

# Phrasal verbs 4 on/off (1)

A

On and off for lights, machines etc.

We say: the light is **on** / **put** the light **on** / leave the light **on** etc.  
turn the light **on/off** or switch the light **on/off**

- ☐ Shall I leave the lights **on** or **turn** them **off**?
- ☐ 'Is the heating **on**?' 'No, I **switched** it **off**.'
- ☐ We need some boiling water, so I'll **put** the kettle **on**.

Also **put on** some music / a CD / a video etc.

- ☐ I haven't listened to this CD yet. Shall I **put** it **on**?

B

On and off for events etc.

**go on** = *happen*

- ☐ What's all that noise? What's **going on**? (= what's happening)

**call something off** = *cancel it*

- ☐ The open air concert had to be **called off** because of the weather.

**put something off, put off** doing something = *delay it*

- ☐ The wedding has been **put off** until January.
- ☐ We can't **put off** making a decision. We have to decide now.

C

On and off for clothes etc.

**put on** clothes, glasses, make-up, a seat belt etc.

- ☐ My hands were cold, so I **put** my gloves **on**.

Also **put on** weight = *get heavier*

- ☐ I've **put on** two kilograms in the last month.

**try on** clothes (to see if they fit)

- ☐ I **tried on** a jacket in the shop, but it didn't fit me very well.

**take off** clothes, glasses etc.

- ☐ It was warm, so I **took off** my jacket.

D

Off = away from a person or place

**be off** (to a place)

- ☐ Tomorrow I'm **off** to Paris / I'm **off** on holiday.  
(= I'm going to Paris / I'm going on holiday)

**walk off / run off / drive off / ride off / go off** (similar to walk away / run away etc.)

- ☐ Diane got on her bike and **rode off**.
- ☐ Mark left home at the age of eighteen and **went off** to Canada.

**set off** = *start a journey*

- ☐ We **set off** very early to avoid the traffic. (= We left early)

**take off** = *leave the ground (for planes)*

- ☐ After a long delay the plane finally **took off**.

**see somebody off** = *go with them to the airport/station to say goodbye*

- ☐ Helen was going away. We went to the station with her to **see her off**.

## 140.1 Complete the sentences using put on + the following:




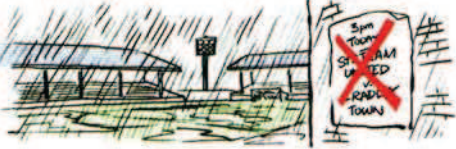


a CD    the heating    the kettle    ~~the light~~    the oven

- 1 It was getting dark, so I put the light on.
- 2 It was getting cold, so I .....
- 3 I wanted to bake a cake, so I .....
- 4 I wanted to make some tea, so I .....
- 5 I wanted to listen to some music, so I .....

## 140.2 Complete the sentences. Each time use a verb + on or off.

- 1 It was warm, so I took off my jacket.
- 2 What are all these people doing? What's .....
- 3 The weather was too bad for the plane to ....., so the flight was delayed.
- 4 I didn't want to be disturbed, so I ..... my mobile phone.
- 5 Rachel got into her car and ..... at high speed.
- 6 Tim has ..... weight since I last saw him. He used to be quite thin.
- 7 A: What time are you leaving tomorrow?  
B: I'm not sure yet, but I'd like to ..... as early as possible.
- 8 Don't ..... until tomorrow what you can do today.
- 9 There was going to be a strike by bus drivers, but now they have been offered more money and the strike has been .....
- 10 Are you cold? Shall I get you a sweater to ..... ?
- 11 When I go away, I prefer to be alone at the station or airport. I don't like it when people come to ..... me .....

## 140.3 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.

<p>1</p>  <p>Her hands were cold, so she <u>put her gloves on</u>.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>The plane ..... at 10.55.</p>
<p>3</p>  <p>Maria ....., but it was too big for her.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>The match ..... because of the weather.</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Mark's parents went to the airport to .....</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>He took his sunglasses out of his pocket and .....</p>