

ESL Phrasal Verb Game - Copy and Guess

Copy and Guess is a great game which will enhance the communication ability of your students. This game is a great way to practice phrasal verbs and is sure to keep students entertained.

Activity time: 20 minutes

Materials required: flashcards (with phrasal verb sentence on each card)

Skills practiced: Using phrasal verbs, brainstorming

Level: Teen and Adults Lower intermediate +

Method

1. Prepare a list of the phrasal verbs you want to practice and first review them with your students. Ensure that the students have proper grasp and understanding of how to use the phrasal verbs you have taught them.
2. Pair the students together; they will have to compete against other pairs to earn points. (If you have a larger class, then group the students in 3s or 4s)
3. From the first pair of students, student A will pick a flashcard with a phrasal verb sentence. **Example:** The Soldier **PUT DOWN** the rebellion by force. Student B will have to guess the phrasal verb in the sentence (PUT DOWN). Then student B will have to explain the meaning of the the phrasal verb. If student B guess correctly they get a point. If they don't guess correctly then student A is asked about one of student B's phrasal verb sentence.

4. The game continues until all of the cards are used or the time is up. The student with the most points in the winner.

See below for a pre prepared set of cards suitable for B1 (lower intermediate) and above students.

Alternative Ideas:

- Have students create their own sets of cards from their books.
- Play in groups or teams if students find phrasal verbs difficult.

Have you got any other ideas? Please leave a comment below.

B1 - Phrasal Verb Cards

Print out a set of cards for each pair of students.

Set A

<p>When I GOT UP this morning it was still dark.</p> <p>get out of bed</p>	<p>HOLD ON for a minute as Pablo will be back in five minute.</p> <p>wait</p>	<p>He MADE UP the whole story.</p> <p>invent</p>
<p>He'll never SETTLE DOWN</p> <p>start living a quiet life in one place</p>	<p>I'm trying to WORK OUT the total cost.</p> <p>Calculate</p>	<p>We're going to the gym to WORK OUT this afternoon.</p> <p>Exercise</p>
<p>PUT your coat ON or you'll get cold.</p> <p>Start wearing something</p>	<p>The children HUNG UP their coats at the back of the classroom.</p> <p>Put coat on a hook</p>	<p>If you find phrasal verbs difficult, don't GIVE UP.</p> <p>Quit</p>
<p>The price of fruit GOES DOWN in the summer.</p> <p>reduces</p>	<p>My mother LOOKs AFTER the children when we go away.</p> <p>Take care of</p>	<p>They SET OUT for London early the following day.</p> <p>Start</p>

Set B

<p>The police BROKE DOWN the door.</p> <p>Break</p>	<p>I'm sorry if I interrupted you. Please CARRY ON.</p> <p>Continue</p>	<p>It took four hours to CLEAR UP after the party.</p> <p>Tidy/Clean</p>
<p>Good morning. COME IN and sit down.</p> <p>Enter</p>	<p>The shops are shut so we'll have to DO WITHOUT sugar.</p> <p>Not have</p>	<p>I don't GET ON well WITH your boss.</p> <p>be friendly</p>
<p>My sister TOOK UP singing last year.</p> <p>Began to practice</p>	<p>He TURNED UP two hours late.</p> <p>Arrive</p>	<p>Are you GOING AWAY for Christmas, or are you staying at home.</p> <p>to move or travel away from a person or place</p>
<p>Quick! GET ON the train, it's about to leave.</p> <p>Enter</p>	<p>TURN UP the radio. I can't hear it.</p> <p>Increase volume</p>	<p>When we didn't pay the bill, the electricity was CUT OFF.</p> <p>Disconnected</p>