

# Phrasal verbs 2 in/out

## A Compare in and out:

**in** = into a room, a building, a car etc.

- ☐ How did the thieves **get in**?
- ☐ Here's a key, so you can let yourself **in**.
- ☐ Sally walked up to the edge of the pool and **dived in**. (= into the water)
- ☐ I've got a new flat. I'm **moving in** on Friday.
- ☐ As soon as I got to the airport, I **checked in**.

In the same way you can say **go in**, **come in**, **walk in**, **break in** etc.

Compare **in** and **into**:

- ☐ I'm moving **in** next week.
- ☐ I'm moving **into** my new flat on Friday.

**out** = out of a room, building, a car etc.

- ☐ He just stood up and **walked out**.
- ☐ I had no key, so I was **locked out**.
- ☐ She swam up and down the pool, and then **climbed out**.
- ☐ Tim opened the window and **looked out**.
- ☐ (at a hotel) What time do we have to **check out**?

In the same way you can say **go out**, **get out**, **move out**, let somebody **out** etc.

Compare **out** and **out of**:

- ☐ He walked **out**.
- ☐ He walked **out of** the room.

## B Other verbs + in

**drop in / call in** = visit somebody for a short time without arranging to do this

- ☐ I **dropped in** to see Chris on my way home.

**join in** = take part in an activity that is already going on

- ☐ We're playing a game. Why don't you **join in**?

**plug in** an electrical machine = connect it to the electricity supply

- ☐ The fridge isn't working because you haven't **plugged it in**.

**fill in** a form, a questionnaire etc. = write the necessary information on a form

- ☐ Please **fill in** the application form and send it to us by 28 February.

You can also say **fill out** a form.

**take somebody in** = deceive somebody

- ☐ The man said he was a policeman and I believed him. I was completely **taken in**.



## C Other verbs + out

**eat out** = eat at a restaurant, not at home

- ☐ There wasn't anything to eat at home, so we decided to **eat out**.

**drop out** of college / university / a course / a race = stop before you have completely finished a course/race etc.

- ☐ Gary went to university but **dropped out** after a year.

**get out** of something that you arranged to do = avoid doing it

- ☐ I promised I'd go to the wedding. I don't want to go, but I can't **get out** of it now.

**cut something out** (of a newspaper etc.)

- ☐ There was a beautiful picture in the magazine, so I **cut it out** and kept it.

**leave something out** = omit it, not include it

- ☐ In the sentence 'She said that she was ill', you can **leave out** the word 'that'.

**cross something out / rub something out**

- ☐ Some of the names on the list had been **crossed out**.

*Sarah* cross out



## 138.1 Complete each sentence using a verb in the correct form.

- 1 Here's a key so that you can let yourself in.
- 2 Liz doesn't like cooking, so she ..... out a lot.
- 3 Eve isn't living in this flat any more. She ..... out a few weeks ago.
- 4 If you're in our part of town, you must ..... in and see us.
- 5 When I ..... in at the airport, I was told my flight would be delayed.
- 6 There were some advertisements in the paper that I wanted to keep, so I ..... them out.
- 7 I wanted to iron some clothes, but there was nowhere to ..... the iron in.
- 8 I hate ..... in questionnaires.
- 9 Steve was upset because he'd been ..... out of the team.
- 10 Be careful! The water's not very deep here, so don't ..... in.
- 11 If you write in pencil and you make a mistake, you can ..... it out.
- 12 Paul started doing a Spanish course, but he ..... out after a few weeks.

## 138.2 Complete the sentences with in, into, out or out of.

- 1 I've got a new flat. I'm moving in on Friday.
- 2 We checked ..... the hotel as soon as we arrived.
- 3 As soon as we arrived at the hotel, we checked .....
- 4 The car stopped and the driver got .....
- 5 Thieves broke ..... the house while we were away.
- 6 Why did Sarah drop ..... college? Did she fail her exams?

## 138.3 Complete each sentence using a verb + in or out (of).

- 1 Sally walked to the edge of the pool, dived in and swam to the other end.
- 2 Not all the runners finished the race. Three of them .....
- 3 I went to see Joe and Sue in their new house. They ..... last week.
- 4 I've told you everything you need to know. I don't think I've ..... anything.
- 5 Some people in the crowd started singing. Then a few more people ..... and soon everybody was singing.
- 6 We go to restaurants a lot. We like .....
- 7 Don't be ..... by him. If I were you, I wouldn't believe anything he says.
- 8 I ..... to see Laura a few days ago. She was fine.
- 9 A: Can we meet tomorrow morning at ten?  
B: Probably. I'm supposed to go to another meeting, but I think I can ..... it.

## 138.4 Complete the sentences. Use the word in brackets in the correct form.

- 1 A: The fridge isn't working.  
B: That's because you haven't plugged it in. (plug)
- 2 A: What do I have to do with these forms?  
B: ..... and send them to this address. (fill)
- 3 A: I've made a mistake on this form.  
B: That's all right. Just ..... and correct it. (cross)
- 4 A: Did you believe the story they told you?  
B: Yes, I'm afraid they completely ..... (take)
- 5 A: Have you been to that new club in Bridge Street?  
B: We wanted to go there a few nights ago, but the doorman wouldn't ..... because we weren't members. (let)