



## Episode 12: Phrasal Verb PUT

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In this episode, Donielle and Khrystyna discuss the following phrasal verbs with the word PUT:

**put out** = extinguish (a fire, flame, etc.)

**put on (1)** = place a piece of clothing or jewelry on the body, or apply perfume, lotion, make-up, etc.

**put on (2)** = give a performance or play music or TV show/movie

**put off** = postpone, delay, or avoid doing an unpleasant task

**put away** = place items in their usual storage place (put away groceries, laundry, etc.)

**put back** = return removed items to the place they were taken from

**put up with** = tolerate or accept an unpleasant or annoying thing, situation, person, etc.

Here are several other phrasal verbs that were used during the conversation:

<b>bundle up</b> (used twice with 2 different meanings)	(1) wrap yourself in thick clothes or blankets to stay warm • I was <u>bundled up</u> in my blankets. (2) Gather a group of things and put them together in a tight mass. • My 9-year old <u>bundled</u> the streamers <u>up</u> into a ball.
<b>warm up</b>	to change or cause something to change from a cooler to warmer state. • It was chilly in the morning, but it <u>warmed up</u> in the afternoon. • I put my hands near the fire to <u>warm</u> them <u>up</u> .
<b>start off/out</b>	similar to “start” but (1) describes a particular way, especially if there is a contrast in how things started vs. how they were later (The day <u>started off</u> cold, but warmed up later) or (2) describes the beginning in a series of steps (We’ll <u>start off</u> with simple phrasal verbs and end with more complex ones)
<b>get into [a topic]</b>	to start talking in detail about something. • I want to mention one thing before I <u>get into</u> the phrasal verbs.
<b>check out</b>	investigate or look at something of interest • I’ll add some links with more information about using phrasal verbs, so you can <u>check</u> those <u>out</u> if you want to know more details about this topic.
<b>pile up</b>	have a large increase in quantity of something bad • The laundry is <u>piling up</u> ; his debts are <u>piling up</u> .
<b>come across</b>	find something by chance (you were not looking for it) • I <u>came across</u> this phrasal verb in a book.
<b>take back</b>	return an item to the store where it was purchased • This tablecloth I bought is the wrong size, so I’m going to <u>take</u> it <u>back</u> .

See the following pages for more vocabulary and language focus from this episode.



## Vocabulary: Words and Phrases Used in the Conversation

<b>crisp</b>	In this context, it describes weather that is cold, fresh, and dry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It's a <u>crisp</u> winter day.</li> </ul>
<b>blustery</b>	describing very windy weather
<b>tough*</b>	difficult *[another use/meaning of this word appears later] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phrasal verbs are <u>tough</u>.</li> </ul>
<b>tricky</b>	requiring skill or caution; difficult to do or deal with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phrasal verbs seem simple, but they can be a bit <u>tricky</u>.</li> </ul>
<b>broad</b>	including or involving many things; wide in range or amount <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phrasal verbs have a specific and limited meaning that is not as <u>broad</u> as their synonyms.</li> </ul>
<b>subtle</b>	hard to notice or see; not obvious <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Native speakers don't always notice the <u>subtle</u> differences. (Note: silent B)</li> </ul>
<b>gender reveal</b>	an announcement by expectant parents at a party, on a video, or other public method about whether they are going to have a baby girl or boy.
<b>streamers</b>	long, narrow pieces of colored paper or plastic that is used as a decoration
<b>chore</b>	a household task that is done regularly (wash the dishes, do laundry, dust, etc.)
<b>motto</b>	a short sentence or phrase that expresses the spirit, beliefs, or character of a particular person or group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why do something today if you can put it off till tomorrow – that's my <u>motto</u>!</li> </ul>
<b>attributed to</b>	think of something (or a quote) as being made or created by a certain person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This quote is <u>attributed to</u> Mark Twain.</li> </ul>
<b>get [something] out of the way</b>	finish doing something, especially something difficult or unpleasant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The idea is to <u>get</u> the tough stuff <u>out of the way</u> first.</li> </ul>
<b>procrastinate</b>	delay doing something until a later time because you don't want to do it, because you're feeling lazy, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can't <u>procrastinate</u> any longer, I need to finish this essay today.</li> </ul>
<b>when it comes to [topic]</b>	very useful phrase for focusing on a specific topic or area meaning: When talking about some particular person, thing, or action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>When it comes to</u> housework, I can put off everything.</li> </ul>
<b>housework</b>	work (such as cleaning, cooking, or laundry) that is done to keep a house clean and running properly
<b>due</b>	required or expected to happen; expected to be in a particular place at a particular time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taxes are <u>due</u> on April 15th.</li> </ul>
<b>switch</b>	<i>Informal:</i> make a change from one thing to another; start doing or using something that is different <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After the washing machine has finished, you <u>switch</u> the clothes to the dryer.</li> </ul>

