

Phrasal verbs 8 up (2)

A

bring up a topic etc. = *introduce it in a conversation*

- I don't want to hear any more about this matter. Please don't **bring it up** again.

come up = *be introduced in a conversation*

- Some interesting matters **came up** in our discussion yesterday.

come up with an idea, a suggestion etc. = *produce an idea*

- Sarah is very creative. She's always **coming up with** new ideas.

make something up = *invent something that is not true*

- What Kevin told you about himself wasn't true. He **made it all up**.

B

cheer up = *be happier*, **cheer somebody up** = *make somebody feel happier*

- You look so sad! **Cheer up!**
- Helen is depressed at the moment. What can we do to **cheer her up**?

save up for something / to do something = *save money to buy something*

- Dan is **saving up** for a trip round the world.

clear up = *become bright (for weather)*

- It was raining when I got up, but it **cleared up** during the morning.

C

blow up = *explode*, **blow something up** = *destroy it with a bomb etc.*

- The engine caught fire and **blew up**.
- The bridge was **blown up** during the war.

tear something up = *tear it into pieces*

- I didn't read the letter. I just **tore it up** and threw it away.

beat somebody up = *hit someone repeatedly so that they are badly hurt*

- A friend of mine was attacked and **beaten up** a few days ago. He was badly hurt and had to go to hospital.

D

break up / split up (with somebody) = *separate*

- I'm surprised to hear that Sue and Paul have **split up**. They seemed very happy together when I last saw them.

do up a coat, a shoelace, buttons etc. = *fasten, tie etc.*

- It's quite cold. **Do up** your coat before you go out.

do up a building, a room etc. = *repair and improve it*

- The kitchen looks great now that it has been **done up**.

look something up in a dictionary/encyclopaedia etc.

- If you don't know the meaning of a word, you can **look it up** in a dictionary.

put up with something = *tolerate it*

- We live on a busy road, so we have to **put up with** a lot of noise from the traffic.

hold up a person, a plan etc. = *delay*

- Don't wait for me. I don't want to **hold you up**.
- Plans to build a new factory have been **held up** because of the company's financial problems.

mix up people/things, get people/things **mixed up** = *you think one is the other*

- The two brothers look very similar. Many people **mix them up**. (or ... get them mixed up)

Exercises

Unit 144





144.1 Which goes with which?

- 1 I'm going to tear up
- 2 Jane came up with
- 3 Paul is always making up
- 4 I think you should do up
- 5 I don't think you should bring up
- 6 I'm saving up for
- 7 We had to put up with

- A a new camera
- B a lot of bad weather
- C your jacket
- D an interesting suggestion
- E excuses
- ~~F the letter~~
- G that subject

- 1 F
- 2
- 3
- 4
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144.2 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. You will need two or three words each time.

<p>1</p>  <p><i>this morning</i> <i>now</i></p> <p>The weather was horrible this morning, but it's <u>cleared up</u> now.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>LINDA</p> <p>Linda was late because she was in the traffic.</p>
<p>3</p>  <p>They bought an old house and It's really nice now.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>PETE</p> <p>Pete was really depressed. We took him out for a meal to</p>

144.3 Complete the sentences. Each time use a verb (in the correct form) + up. Sometimes you will need other words as well.

- 1 Some interesting matters came up in our discussion yesterday.
- 2 The ship and sank. The cause of the explosion was never discovered.
- 3 Two men have been arrested after a man was outside a restaurant last night. The injured man was taken to hospital.
- 4 'Is Robert still going out with Tina?' 'No, they've
- 5 I put my shoes on and the shoelaces.
- 6 The weather is horrible this morning, isn't it? I hope it later.
- 7 I wanted to phone Chris, but I dialled Laura's number by mistake. I got their phone numbers

144.4 Complete the sentences. Each time use a verb + up. Sometimes you will need other words as well.

- 1 Don't wait for me. I don't want to hold you up.
- 2 I don't know what this word means. I'll have to
- 3 There's nothing we can do about the problem. We'll just have to it.
- 4 'Was that story true?' 'No, I
- 5 I think we should follow Tom's suggestion. Nobody has a better plan.
- 6 I hate this photograph. I'm going to
- 7 I'm trying to spend less money at the moment. I'm a trip to Australia.