

Fast Phrasals



If your friend was on reality TV, how could you help?
Will Annabel win Superstars? Watch the video to find out!

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Kate, Izzy, Fred and Sam want to vote for their friend in a TV singing competition. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | They're having problems calling the number. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | When Sam arrives, his phone is working. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | You can call lots of times from the same phone. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Their friend wins the competition. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | They voted for the wrong person. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | They realise that the phone calls were really expensive. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | They like the stage name Annabel was using. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Practise your phrasal verbs: gap fill – in context

Complete the gaps with a phrase from the box (continued on page 2).

plug it in	put the phone down	carry on	call back
switch it on	switches off	charge up	taken on
get through	taken up	gets cut off	put him through

Kate, Izzy and Fred are trying to vote for their friend Annabel on Superstars, but they're having a few problems. Kate can't ¹ _____ (*be connected on the phone*), Izzy ² _____ (*experiences a break in the connection*) and the person Fred is speaking to doesn't ³ _____ (*transfer the call to the person he wants to speak to*).

Sam arrives and asks if they've ⁴ _____ (*started*) telemarketing. Izzy gets through but she hears a recorded message telling her to ⁵ _____ (*call the same number again*) later. Sam wants to help but he needs to ⁶ _____ (*put energy in the battery of*) his phone. Kate shows him where he can ⁷ _____ (*connect it to the power supply*).

Finally, Izzy manages to vote! They are excited and want to ⁸ _____ (*continue*) calling. When the phone lines close, Kate tells Izzy to ⁹ _____ (*end the phone call*). But when the results are being announced, Kate accidentally ¹⁰ _____ the television (*makes the television stop working*)!

When they ¹¹ _____ (*make it start working*) they think their friend has won. But then they realise their friend has ¹² _____ (*adopted*) a stage name, she hasn't won, and they've been voting for the wrong person!

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3. Practise your phrasal verbs: matching – sentence halves

Match the first half of the sentence with the second half and write a–j next to the number 1–10.

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| 1..... | I can't get | a. | up my mobile. |
| 2..... | He's taken | b. | on a different name before they become famous. |
| 3..... | I need to charge | c. | in before it turns off! |
| 4..... | Sorry, I can't talk now. Can you call | d. | on walking. |
| 5..... | A lot of stars take | e. | off in the middle of our conversation. |
| 6..... | It's running out of power. Plug it | f. | up some kind of hip hop dancing. |
| 7..... | Good morning. Can you put me | g. | me back later. |
| 8..... | Hello. I was talking to someone a moment ago but we got cut | h. | through. It's engaged. |
| 9..... | I think the nice beach is a bit further. Let's carry | i. | off during the flight. |
| 10..... | Please switch your mobile | j. | through to customer services, please? |

4. Practise your phrasal verbs: word 2 word – form

Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. please off it now Switch

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2. put you through I'll

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3. your plug laptop in You here can

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4. phone up to your charge forget Don't

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5. switch didn't on I it

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6. name on took She a different

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7. He carry singing on wants to

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8. We cut off got

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9. back Can call you me ?

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10. phone He put the down !

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Discussion

Do you often get cut off, or have to charge up your mobile?

What's the most annoying phone problem?

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