

Phrasal verbs

Natural English conversation includes many phrasal verbs. These are verbs made up of two words: a verb and a preposition. For example: 'I *get up* at eight o'clock'. Complete the sentences below using the phrasal verbs in the box. You will have to change the forms of some of the verbs to make the grammar of the sentence correct. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. He **got over** his cold.
2. The nurses are _____ her very well.
3. He must have _____ the disease when he was travelling in Africa.
4. She often _____ in front of the TV.
5. When we told her that her father was ill, she _____.
6. She _____ and cried as she described the symptoms to the doctor.
7. He _____ his father.
8. The doctor asked him to _____ his shirt.
9. He was _____ mucus.
10. Since she had the accident she _____ using crutches.
11. I was advised to _____ smoking.
12. He was _____ by a blow to the head.
13. The nurse _____ the patient with pillows.
14. The swelling has started to _____.
15. She became worried when the girl started _____ blood.

Phrasal verbs

break down = to start to cry and become upset

bring up = to cough up material such as mucus from the lungs or throat

cough up = to cough hard to expel a substance from the trachea

drop off = to fall asleep

get around = to move about

get over = to become better after an illness or a shock

give up = not to do something any more

go down = to become smaller

knock out = to hit someone so hard that he or she is no longer conscious

look after = to take care of a person and attend to his or her needs

pass out = to faint

pick up = to catch a disease

prop up = to support a person, e.g. with pillows

take after = to be like one or other parent

take off = to remove something, especially clothes

Extension. Work with a partner: write a dialogue which includes at least seven of the phrasal verbs from this page.