

Phrasal verbs 7 up (1)

A

go up / come up / walk up (to ...) = *approach*

- A man **came up to** me in the street and asked me for money.

catch up (with somebody), **catch somebody up** = *move faster than somebody in front of you so that you reach them*

- I'm not ready to go yet. You go on and I'll **catch up with** you / I'll **catch you up**.

keep up (with somebody) = *continue at the same speed or level*

- You're walking too fast. I can't **keep up** (with you).
- You're doing well. **Keep it up!**

B

set up an organisation, a company, a business, a system, a website etc. = *start it*

- The government has **set up** a committee to investigate the problem.

take up a hobby, a sport, an activity etc. = *start doing it*

- Laura **took up** photography a few years ago. She takes really good pictures.

fix up a meeting etc. = *arrange it*

- We've **fixed up** a meeting for next Monday.

C

grow up = *become an adult*

- Sarah was born in Ireland but **grew up** in England.

bring up a child = *raise, look after a child*

- Her parents died when she was a child and she was **brought up** by her grandparents.

D

clean up / clear up / tidy up something = *make it clean, tidy etc.*

- Look at this mess! Who's going to **tidy up?** (or **tidy it up**)

wash up = *wash the plates, dishes etc. after a meal*

- I hate **washing up**. (or I hate **doing the washing-up**.)

E

end up somewhere, **end up** doing something etc.

- There was a fight in the street and three men **ended up** in hospital. (= that's what happened to these men in the end)
- I couldn't find a hotel and **ended up** sleeping on a bench at the station. (= that's what happened to me in the end)

give up = *stop trying*, **give something up** = *stop doing it*

- Don't **give up**. Keep trying!
- Sue got bored with her job and decided to **give it up**. (= stop doing it)

make up something / be **made up** of something

- Children under 16 **make up** half the population of the city. (= half the population are children under 16)
- Air is **made up** mainly of nitrogen and oxygen. (= Air consists of ...)

take up space or time = *use space or time*

- Most of the space in the room was **taken up** by a large table.

turn up / show up = *arrive, appear*

- We arranged to meet Dave last night, but he didn't **turn up**.

use something up = *use all of it so that nothing is left*

- I'm going to take a few more photographs. I want to **use up** the rest of the film.

Exercises

Unit 143

143.1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use three words each time, including a verb from Section A.

<p>1</p> <p>A man <u>came up to</u> me in the street and asked me the way to the station.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Sue <u>came to</u> the front door of the house and rang the doorbell.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Tom was a long way behind the other runners, but he managed to <u>catch up with</u> them.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Tanya was running too fast for Paul. He couldn't <u>keep up with</u> her.</p>

143.2 Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form) + up:

~~end~~ end give give grow make take take turn use wash

- I couldn't find a hotel and ended up sleeping on a bench at the station.
- I'm feeling very tired now. I've used up all my energy.
- After dinner I washed up and put the dishes away.
- People often ask children what they want to be when they grow up.
- We invited Tim to the party, but he didn't show up.
- Two years ago Mark made up his studies to be a professional footballer.
- A: Do you do any sports?
B: Not at the moment, but I'm thinking of taking up tennis.
- You don't have enough determination. You give up too easily.
- Karen travelled a lot for a few years and ended up in Canada, where she still lives.
- I do a lot of gardening. It takes up most of my free time.
- There are two universities in the city, and students make up 20 per cent of the population.

143.3 Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs + up (with any other necessary words):

bring ~~catch~~ fix ~~give~~ go keep keep make set tidy

- Sue got bored with her job and decided to give it up.
- I'm not ready yet. You go on and I'll catch up with you.
- The room is in a mess. I'd better tidy up.
- We expect to go away on holiday sometime in July, but we haven't made up yet.
- Stephen is having problems at school. He can't keep up with the rest of the class.
- Although I grew up in the country, I have always preferred cities.
- Our team started the game well, but we couldn't keep up, and in the end we lost.
- I saw Mike at the party, so I went up to him and said hello.
- When I was on holiday, I joined a tour group. The group made up two Americans, three Germans, five Italians and myself.
- Helen has her own internet website. A friend of hers helped her to set up.