

▶ most common phrasal verbs

▶ focus on frequent particles

Did you know?

The ten phrasal verbs with the most combinations and meanings are: *come, go, put, get, take, turn, run, bring, look, cut*. The most common particles are: *around, away, back, down, in, into, off, on, out, over, through, up*.

▶ Grammar and practice pages 136–137

8.3 Grammar Phrasal and prepositional verbs



Focus on frequent verbs

1 Read the *Did you know?* information about phrasal verbs. Then, with a partner, play phrasal verbs tennis. Student A 'serves' by saying a preposition from the list in the *Did you know?* box. Student B 'returns' by saying a short sentence using this preposition plus an appropriate verb from the list. Student B then says another preposition from the list which Student A 'returns' with another correct verb/preposition combination, etc. Score a point each time your opponent answers incorrectly. If your partner can't find a verb/preposition combination, you must be able to give one or they score two points.

Student A: *Off.*

Student B: *We'll have to put off our meeting until next week. Over.*

2 Choose the correct verb from the box to fill in the spaces in the text. Remember to use the correct verb form.

bring come cut get go look put run take turn

Free trade has long been a controversial issue. You might have to (1) _____ back to Genghis Khan to see where free trade really began: in the wake of his conquests trade (2) _____ off between Europe and Asia in the thirteenth century when precious fabrics, stones and perfumes were transported along the Silk Road. Half a millennium later, you would have to (3) _____ to the eighteenth century economists such as the Scot Adam Smith, who (4) _____ forward the view that it was free trade which (5) _____ about an increase in wealth for those nations involved. However, advocates of free trade have often struggled to (6) _____ their message across in the face of strong opposition and widespread protectionism. After the Second World War, a group of nations (7) _____ up with an international organization in the form of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which aimed to (8) _____ down on tariffs and protectionist practices in general. Although this organization (9) _____ into a number of difficulties during its lifetime, it was widely seen as successful. In 1995 the World Trade Organization (WTO) grew out of it: this organization aims to (10) _____ for new ways to promote free trade.

3 Explain each phrasal verb above in your own words, and suggest possible collocations.

4 Which one of the four particles cannot be used with each verb?

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| 1 | come | about / behind / forward / through |
| 2 | go | from / together / under / with |
| 3 | put | aside / back / for / through |
| 4 | get | across / against / ahead / at |
| 5 | take | above / from / in / to |
| 6 | turn | back / down / on / under |
| 7 | run | by / down / above / up |
| 8 | bring | forward / in / into / past |
| 9 | look | ahead / into / through / without |
| 10 | cut | about / back / into / out |