Phrasal Verb Mastery

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Introduction

Phrasal verbs are famously difficult for students of English. Unfortunately, they are extremely common, especially in spoken English. A phrasal verb is a verb combined with a preposition or adverb. The preposition or adverb adds extra meaning to the verb and/or gives it more emphasis.

Many phrasal verbs are idiomatic, which means their meaning is often completely different from the verb which forms them, e.g. 'to pass away' means 'to die'. This means students of English must learn the meanings by heart, just as they would with other idioms.

There are also different types of phrasal verb, which behave differently when the

object is a noun or a pronoun. To use phrasal verbs correctly, you need to know the meaning and the type. This eBook will help you to do both these things.

In this eBook, the phrasal verbs are organised into the following categories: family and friends, love, travel, food, clothes, telephone and driving.

Each phrasal verb has its equivalent meaning, or an explanation next to it. It also says which of the four 'types' the phrasal verb is, so you know how to use it correctly. Underneath, there are examples of the verbs, which help put them in context.

Types of Phrasal Verb

There are four types of phrasal verb.

Type 1

These verbs don't need an object (they are 'intransitive').

The car broke down.

The effects wore off.

We fell out.

Type 2

These phrasal verbs need an object (they are 'transitive'). The object can go after the preposition/adverb or between the verb and the preposition/adverb. However, when the object is a pronoun, it must go between the verb and the preposition/adverb.

I added the bill up.

I added up the bill.

I added it up.

Type 3

These verbs need an object (they are 'transitive'), but the object must go after the preposition/adverb. This is the same if the object is a pronoun or a noun. You cannot separate the verb and the preposition/adverb.

I will look after the cat.

I will look after it.

Type 4

These are type 3 verbs, except they have two prepositions/adverbs, instead of one.

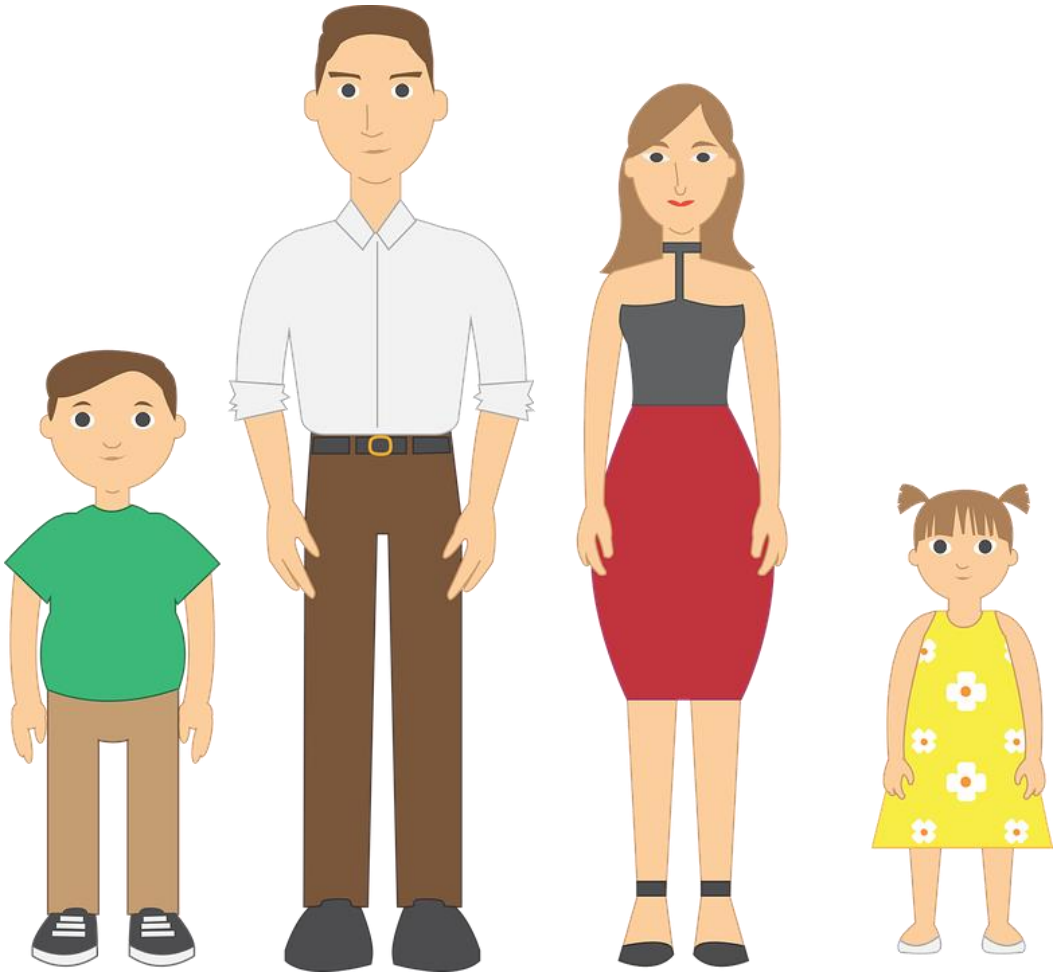
He got away with the crime.

He got away with it.

Note 1: Some phrasal verbs can be more than one type

Note 2: Some verbs have a different meaning when they are used as type 1 and type 2 verbs.

