

## Phrasal verbs 6 up/down

A

Compare **up** and **down**:**put something up** (on a wall etc.)

- ☐ I **put** some pictures **up** on the wall.

**pick something up**

- ☐ There was a letter on the floor. I **picked it up** and looked at it.

**stand up**

- ☐ Alan **stood up** and walked out.

**turn something up**

- ☐ I can't hear the TV. Can you **turn it up** a bit?

**take something down** (from a wall etc.)

- ☐ I didn't like the picture, so I **took it down**.

**put something down**

- ☐ I stopped writing and **put down** my pen.

**sit down / bend down / lie down**

- ☐ I **bent down** to tie my shoelace.

**turn something down**

- ☐ The oven is too hot. **Turn it down** to 150 degrees.



B

**Knock down etc.****knock down** a building / **blow something down** / **cut something down** etc.

- ☐ Some old houses were **knocked down** to make way for the new shopping centre.
- ☐ Why did you **cut down** the tree in your garden?

*Also be knocked down* (by a car etc.)

- ☐ A man was **knocked down** by a car and taken to hospital.

C

**Down = getting less****slow down** = *go more slowly*

- ☐ You're driving too fast. **Slow down**.

**calm (somebody) down** = *become calmer, make somebody calmer*

- ☐ **Calm down**. There's no point in getting angry.

**cut down (on something)** = *eat, drink or do something less often*

- ☐ I'm trying to **cut down on** coffee. I drink far too much of it.

D

**Other verbs + down****break down** = *stop working (for machines, cars, relationships etc.)*

- ☐ The car **broke down** and I had to phone for help.
- ☐ Their marriage **broke down** after only a few months.

**close down / shut down** = *stop doing business*

- ☐ There used to be a shop at the end of the street; it **closed down** a few years ago.

**let somebody down** = *disappoint somebody because you didn't do what they hoped*

- ☐ You can always rely on Pete. He'll never **let you down**.

**turn somebody/something down** = *refuse an application, an offer etc.*

- ☐ I applied for several jobs, but I was **turned down** for each one.
- ☐ Rachel was offered the job, but she decided to **turn it down**.

**write something down** = *write something on paper because you may need the information later*

- ☐ I can't remember Tim's address. I **wrote it down**, but I can't find it.



# Exercises

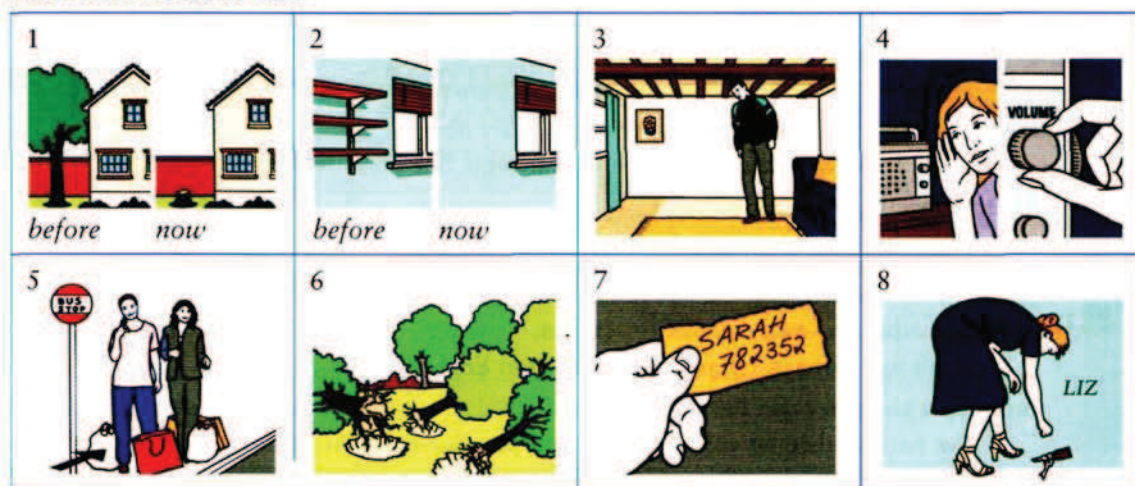
# Unit 142

142.1 Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form) + up or down:

calm let put ~~take~~ turn turn

- 1 I don't like this picture on the wall. I'm going to take it down.
- 2 The music is too loud. Can you ..?
- 3 David was very angry. I tried to ..?
- 4 I've bought some new curtains. Can you help me ..?
- 5 I promised I would help Anna. I don't want to ..?
- 6 I was offered the job, but I decided I didn't want it. So I ..?

142.2 For each picture, complete the sentences using a verb + up or down. In most sentences you will need other words as well.



- 1 There used to be a tree next to the house, but we cut it down.
- 2 There used to be some shelves on the wall, but I ..?
- 3 The ceiling was so low, he couldn't ..... straight.
- 4 She couldn't hear the radio very well, so she ..?
- 5 While they were waiting for the bus, they ..... on the ground.
- 6 A few trees ..... in the storm last week.
- 7 Sarah gave me her phone number. I ..... on a piece of paper.
- 8 Liz dropped her keys, so she ..... and ..?

142.3 Complete each sentence using a verb (in the correct form) + down.

- 1 I stopped writing and put down my pen.
- 2 I was really angry. It took me a long time to ..?
- 3 The train ..... as it approached the station.
- 4 Sarah applied to study medicine at university, but she ..?
- 5 Our car is very reliable. It has never ..?
- 6 I need to spend less money. I'm going to ..... on things I don't really need.
- 7 I didn't play very well. I felt that I had ..... the other players in the team.
- 8 The shop ..... because it was losing money.
- 9 This is a very ugly building. Many people would like it to ..?
- 10 I can't understand why you ..... the chance of working abroad for a year. It would have been a great experience for you.
- 11 A: Did you see the accident? What happened exactly?  
B: A man ..... by a car as he was crossing the road.
- 12 Peter got married when he was 20, but unfortunately the marriage ..... a few years later.