

Phrasal verbs

Introduction

- **Level:** C1
- **Skills:** Reading
- **Topics:** Grammar

The enigma

- **Keywords**

The players will find this interactive worksheet with extract from news and articles and need to find the correct phrasal verb. The interactive worksheet can be created on the website:

<https://www.liveworksheets.com/lwsmaker/index.asp>

Once the students have completed the texts with the correct phrasal verbs they will get a code which will help them to move to the next puzzle. The code can be a number or a new phrasal verb decided by the teacher.

- **Toolbox**

Interactive Worksheet, computer, wifi

- **Description of the enigma**

Extracts adapted from newspapers which should be added to the interactive worksheet online.

1-Don't _____ the weather

Bet money on the weather becoming more unpredictable as the year progresses. There are now few hold-outs against the reality that our climate is changing, drifting away from what we perceive as "normal", and with this will come more floods, warmer weather, more wind and more rain.

Of course, climate change isn't really very new - the earth's weather follows its own complex, chaotic cycles that remain beyond our ken, alternatively dishing up ice ages and melting ice caps. What is different this time is that humanity is having an effect, changing the mix of gases overhead by burning fuels that belch out carbon dioxide.

(A: Count on)



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2-What do you do when you _____ _____ _____?

This has been coming up a lot in my practice too – something I struggle with as well. I don't want to let anyone down.

I do, though.

It's part of being human.

Sometimes, it's something we can consciously avoid by keeping our commitments and doing what we say we will. BUT – there are times when we genuinely screw this up.

(A: Let someone down)

3-Don't _____ _____ until tomorrow what you SHOULD do today. Make a list right now of five things that really shouldn't wait, things you may have been putting off either intentionally or unintentionally. Maybe it's calling a long-lost friend or going to visit someone you haven't seen in some time. Maybe it's patching up an old wound that has festered way too long or making sure the people you care most about know exactly how you feel about them. I'm sure coming up with just five things that truly deserve your attention won't be difficult.

(A: Put off)

Hints

Phrasal verbs cards or list printed or projected on a surface. Students should have a help buzzer or bell which they can ring when they need help. Once they do that one of the phrasal verbs appear on the screen or projected. Another way of giving them the hints is by sending it through a chat box set up on one of the computers.

Count on something

Let someone down

Put something off



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More information

Possible restrictions

Difficulty understanding phrasal verbs.

References

- ✓ Extract 1: <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/don-t-count-on-the-weather-1.140916>
- ✓ Extract 2: <https://mybestrelationship.com/what-to-do-when-you-let-someone-down/>
- ✓ Extract 3: <https://hrdailyadvisor.blr.com/2017/08/28/dont-put-off-until-tomorrow-what-you-should-do-today/>