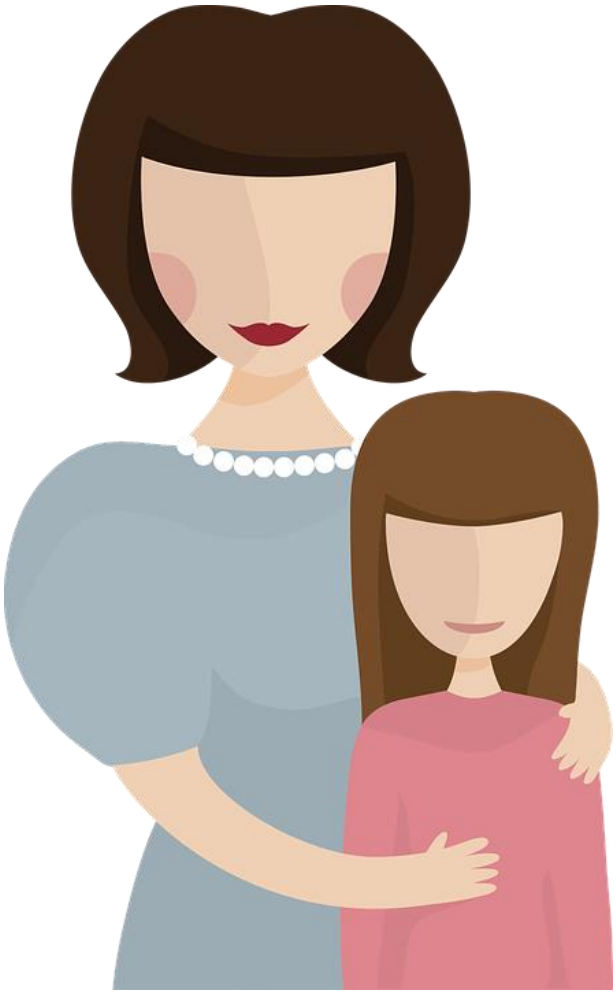
Family and Friends



Type 2

to bring someone up

(to raise a child)

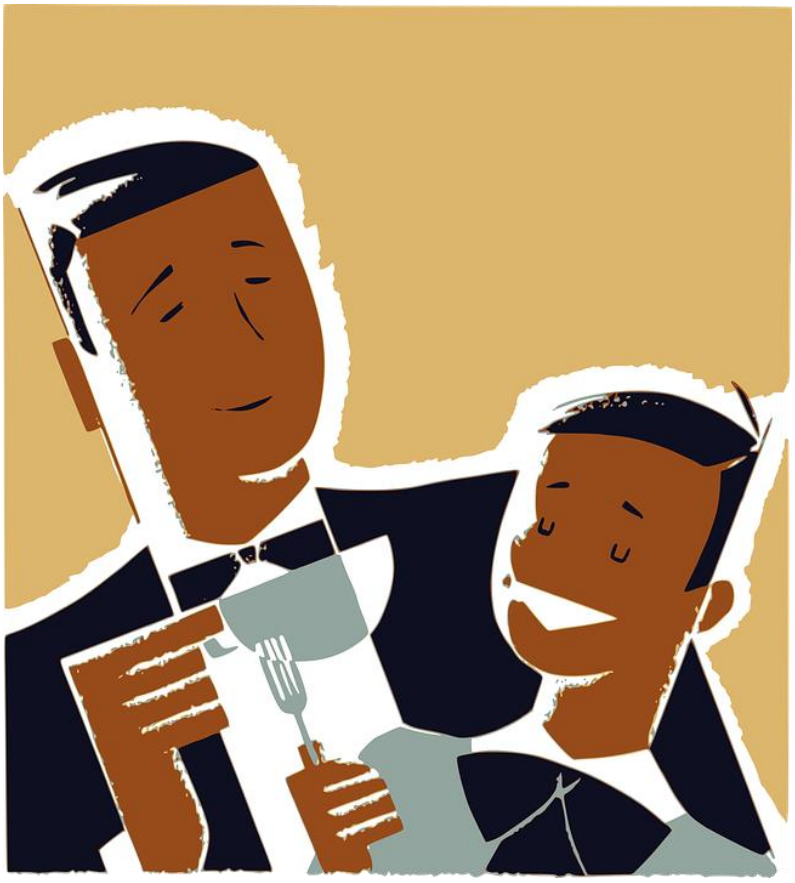


After my parents died, my aunt brought me up.

Type 3

to take after someone

(to act like *or* to look like someone in your family)



John takes after his dad. They act and look the same.

Type 4

to look up to someone

(to admire and respect someone)

Amir looks up to his father. He's his hero.

TYPE 1

to get on/along

(to have a good relationship)

We all get along/on.

Type 4

to get on/along with someone

(to have a good relationship with someone)

I really get on/along with my sister.

TYPE 1

to grow up

(to become an adult)

Suneeta grew up in Mumbai.

David grew up in Dublin.

TYPE 1

to fall out

(to stop being friends)

My parents fell out but they're OK now.

