



Getting into a love of phrasal verbs

Want to know a great trick for making phrasal verbs easier to learn and enjoy? Try just focusing on the most common verbs that phrasal verbs use in combination with prepositions and adverbs (particles). Three of the most common verbs are *come*, *get* and *put*. In the Macmillan online dictionary, there are 126 different phrasal verbs using just those three verbs! Some have multiple definitions like *get into* (see screenshot). Do the following activities and start getting into a new love of phrasal verbs.



Activity 1

Choose a suitable ending for these sentences.

a.	She comes across	for dinner?
b.	The department had come under	some money.
C.	He's just come into	who wants the job the most.
d.	She can't eat shellfish without coming out in	spots.
e.	Why don't you come over	as very self-confident.
f.	In the end, it all comes down to	criticism for poor performance.

Now check your answers with a partner and the Macmillan online dictionary.

Activity 2

Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb with put from the box.

put across	put off	put out	put in	put on	put up with

a. Stop laughing – you'll put her o	a.	Stop I	aughing –	vou'll	<i>put</i> her	Off.
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- **b.** Wendy has been _____ more hours at the office recently.
- c. Don't believe that. He's ______ you _____
- d. Please _____ that cigarette _____
- e. Television can be a useful way of ______ health messages.
- f. I will not ______ your bad behaviour any longer!







Activity 3

How many phrasal verbs with get can you think of? Write them in the box.

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Now circle the particle that fits the meaning of these sentences.

- a. At the age of 85, Milly still gets off / on / (around) quite well.
- **b.** I think you two would get *on / through / by* well.
- **c.** I wanted to get the interview *off / over / by* with as quickly as possible.
- d. How do we get round / into / through so much milk?
- e. She's really getting into / onto / in the internet.
- f. I just can't get by / at / over how well we played!

Activity 4

Ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- a. Do you think you come across as shy or outgoing?
- b. How well do you get on with your family?
- c. Does listening to music put you off studying or does it help?
- d. What makes you come out in spots?
- e. How much milk does your family get through in a week?
- f. What do you find difficult to put up with?

