

Cómo hablar como un nativo utilizando Verbos Frasales

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Cómo hablar de forma natural

English learners dream of talking like natives. Everybody practices pronunciation and grammar, works hard on writing, broadens their vocabulary. However, have you ever been told that, to sound like a native, you need phrasal verbs?

Most language researchers agree: if there are two ways of saying the same thing in English and one of them is a phrasal verb, you can bet that the phrasal verb will be the one the native speaker will use.

Polishing your phrasal verbs skills, having them on the tip of your tongue and knowing how to use them give your speech a feel of nativeness. So, are you ready to give one more step towards fluency?

Los alumnos de inglés sueñan en hablar como nativos. Todos practican la pronunciación y la gramática, trabajan duro en la escritura, y amplían su vocabulario. Sin embargo, ¿alguna vez te han dicho que, para escucharte como un nativo, necesitas verbos frasales?

La mayoría de los lingüistas coinciden: si hay dos maneras de decir lo mismo en inglés y una de ellas es utilizando un verbo frasal, puedes apostar a que ésta será la que el hablante nativo va a utilizar.

Pulir tus habilidades en verbos frasales, teniéndolas en la punta de la lengua y saber cómo utilizarlas dan a tu discurso una sensación de naturalidad. Entonces, ¿estás dispuesto a dar un paso más hacia la fluidez?

Verbos Frasales

Phrasal verbs are verbs that have their meanings changed when they are joined with prepositions or adverbs (or both). The same verb can have dozens of completely different meanings, depending on the term that goes with it.

To help you mastering phrasal verbs and learning how to use them, we have listed the most important ones divided into categories below. Go for it!

Los verbos frasales son verbos que han cambiado su significado cuando se unen con preposiciones o adverbios (o ambos). El mismo verbo puede tener decenas de significados completamente diferentes, en función del término que va con él.

Para ayudarte a dominar los verbos frasales y aprender a utilizarlos, hemos hecho una lista de los 50 más importantes divididos en las siguientes categorías. ¡Ve por ellos!

Relaciones



PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	TRANSLATION OF DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
ask out	to invite someone to go out (for a romantic date)	invitar a alguien a salir (para una cita romántica)	He asked her out for a movie.
be better off	to be in a better situation than before	estar en una mejor situación que antes	My sister is better off now that she found new friends. The old ones were mean to her!
break up	to separate, to put an end to something	separarse, terminar, ponerle fin a algo	They were the perfect couple, I never thought they would break up!
chat (someone) up	to talk to someone to try to get their attention	ligar, hablarle a alguien para tratar de llamar su atención	At a bar, he always tries to chat up the girls around him.
cheat on	to betray, to have a secret relationship with someone else.	traicionar, tener una relación secreta con otra persona	She never cheated on him, but he keeps lying to her.
fall for / fall in love with	to become romantically interested in someone	enamorarse, interesarse románticamente en alguien	He fell for her when he saw she was a soccer fan.
get along	to develop in a positive way, have a good relationship	llevarse bien, tener una buena relación	My boyfriend and I get along very well.
go out with	to have a romantic relationship with someone, not necessarily a serious one	tener una relación romántica con alguien, no necesariamente seria	Every week, she goes out with a different guy!
settle down	to begin living a steady life, to get settled with only one person	empezar a tener una vida estable, establecerse con una sola persona	He is 35 and, now, he thinks it is time to find a girl to settle down.
split up	to separate, to end a relationship	separarse, terminar una relación	They were always arguing, so they decided to split up.

Trabajo



PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	TRANSLATION OF DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
account for (something)	to give reason or explanation for something	dar razón o explicación de algo	The boss could not account for all the absences.
carry out	to put something in action, to accomplish.	poner algo en acción, llevar a cabo	The marketing team carried out several tests before launching the campaign.
come up with	to have a new idea or produce an answer	tener una nueva idea o dar una respuesta o solución	In every meeting, she always comes up with the best solutions.
deal with	to take action about something, to take care of it by facing it	tomar medidas acerca de algo, lidiar con algo	We have to deal with complaints from clients everyday.
go over (something)	to review something, to examine carefully	revisar algo, examinar cuidadosamente	The accountant has to go over the books every month.
go through	to discuss something, to go over something until you find a solution	discutir algo, repasar algo hasta encontrar una solución	I have to go through the report today.
pay off	to yield a profit or result, to have a successful result	obtener un beneficio o resultado, tener un resultado exitoso	Spending to have a good team pays off.
point out	to explain something specific, to call attention to something	explicar algo específico, llamar la atención sobre algo	They have to point out the benefits of the merger.
put out	to make something, to produce and launch	hacer algo, producir y lanzar	The producer puts out new CDs every week.
take over	to take control of something	tomar el control de algo, hacerse cargo	Some companies specialize in taking over small ventures.
set up	to start a company or a venture	iniciar una compañía o una empresa, fundar	A group of journalists set up a new magazine.