Type 4

to fall out with someone

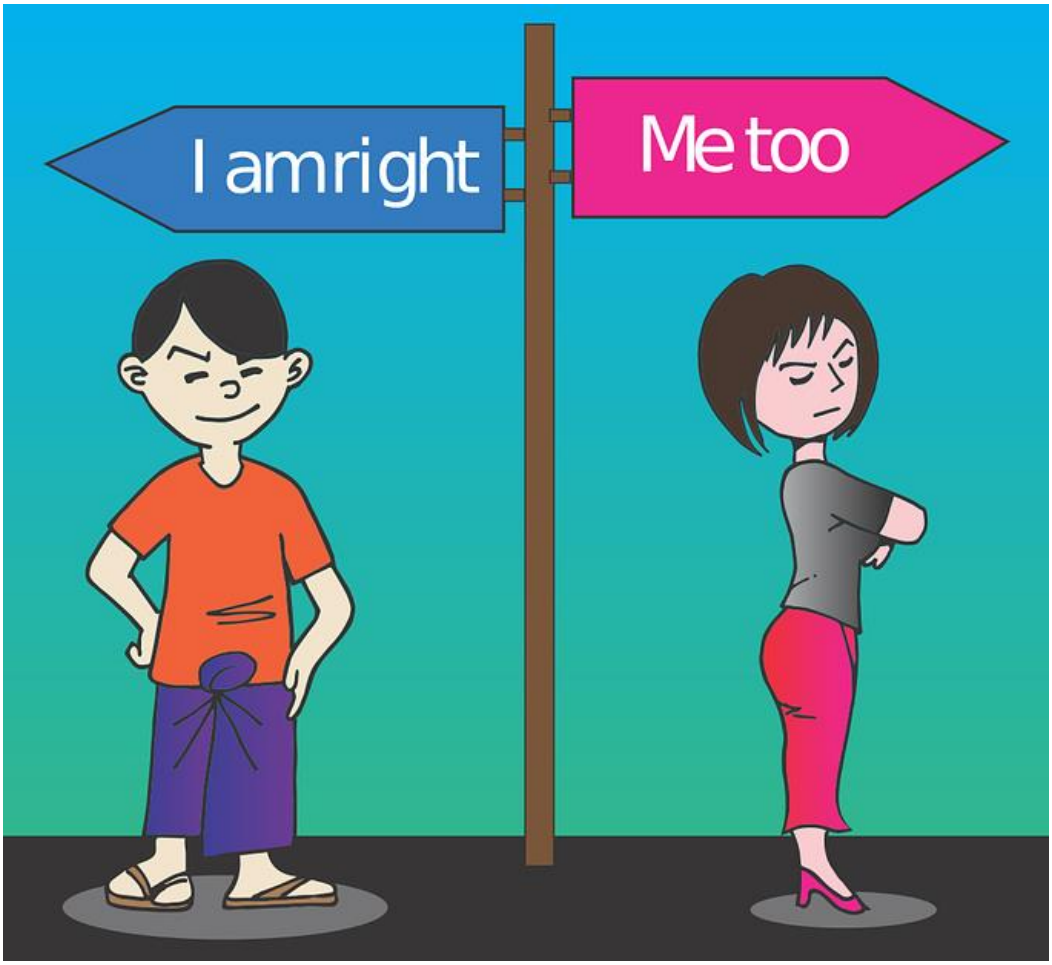
(to stop being friends)

My gran fell out with my mother.

Type 4

to fall out over something

(to stop being friends because of something)



They fell out over politics.

Type 4

to look back on something

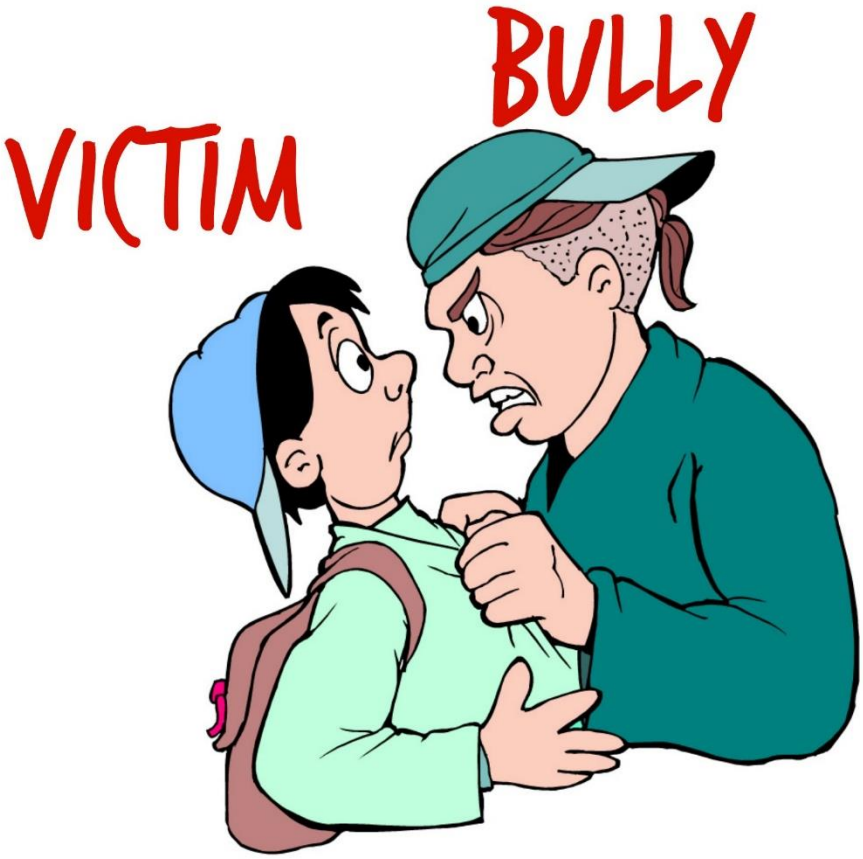
(to think about something that happened in the past)

Helga looked back on her family holiday and smiled.

