

<u>Phrasal verbs</u>		
Verbs + prepositions		
Phrasal verb	Meaning	Example
Break down	Stopped working, crying	My car broke down on my way to office.
Broke into	Entered forcibly	A thief broke into her house
Stand on	To depend on; one's opinion or perspective	She stood on her own feet; Where do you stand on the issue of civil rights?
Stand for	Symbolises	I stand for justice.
Stand in	Substitute	I will stand in as the 11 th player for this match.
Stand up	remain valid after scrutiny or analysis.	I always stand up for my friends when they're being incorrectly blamed.
Pull out	Withdraw	He pulled out of the plan
Gave in	To admit that you have been defeated	After a long fight, he gave in.
Gave off	to produce something such as a smell, heat, light.	The flowers gave off a scented smell.
Gave out	To come to an end	Their water supply gave out quickly in the desert.
Gave away	give something freely as a gift or donation	I gave away all my toys.
Go away	to disappear or leave.	I have a backache that won't go away.
Go about	carry on with something	How should I go about finding a job?
Go through	undergo a difficult period or experience.	He is going through a hard time at school
Go along	to progress	The game gets more difficult as you go along
Go into	Beginning with something	I don't want to go into the program before I have more information.
Go ahead	To go ahead or to continue	I don't think we can go ahead with the plan
Take aback	shock or surprise someone	She was taken aback by his rude behaviour.
Take over	assume control of something.	
Take on	Undertake a task or responsibility	He took on the task of creating notes for tomorrow's lesson.
Take off	To start off	Our airplane will take off at 7.20 PM tomorrow.
Run out	to use up or finish a supply of something.	If you are going to continue cooking in high flame, you will run out of gas.
Run down	- to hit/knock a person down	Xavier was run down by a car.
Run away	leave or escape from a place, person, or situation.	Sheetal, let's run away from tuition and study at home.

Run into	to meet somebody by chance	I ran into my best friend on my way to the mall.
Run around	to spend a lot of time with someone	He is always running around with his friends.

Exercise : Choose the right answer

1. After a long chase by the police, the thief The appropriate phrase to be used in the blank is [1 mark June 2018]

- (A) gave in
- (B) gave off
- (C) gave out
- (D) gave away.

2. Don't smoke in the forest. Fires easily at this time of the year. The appropriate phrasal verb to be used here is [1 mark June 2019]

- (A) pull out
- (B) run out
- (C) break out
- (D) make out.

3. The students were instructed to the questions before they answered them. The correct phrasal verb to be filled in the blank is [1 mark July 2020]

- (A) go along
- (B) go through
- (C) go into
- (D) go away.

4. The thieves found it easy to the house, as it was vacant and steal the valuables. The proper phrasal verb to be used to fill in the blank is [1 mark Sept 2020]

- (A) break out
- (B) break down
- (C) break into
- (D) break with

5. The logo symbolises the company. The word 'symbolises' can be replaced with a phrasal verb [Objective 2020]

- A) stands for
- B) stands on
- C) stands in
- D) stands up

Answer Key

- 1.(A) gave in
- 2. (C) break out
- 3. (B) go through
- 4. (C) break into
- 5. (A) stand for