Viajes



PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	TRANSLATION OF DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
be due in	to be expected to arrive	esperar la llegada	The plane is due in at 5pm.
be off	to go out to (some place)	ir (a un lugar), salir para	I'm off to Paris now.
get back to	to return to, go back to	regresar a, volver a	Traveling is great, but we were tired when we got back to town.
get in	to arrive (a plane, for example)	llegar (un avión por ejemplo)	The plane gets in at 12 pm.
pull in	to arrive (used for trains)	llegar (utilizado para los trenes)	The British trains always pull in on time.
pull out	to depart (used for trains)	salir, irse, partir (utilizado para los trenes)	When the train pulled out, we were happy to finally start our trip.
see (someone) off	to accompany someone as they depart.	despedir a alguien cuando se va de viaje	My parents saw me off at the airport.
set off	to leave on a trip or journey	salir de viaje, partir	The family set off to the beach really early.
stop over	to make a brief pause in a trip, either to change airplanes or to rest	hacer una breve pausa en un viaje, hacer escala ya sea para cambiar aviones o descansar	While going to the farm, we had to stop over to eat.
take off	to leave flying (for planes)	despegar (para aviones)	International flights cannot take off from local airports.

Vida diaria



PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	TRANSLATION OF DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
catch up	to learn the newest facts	enterarse de las noticias más recientes	She called her friend to catch up on the gossip.
get into	to enter (a discussion, a car)	entrar, meterse en (una discusión o un carro)	I don't like to get into fights.
hold on	to wait for a little while	esperar por un momento	Hold on, they have to pick up the books first.
run out of	to be without, to be with nothing left	agotar, quedarse sin	When the car ran out of gas, he was in the middle of nowhere.
bring up	to raise a child	criar a un niño	I bring my son up with all the love I possibly can;
come out	to be presented in public, to become or result in	presentarse en público, convertirse o resultar en	He never cooks, but now he is baking a cake. I don't know how it will come out.
find out	to discover, to learn a new fact	descubrir, aprender un hecho nuevo	She spent hours in front of the computer trying to find out her brother's password.
give up	to quit, to abandon hope, to stop trying	desistir, perder la esperanza, dejar de intentar	College is difficult, but you can't give up!
go on	to continue, not to stop.	continuar, no detenerse	The class was over, but the teacher kept going on and on about the life of the germs.
look up	to search for information, to consult (a book, a readable source)	buscar información, consultar (un libro, una fuente legible)	Students have to look up new words in the dictionary.
take back	to cancel what one said, to "unsay"	retirar lo dicho, "desdecirse"	We told her she was awful, but we regretted. So, we took it back.

Deportes



PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	TRANSLATION OF DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
bulk up	to gain weight or increase the size	aumentar masa muscular, aumentar volumen	Some athletes use steroids to bulk up.
call off	to cancel	cancelar	The match had to be called off due to the rain.
come in	to arrive (at a certain position)	llegar en una determinada posición, entrar	The Australian rider came in 2nd in the grand prix.
fall off	to fall from something	caerse (de algo)	When skaters fall off, it must hurt!
play off	to play the last game in competition to decide the winner	jugar el último partido de la competencia para decidir el ganador	When Cuba and Brazil play off, the volleyball court is full of excitement.
warm up	to briefly practice before really starting an activity	practicar brevemente antes de empezar una actividad, calentar	Players have to warm up before every game.
work out	to exercise to keep in shape or to improve physically	hacer ejercicio para mantenerse en forma o para mejorar físicamente	Working out is really good for your health.
cheer on	to give support and encouragement	animar, dar apoyo o estímulo	The fans were cheering on the basketball players.
keep up	to accompany, to follow and have the same pace	acompañar, seguir y tener el mismo ritmo	I have trouble keeping up with aerobics classes.
knock out	to hit someone so hard they pass out.	golpear a alguien con tanta fuerza que se desmaya, noquear	Mike Tyson knocked out many of his opponents.
take on	to compete with, to fight against	competir con, luchar contra, enfrentar	Real Madrid will take on River Plate and crush them.

Finanzas



PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	TRANSLATION OF DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
bail out	to help someone out of a financial issue	ayudar a alguien a salir de un problema financiero, rescatar	My friend did not have money for the rent, so, I bailed him out.
cough up	to give money unwillingly	dar dinero de mala gana, soltar el dinero	Cough up for a better wedding present!
dip into	to spend part of one's savings	gastar parte de los ahorros	When the dad was fired, they had to dip into the kids funds.
get by	to have just enough money for one's needs, nothing else	tener dinero suficiente para las necesidades de uno, nada más	With our wages, we can get by, but we don't have luxuries.
pay back	to give money back to someone	devolver dinero a alguien, pagar lo que se debe	The author paid back the loan for his book.
put aside	to save money for a purpose	ahorrar con un propósito	For college, I have to put a fortune aside.
splash out	to spend too much on unnecessary things	gastar demasiado en cosas innecesarias	Trust fund kids like Paris Hilton love splashing out.
tide over	to help someone with money until they can get by	ayudar a alguien con dinero hasta que pueda salir adelante, sacar de apuro	His aunt was kind to tide him over while he was unemployed.

¡No te detengas aquí!

Es cierto que los verbos frasales dejan una marca innegable de fluidez en su discurso. Aún así, sólo la práctica hace la perfección. Para hablar inglés como un nativo y utilizar estos verbos frasales, necesitas capacitarte, hablar lo suficiente, mantenerte en contacto con el idioma - sin olvidar los verbos aprendidos, ni el vocabulario ya conocido. Obtén y mantén la fluidez en el ambiente más relajado y flexible, practicando el inglés, preferentemente en clases con profesores nativos. ¿Dónde? ¡En Englishtown! ¡Ven a visitar nuestra escuela! Sí, lo sabemos: si descargaste esta guía en internet, la computadora es realmente lo tuyo y no tienes tiempo para ir a la escuela. Aparte de que nuestra escuela es diferente: sólo haz clic aquí y estarás ahí: www.englishtown.com. A Sólo \$1 USD el primer mes para los nuevos alumnos.

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