Type 4

to stand up to someone

(to face someone or something without fear)



Don't be a victim. Stand up to him!

Type 4

to live up to someone

(to be as good as someone)

The boys tried to live up to their dad.

Type 2

to tell someone off

(to speak angrily to a child because they have done something wrong)

She was naughty so her mother told her off.

Type 1

to split up/to break up

(to end a romantic relationship)

My brother and his girlfriend broke up.

My parents split up last year.

Type 4

to split up/to break up with someone

(to end a romantic relationship with someone)

My brother broke/split up with his girlfriend.

Travel

Type 2

to see off

(to go with someone to the place where they begin a journey)

I saw my mother off at the airport.

TYPE 1

to set off

(to begin a journey)

We set off early in the morning.

Type 1

to take off

(to leave the ground)

The plane took off at 3 o'clock.

TYPE 1

to touch down

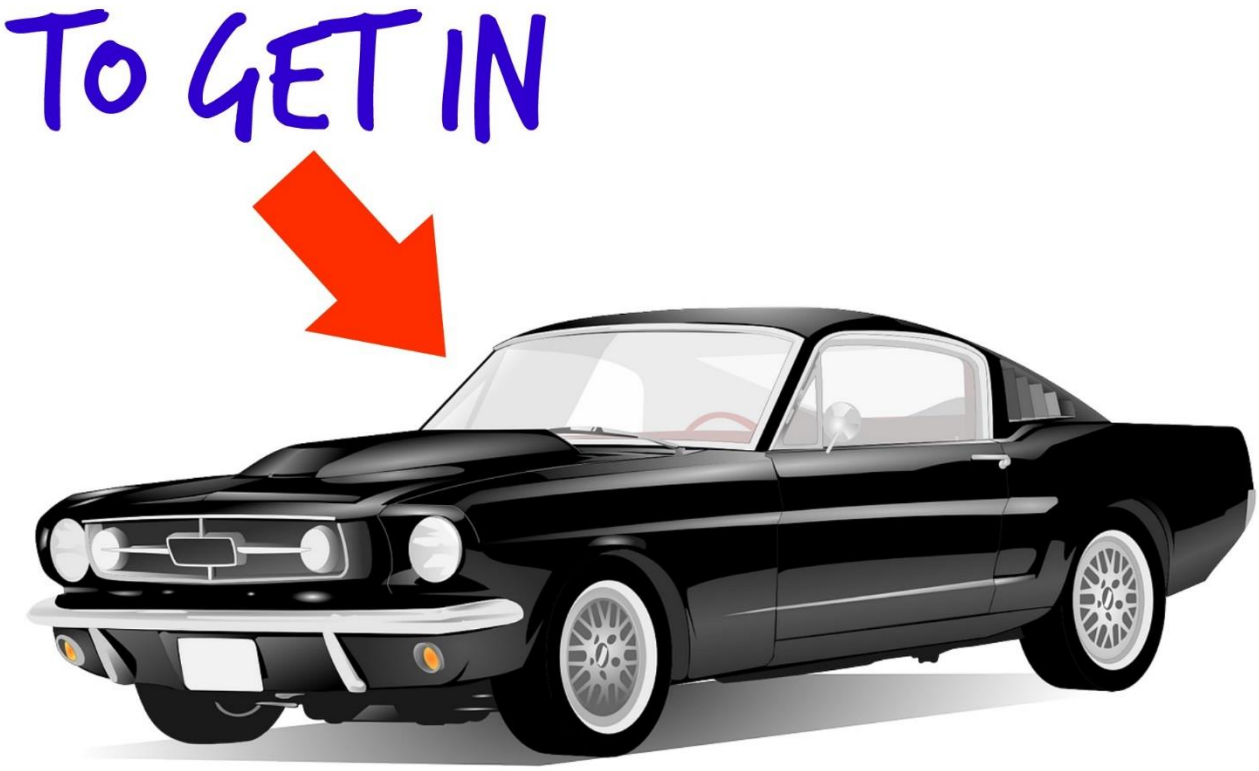
(to land)

We touched down in Toronto.

TYPE 1

to get in

(to enter a car)



He quickly got in and we drove off.

Type 4

to get out of

(to exit a car)

I got out of the car when we arrived.

