

Phrasal verbs reversi game

Instructions for teachers

Photocopy one copy of the worksheet per pair of students and cut it up so each card has the phrasal verb and its meaning next to it (i.e. don't cut between the phrasal verb and definition). Fold the cards so you can only see the phrasal verb or its meaning when you put it on the table.

Give each pair of students a pack of cards. They must put them in a vertical line in front of them. It doesn't matter which side of the card is face up before they start.

The first player must look at the card closest to them (at the bottom of the line) and try to say what is on the other side of the card. If they can see the phrasal verb, they have to describe what it means, and if they can see the explanation, they have to say the phrasal verb. They can then turn the card over and check. If it is correct (including other things which are right but aren't on the card), it stays turned over and they can try the next one. If they made a mistake, the card is turned back and play passes to the next person. They always have to start again from the first (bottom) card. The first person to reach the last (top) card without making any mistakes is the winner.

If students get stuck, you can let them work together rather than against each other.

Cards to cut up

To rip into pieces	To tear up	To give someone accommodation in your house	To put someone up in your house
The car stopped outside the shop	The car pulled up outside the shop	To put someone off their work	To distract someone from their work
Finish your dinner!	Eat your dinner up!	To put down a deposit	To pay a deposit
We've finished the milk.	We've used up the milk	The vet put the old ill dog down	The vet killed the old ill dog
Increase the volume on the TV	Turn the TV up	I like it more and more	It's growing on me
To inflate	To blow up	The brother and sister fell out	The brother and sister stopped being friends
To learn a language without effort	To pick up a language	He dropped off in his armchair	He fell asleep in his armchair
I'm off!	I'm going!	It lived up to my expectations	It was as good as I expected.
The milk's gone off	The milk's gone bad	We consider it our home.	We look on it as our home.
Sales have increased	Sales are up	I could see him in the distance.	I could make him out in the distance.
To fall asleep	To drop off	He communicates his ideas well.	He puts his ideas across well.