## Vocabulary: Words and Phrases Used in the Conversation

<b>right away</b>	<p>without delay or hesitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you put away your clothes <u>right away</u> when you finish the laundry?</li> </ul>
<b>This might be a stretch</b>	<p>It might be outside the limits of a particular category.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Here's another example, but <u>this might be a stretch</u>.</li> </ul> <p>(In other words, I'm not sure it exactly fits the category that we are discussing, but I'm going to include it anyway because I think it works.)</p>
<b>It has to do with [something]</b>	<p>used to express that something is connected or related to something else.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The phrasal verb "put out" <u>has to do with</u> fire or flame.</li> </ul>
<b>stash</b>	<p><i>Informal:</i> an amount of something that is stored or hidden.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I try not to touch my <u>stash</u> of money.</li> </ul>
<b>shuffle</b>	<p>move things or people into a different order or into different positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <u>shuffle</u> money back and forth between my savings and checking accounts.</li> </ul>
<b>be used to [something or doing something]</b>	<p>be familiar with something so that it seems normal or usual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was difficult for me to start using "put up with" because I <u>was used to</u> saying "tolerate" (*note that it's <u>saying</u>, not say – use a gerund here)</li> </ul>
<b>address</b>	<p>direct attention to an issue and speak about it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I was surprised that the book didn't even <u>address</u> this very difficult phrasal verb.</li> </ul>
<b>on the flip side</b>	<p>the opposite side of something.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have to put up with him, but <u>on the flip side</u>, he also has to put up with me.</li> </ul>
<b>[that's] tough*</b>	<p>an interjection to indicate that one has no sympathy for the situation another person is in or how that person feels about it; they have to just deal with it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you don't like it – [that's] <u>tough</u>. You have to do it anyway.</li> </ul>
<b>tidbits</b>	<p>small pieces of news or interesting information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check out the show notes for more information about phrasal verbs and other interesting <u>tidbits</u>.</li> </ul>

## More Phrasal Verbs with PUT

In our conversation, we only covered a few phrasal verbs with the word PUT, so here are a few more that also contain the word DOWN. You'll notice that very often a phrasal verb can have more than one meaning, and sometimes there is just a difference of another preposition or what the object is. To understand them correctly, it's important to consider all the words used in addition to context.

<b>put [money] down [on] [something]</b>	pay a small portion of the price of something (often called a deposit), as agreement to make full payment monthly, by a certain date, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>We <u>put</u> \$10,000 <u>down on</u> our new house.</i></li></ul> <p>*On a related note, you'll often see car dealerships and furniture stores advertise "no money down" offers. This means that you don't have to put any money down as a deposit; you can get monthly payment agreements with the store or dealership.</p>
<b>put [a pet] down</b>	humanely euthanize a pet who is sick and suffering <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>I had to <u>put</u> my cat <u>down</u> yesterday.</i></li></ul>
<b>put [someone] down</b>	insult or criticize a person to make them feel bad <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Bullies like to <u>put</u> other people <u>down</u> to feel better about themselves.</i></li></ul>
<b>put [someone] down for [time, amount of money, etc.]</b>	Write someone's name on a calendar for an appointment, or on a list as a promise to contribute something or purchase an item later. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>I'll <u>put you down for</u> 3:00 next Thursday. [I'm scheduling your appointment.]</i></li><li>• <i>I'll <u>put you down for</u> 2 boxes of cookies. [I'm taking orders for cookies; I will bring the cookies at a later date and collect the money you owe for your order at that time.]</i></li></ul>

If you want more explanations about phrasal verbs, here are a few useful tools:

[Phrasal Verb Demon](#) is a site where you can enter a phrasal verb and find lots of example sentences to help you get a better understanding of the meaning and how to use it.

You can read more about how phrasal verbs work [HERE](#) or watch [this video](#) about separable and non-separable phrasal verbs.

### Join the Conversation

- Do you ever procrastinate when you have a task that you really don't want to do? What are some things that you tend to **put off doing**? What is something that you never put off?  
*[structural note: put off + noun OR put off + gerund]*
- Think about famous singers or bands. Who do you think **puts on** a good show? What do you think makes a good show?
- Imagine that you are able to live in your dream city (or country, state, etc.) Even your dream location can have some negatives. What types of annoying or difficult things would you have to **put up with** if you lived in your dream location?
- What are some things that people in your life (e.g. a partner, friend, children, etc.) might do that you would **not put up with**?
- Write a dialogue using at least 3 or 4 of the phrasal verbs found in the notes for this episode.

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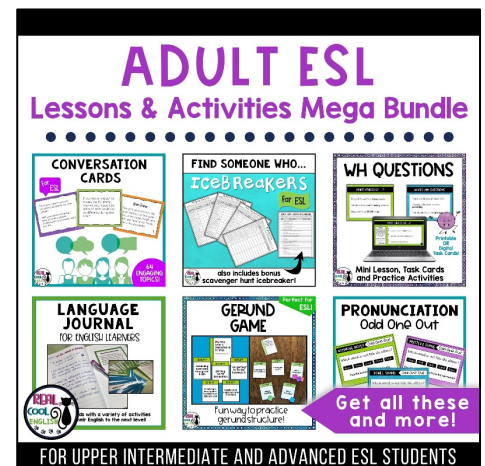
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