TYPE 1

to get out

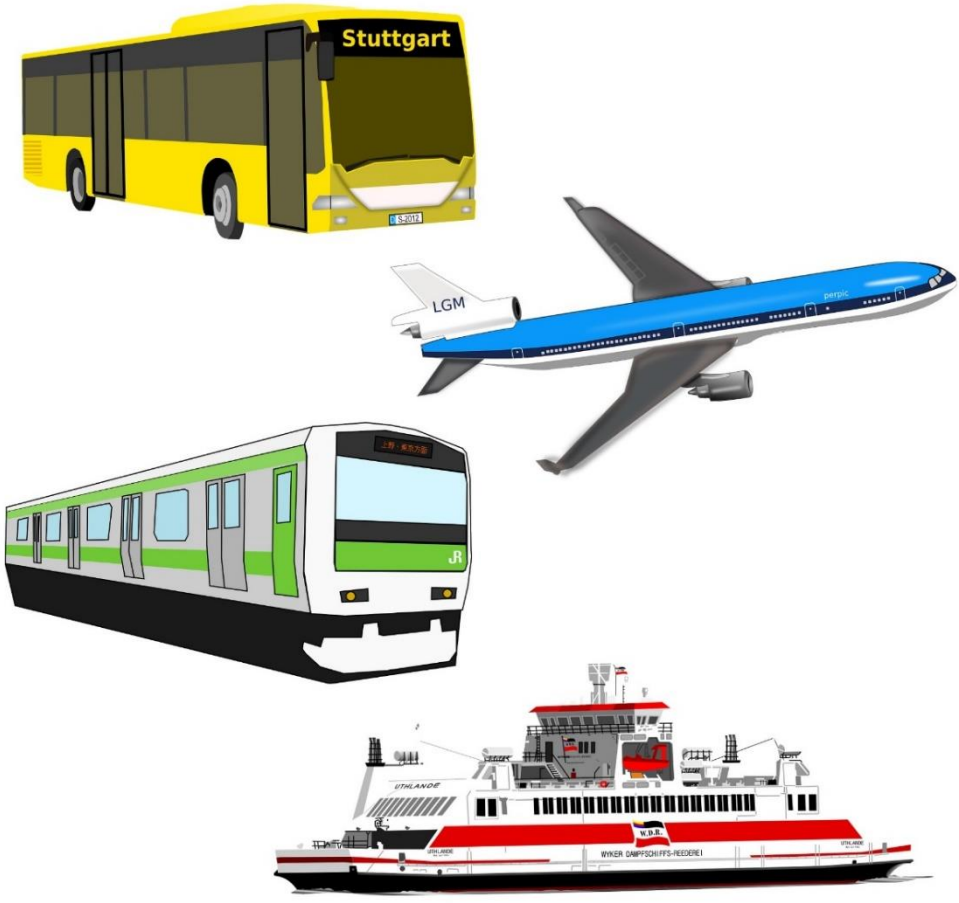
(to leave a car)

I got out when we arrived at the airport.

Type 1 & 3

to get on

(to enter a bus, train, aircraft or boat)



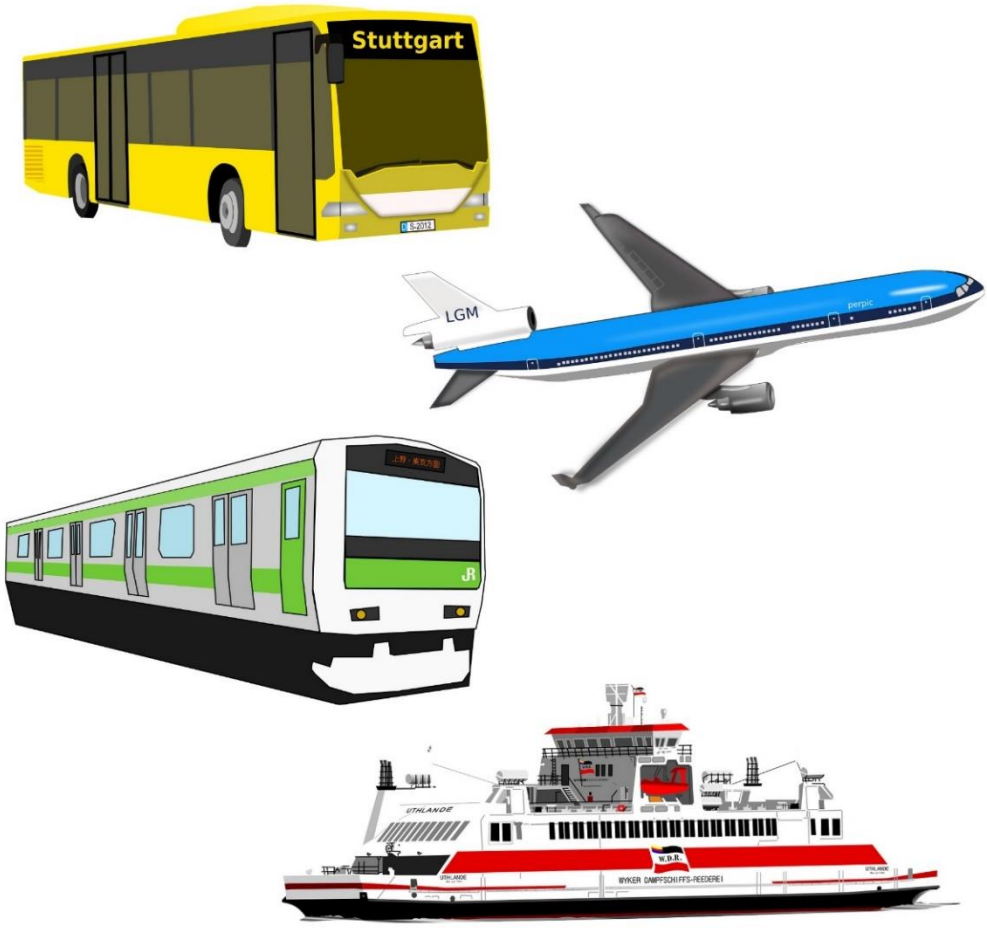
I got on after Jane.

We got on the bus.

Type 1 & 3

to get off (something)

(to exit a bus, train, aircraft or boat)



Let's get off!

I got off the boat.

TYPE 1

to check in

(to arrive and register at a hotel or airport)

Hi! I would like to check in.

We checked in at 9 am.

