

FUMC ESL 4-9-2015 Advanced Lesson

Phrasal Verbs are verbs plus adverbs that are used as a single verb.

SHOW UP When you show up, you appear somewhere. EX: When Eddy shows up, tell him I need to speak with him. The polar bears didn't show up against the icy background.

SHOW UP can also mean to surpass. EX: Jim ran the marathon in just over two hours. He really showed up the rest of us who were among the last finishers. He showed us up.

You **SHOW OFF** when you let people see something that you have in an obvious way. EX: Carol came to the office and showed off her huge diamond engagement ring. That tight dress really shows off her trim figure.

PAY FOR means to give someone money in exchange for something. EX: Can I pay for my meal with a credit card? Josh paid for my dinner last week, so I'll pay for his tonight. **PAY FOR** can also mean to get a bad result for something you have done. EX: Those who refuse to exercise when they are young will pay for it when they are old and out of shape. Smokers pay for their addiction by higher rates of lung cancer.

CHECK OUT means to look at or examine something. EX: We're going to check out the new restaurant that just opened. Wow, a new Ferrari. Check it out! Check out my new shoes.

CHECK OUT can also mean to pay for your items at a store. EX: I've got milk, potatoes and cheese in my basket, so I'm going to check out now. The check out line at the grocery store was too long. Are you ready to check out now?

Note: Though you can say, "check it out", you would never say "check out it".

TRY ON to put some piece of clothing on to see if it fits. EX: You should try on both shoes because most people have one foot that is bigger than the other. My wife tried on ten pairs of shoes before she decided on a pair. I'll try it on and see if it fits.

IDIOMS

show off: refers to a person who frequently draws attention to himself. EX: Alonso was doing back flips into the swimming pool. He is such a show-off!

no show: someone who doesn't show up EX: The disgraced senator was a no-show at both events.

steal the show: something that draws everyone's attention. The awards presentation was good, but Madonna's solo really stole the show.

show stopper: a performance so good that it "stole the show". EX: You should have heard Loretta's solo. It was a real show stopper.

show of hands: to take a vote by having people raise their hands EX: How many people want to stay an extra hour. Let's see a show of hands. OR We'll vote by a show of hands.

for show: for the sake of appearance or display. EX: It's not a real bed. It's just for show. They use it to display bedspreads that are for sale.

get this show on the road: get started EX: Come on we're late. Let's get this show on the road.

just goes to show you: proves something EX: The young attendant ran to the door to help Mother get inside. It just goes to show that not all youth are rude and self-centered.

show your true colors: let everyone see what you are really like (usually used in a negative sense). EX: Bert showed his true colors when he refused to shake hands with the homeless man.

show biz: the business of acting EX: We worked so hard on our play, but only a few people showed up to see it. Oh well, that's show biz. Sometimes you get big audiences and sometimes you play to just a few people.

show someone the ropes: show how something is done EX: This is our new employee, Ron. I'll leave him with you today so that you can show him the ropes.

Group Discussion: Each student choose a topic. Read it, answer the questions, lead a group discussion on the topic.

1. When you are new to a job, it is sometimes difficult to learn all the practices and procedures of a new office. Talk about a time when you needed someone to show you the ropes. What's the best way to motivate new employees? Do most businesses in your country provide a lot of on the job training? Do you prefer having someone show you the ropes, or do you prefer figuring out things for yourself?
2. Very few actors and actresses make a lot of money in show biz. Most actors and actresses have to have a second job to make ends meet. Do you aspire to be in show business? What are the positives and negatives of being a famous actor or actress. Does your country have a big movie making industry? Do you watch mainly American films, or films from your country?
3. Americans like to sunbathe. We like "catching rays" at the beach. We like to have suntans. We think that makes you look healthy. Many countries value fair skin. Women wear hats to avoid getting suntans. They feel getting suntanned makes you look ugly and unhealthy. Talk about how people view tanning and fair skin in your country.
4. A "jock" is an athlete, someone good at sports. Americans tend to idolize jocks as opposed to geeks. Geeks are people who are brainy and not very athletic. Boys frequently play sports in school because it makes them more popular. Sometimes very smart kids might even try to hide their intelligence to be more popular. Have you or your kids ever been teased for being a geek? Are any of your kids jocks? Does this competition exist between jocks and geeks in your country?