

TEACHING PHRASAL VERBS (TOEIC related)

1. Put your students into groups of 4 with dictionaries. Give them the postposition matching exercise: each group should try to find 12 given verbs.
2. Correct the exercise. The group with the highest number of correct answers wins Smarties (or lollypops, whatever).
3. In pairs, students write a dialogue using at least 4 of the phrasal verbs they have just learned. Give them to pick and choose from the following situations:

a bank	the post office	an office	the station
the airport	a restaurant	a hotel	a newsagent
a taxi	a shopping mall	the subway	an art gallery
on the phone	on the street	a plant	...

They will both have to use what they have just learned and brainstorm some useful vocabulary.

4. Make them read their dialogues aloud and write new/relevant vocabulary on the board.
5. The week after, give them a mini test on an OHT, just to see how much they remember!

POSTPOSITION MATCHING EXERCISE

1. provoke	_____	run out of
2. rob a house	_____	bring about
3. telephone again	_____	walk out
4. cancel	_____	give up
5. pick someone up	_____	put through to
6. stop functioning	_____	break into
7. close permanently	_____	tell off
8. complete a form	_____	give back
9. collapse (plan)	_____	make up for
10. discover (truth)	_____	show off
11. visit casually	_____	call back
12. leave a bus	_____	think over
13. compensate for	_____	let down
14. have nothing left	_____	see off
15. collect by car	_____	pick up
16. eat in a restaurant	_____	call off
17. search for	_____	stand up for
18. anticipate with pleasure	_____	put up with
19. examine carefully	_____	keep up
20. return a debt	_____	get off
21. delay	_____	call for
22. accommodate a guest	_____	take off
23. get dressed in	_____	knock down
24. put aside money	_____	eat out
25. start a journey	_____	save up
26. tolerate	_____	set off
27. go with to a station	_____	break down
28. boast	_____	get up
29. connect (on the phone)	_____	take after
30. stop trying	_____	drop in on
31. return something	_____	put on
32. disappoint	_____	close down
33. maintain	_____	look for
34. cause to fall	_____	turn up
35. rise from bed	_____	get over
36. overcome a problem	_____	look forward to
37. work well with someone	_____	turn off
38. enter	_____	get along with
39. take care of	_____	fill in
40. mature	_____	put up
41. switch on	_____	turn down
42. refuse, reject	_____	look into
43. stop	_____	get in
44. make louder	_____	fall through
45. resemble	_____	pay off
46. to start (for a plane)	_____	look after
47. defend	_____	put off
48. consider carefully	_____	find out
49. reprimand	_____	grow up
50. go on strike	_____	turn on

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1.	provoke	BRING ABOUT	run out of
2.	rob a house	BREAK INTO	bring about
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4.	cancel	CALL OFF	give up
5.	pick someone up	CALL FOR	put through to
6.	stop functioning	BREAK DOWN	break into
7.	close permanently	CLOSE DOWN	tell off
8.	complete a form	FILL IN	give back
9.	collapse (plan)	FALL THROUGH	make up for
10.	discover (truth)	FIND OUT	show off
11.	visit casually	DROP IN ON	call back
12.	leave a bus	GET OFF	think over
13.	compensate for	MAKE UP FOR	let down
14.	have nothing left	RUN OUT OF	see off
15.	collect by car	PICK UP	pick up
16.	eat in a restaurant	EAT OUT	call off
17.	search for	LOOK FOR	stand up for
18.	anticipate with pleasure	LOOK FORWARD TO	put up with
19.	examine carefully	LOOK INTO	keep up
20.	return a debt	PAY OFF	get off
21.	delay	PUT OFF	call for
22.	accommodate a guest	PUT UP	take off
23.	get dressed in	PUT ON	knock down
24.	put aside money	SAVE UP	eat out
25.	start a journey	SET OFF	save up
26.	tolerate	PUT UP WITH	set off
27.	go with to a station	SEE OFF	break down
28.	boast	SHOW OFF	get up
29.	connect (on the phone)	PUT THROUGH TO	take after
30.	stop trying	GIVE UP	drop in on
31.	return something	GIVE BACK	put on
32.	disappoint	LET DOWN	close down
33.	maintain	KEEP UP	look for
34.	cause to fall	KNOCK DOWN	turn up
35.	rise from bed	GET UP	get over
36.	overcome a problem	GET OVER	look forward to
37.	work well with someone	GET ALONG WITH	turn off
38.	enter	GET IN	get along with
39.	take care of	LOOK AFTER	fill in
40.	mature	GROW UP	put up
41.	switch on	TURN ON	turn down
42.	refuse, reject	TURN DOWN	look into
43.	stop	TURN OFF	get in
44.	make louder	TURN UP	fall through
45.	resemble	TAKE AFTER	pay off
46.	to start (for a plane)	TAKE OFF	look after
47.	defend	STAND UP FOR	put off
48.	consider carefully	THINK OVER	find out
49.	reprimand	TELL OFF	grow up
50.	go on strike	WALK OUT	turn on

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate phrasal verb :

1. The meeting (to be delayed) again. What a nuisance! It's the second time this month.
2. If you want to open a bank account at HSBC, you need to (to complete) 5 different forms.
3. My application for a loan at the bank (to refuse, to reject) again. It seems that I really do not have enough income.
4. Sarah (to leave) the bus at the wrong stop on Monday and was late for her interview.
5. This check from the airline company should (to compensate) the contents of the suitcase they lost.

6. Can you come andme..... (to collect by car) from work on Tuesday? My car needs fixing so I have taken it to a garage.
7. I will not (to tolerate) this heat in my office any longer: the air conditioning has to be fixed this week or I will look for another job!
8. I will come in late tomorrow because I have to my sister (to go with to a station); she's going back to Birmingham on the 9.00 o'clock train.
9. Airport announcement: "All the planes flying to Frankfurt (to be cancelled) for the day. Please refer to the information desk for any extra information."
10. John (to work well with someone) Nancy and Tom: they are a very efficient team.

Mini test KEY

1. has been put off
2. fill in
3. has been turned down
4. got off
5. make up for
6. pick up
7. put up with
8. see off
9. have been called off
10. gets along with