Type 3

to check into somewhere

(to arrive and register at a hotel)

I checked into my hotel at 2pm.

TYPE 1

to check out

(to pay and leave a hotel)

What time do we need to check out?

Type 4

to check out of somewhere

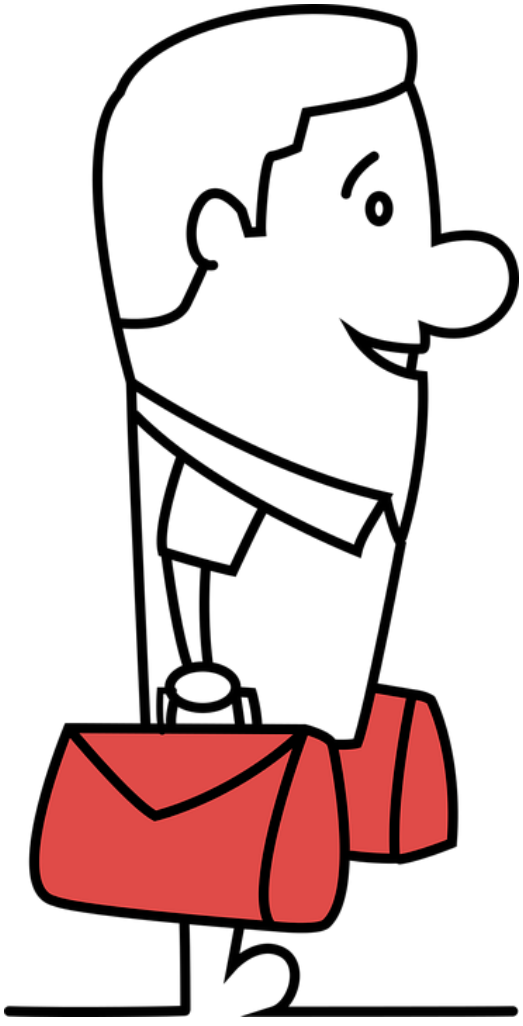
(to pay and leave a hotel)

We checked out of the hotel early.

TYPE 1

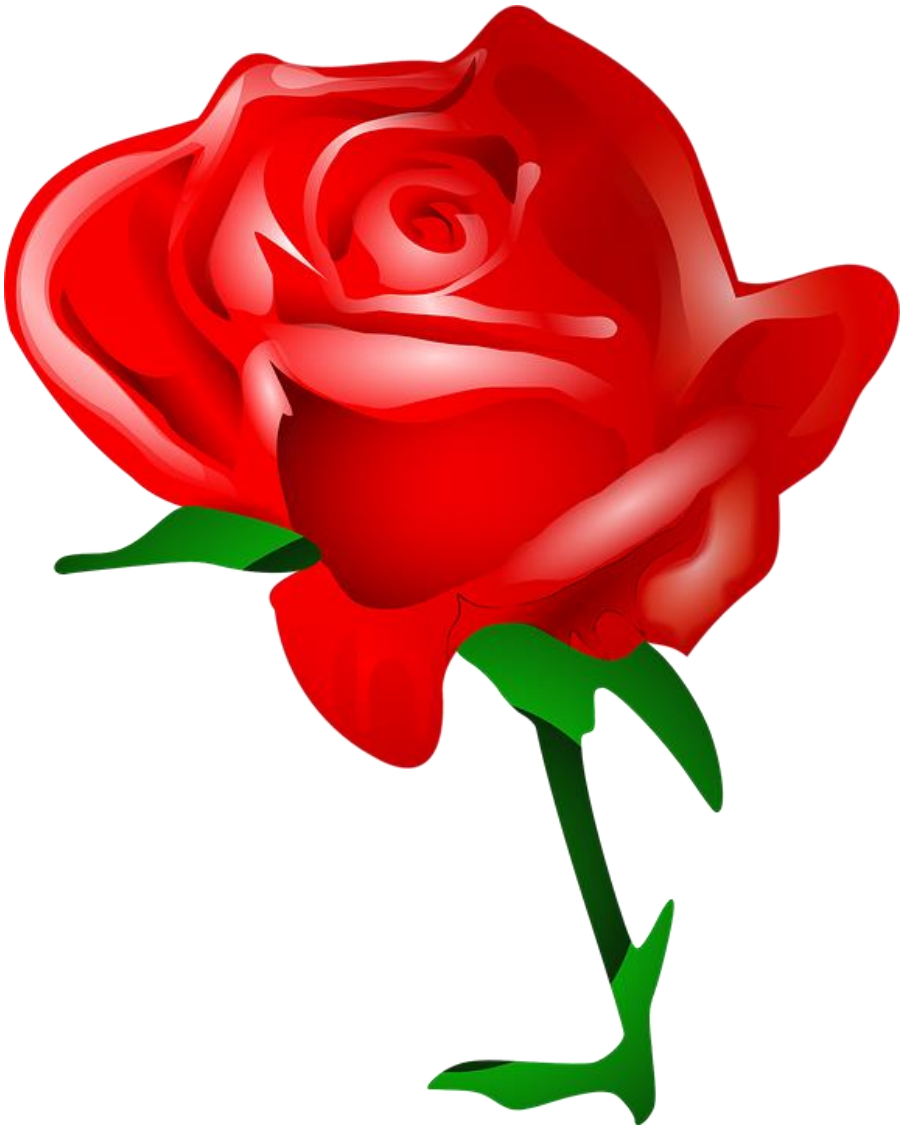
to get away

(to go away on holiday, often for a rest)



I need to get away. I'm so tired!

