's **make up**.

Make up for: Compensate for.

i.e. The farmers were given money to **make up** for their **lost**.

Make certain:

1. Check that it is true, correct. i.e. **Make certain** that you have all lessons.
2. Not leave something to chance or luck. i.e. **Make certain** that you get good marks.

Make do: Use something although one would prefer something else.

i.e. We have to **make do** with what we have in the laboratory.

Make a fool of: Cause somebody to seem silly.

i.e. They **made a fool of** themselves.

Make fun of: Laugh at.

i.e. They **made fun of** each other.

Make it:

1. Estimate time, distance i.e. What time do you **make it**?
2. Reach; manage to arrive (with difficulty). i.e. It's late, I don't think we'll **make it**.

Exercise 4:

Use the correct preposition to form the phrasal verb that completes each of the following sentences:

1. In 1911 Rutherford (put) the first model of the atom.
2. He (put) at least 150 hours work into this project.
3. We should all (make) friendship.
4. We have to (make) with this oscilloscope.
5. Uranium (put) radiation.
6. (Make) that the answer you found is correct.
7. With communication satellites you can be (put) to any part of the world.
8. Can you (make) the registration number of that car?
9. If you ever come to Djelfa, I will (put) you.
10. Children like to (make) stories.