

FUMC ESL 2-1-2016 Level 4 Lesson

Students: read the saying, tell who would say it and explain the meaning.

1. psyched up or psyched out (they mean different things)
2. run-off after the recent rain or run-off after an election
3. puke
4. make a quick buck
5. it's a racket
6. a bad hair day
7. rap
8. red hot idea
9. rinky-dink (As in, how can I open this can with this rinky-dink little opener.)
10. road hog
11. on the rocks
12. rug rat
13. run off at the mouth
14. get sacked
15. scam
16. screw up
17. give it a shot
18. spuds
19. create a stink
20. straight answer
21. There's a sucker born every minute.
22. taking care of business
23. totaled my car
24. up for grabs
25. veg out

Phrasal Verbs-Separable or Not?

1. Some phrasal verbs can be separated by their object. When the object is a noun, it is usually optional whether the object goes in the middle or at the end. For example:

I took my shoes off.

I took off my shoes.

Both are correct.

2. However, when a pronoun is used instead of a noun, the pronoun must be placed in the middle. For example:

I took them off.

I took off them.

Only the first sentence is correct.

3. When there are two objects in a phrasal verb, they must be separated. For example:

She put a blanket on the bed.

She put on a blanket the bed.

Only the first sentence is correct.

4. Some phrasal verbs are non-separable. There is no easy way to tell this. For example:

He ran into a tree.

He ran a tree into.

Only the first sentence is correct.

5. Here are some examples of **non-separable** phrasal verbs.

come from: When you *come from* a place, you were born there or lived there previously.

EX: Mike *comes from* Alaska. Joe and Ned *come from* Arizona. She *came from* a broken home. The mechanic heard a strange noise *coming from* the engine.

Make a sentence with "come from": _____

run into: This phrasal verb has many meanings.

1-When you are driving and hit another vehicle or something near the road, such as a tree or a telephone pole, you *run into* it. EX: Al was driving too fast when he *ran into* the telephone pole. The drunk driver *ran into* my car.

2-When you meet people unexpectedly or unintentionally, you *run into* them. Bump into is the same as run into.) EX: We *ran into* Karen and her new boyfriend at the market. I hope I don't *run into* Frank, as I owe him \$10. My mother *bumped into* my neighbor at the mall and told her I was on vacation.

3-When you unexpectedly encounter difficulties or problems, you *run into* them. EX: I *ran into* a problem while trying to fix my car. James should have the work completed by now, but he keeps *running into* problems.

4-When the total of something grows to a large amount or number, it *runs into* that number. EX: If you fixed everything on that old car, it would *run into* thousands of dollars. The number of starving people in Liberia *ran into* millions.

6. Here are some examples of **separable** phrasal verbs.

figure out: When you figure out something, you think about it and succeed in understanding it. EX: I looked everywhere for my keys, but I couldn't figure out where I had put them. Jan is so mean to me. I can't figure her out. After studying the problem for an hour, I finally figured it out. I figured out why Jan hates me.

give back: When you return something to someone, you give back. EX: I *gave it back* to Ted because he said it was his. If you let me borrow your pen, I'll *give it back* after the test. Tim, *give that doll back* to your sister!

One use of give back refers to repaying someone for your good fortune. In this case "give back" should not be separated. EX: Kate works at the homeless shelter each week because she likes to give back to the community.

Exercise:

Fill in the blank with one of the phrasal verbs above.

1. I had a _____ with my roommate.
2. I can't _____ why my checkbook won't balance.
3. Sara likes to _____ to the people who supported her by volunteering at the hospital.
4. Mike wouldn't _____ my notebook after he borrowed it.
5. Guess who I _____ at the market today.
6. I didn't watch where I was going and I _____ the car in front of me.
7. Joey _____ Alaska, but I _____ California.

Questions:

1. If you wanted to "give back" to your community, what would you do?
2. Have you ever had a "run-in" with someone you worked with?
3. Do you have the opposite sex "figured out"?
4. What is the first thing you "take off" when you get home?