Love



Type 2

to ask someone out

(to invite someone to a restaurant, cinema etc. because you are attracted to them)

John asked Becky out but she wasn't interested.

Type 2

to lead someone on

(to flirt and act like you are attracted to someone when you aren't)

Vanessa led John on but she wasn't really interested in him.

TYPE 3

to fall for someone

(to be attracted to someone and start to love that person)

He has fallen for her.

They have fallen for each other.

IDIOM

to hit it off

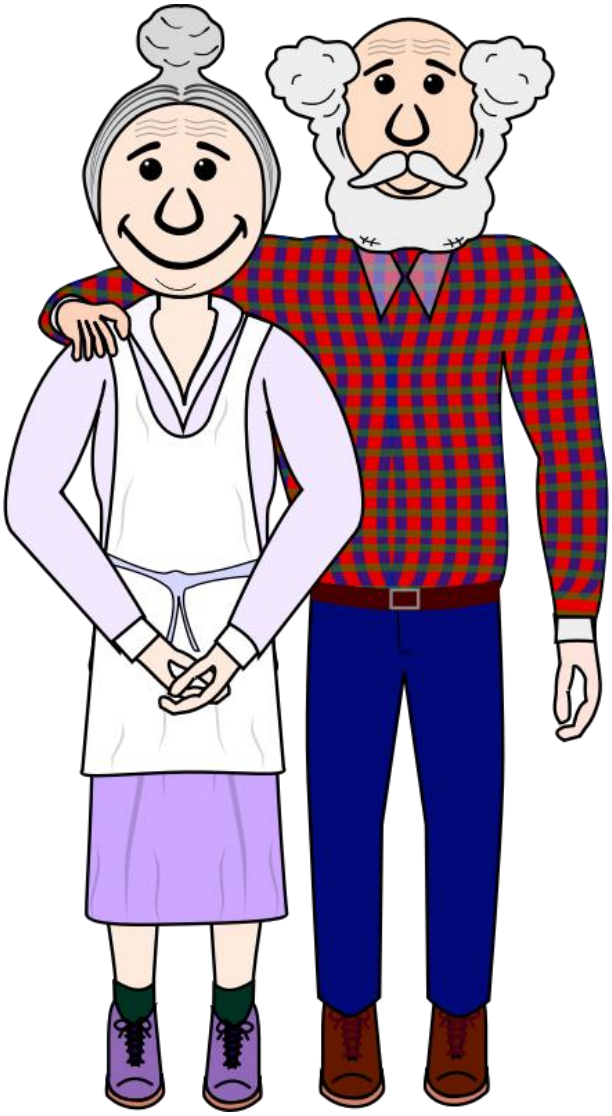
(to be friendly with each other immediately)

Eva and Juan hit it off the first time they met.

IDIOM

to hit it off with someone

(to be friendly with each other immediately)



I hit it off with your grandfather right away.

TYPE 1

to settle down

(to start living in a place where you intend to stay, usually with your partner)

I would love to settle down someday.

Type 4

to settle down with someone

(to start living in a place where you intend to stay, usually with your partner)

He finally settled down with her.

TYPE 1

to drift apart

(to become gradually less friendly until the relationship ends)

They drifted apart and later divorced.

Type 4

to drift apart from someone

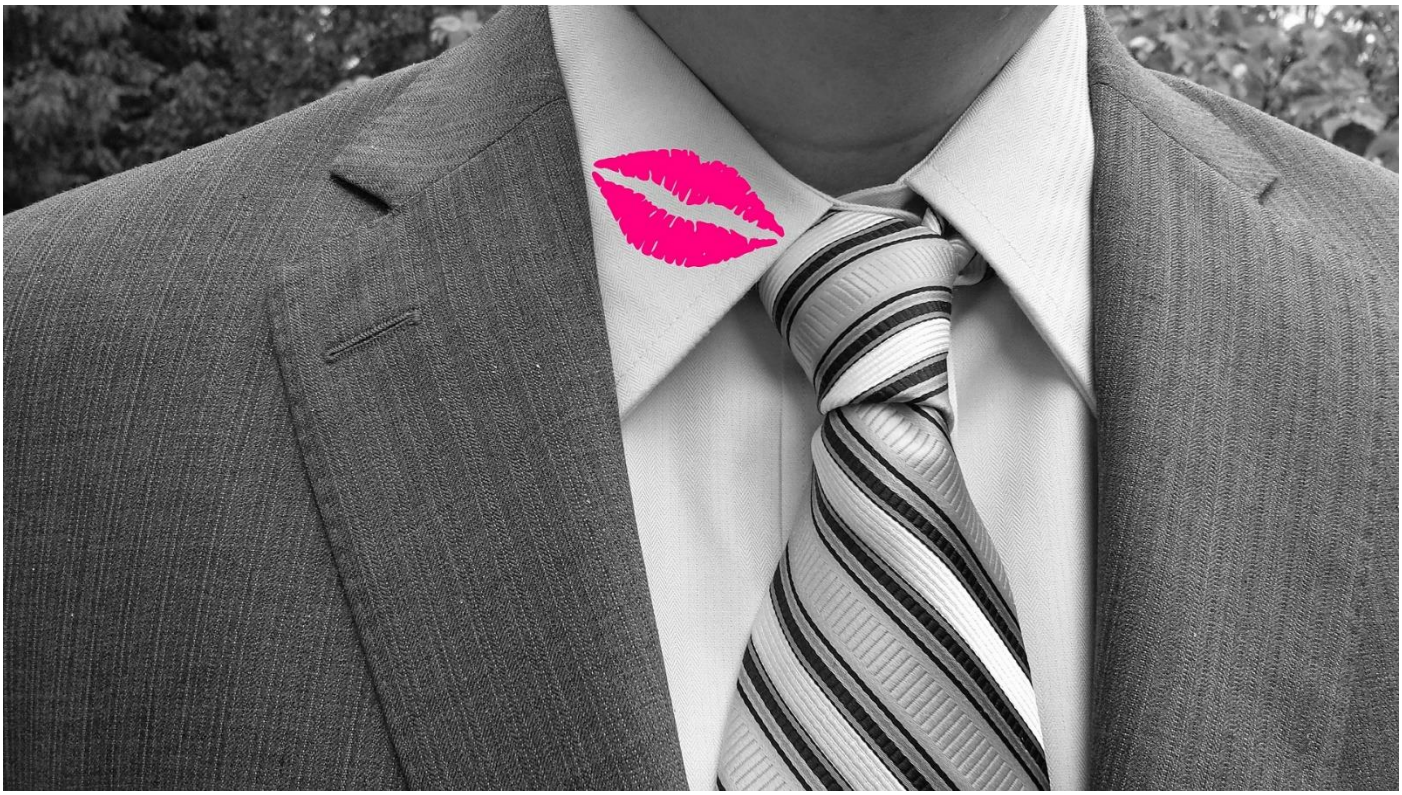
(to become gradually less friendly until the relationship ends)

She slowly drifted apart from him.

Type 3

to cheat on someone

(to be unfaithful when you are married or in a relationship)



He cheated on his fiancé.

Type 4

to cheat on someone with someone

(to be unfaithful when you are married or in a relationship)

He cheated on his wife with her sister.

TYPE 1

to make up

(to forgive someone and be friendly with them again after an argument)

We had a big fight but we made up.

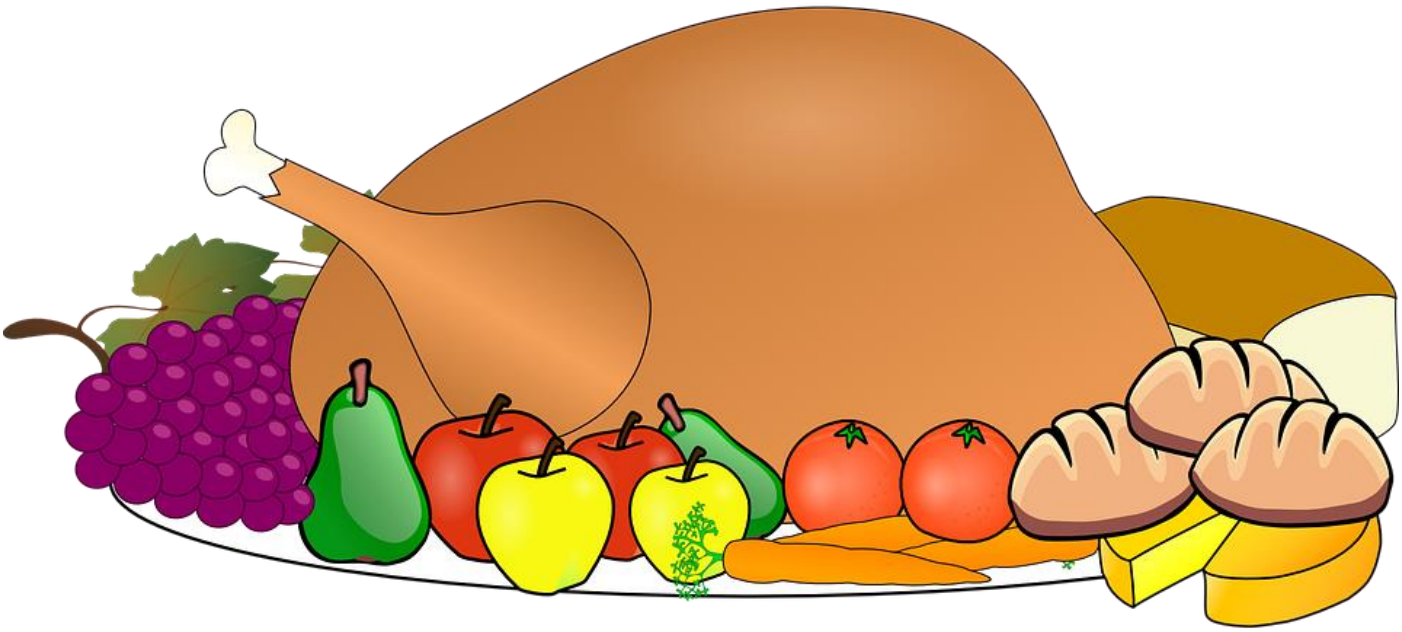
Type 4

to make up with someone

(to forgive someone and be friendly with them again after an argument)

I made up with my girlfriend.

Food



TYPE 1

to eat out

(to eat at a café or restaurant)

I ate out three times last week.

Shall we eat out tonight?

Type 2

to knock back

(to drink alcohol quickly or in large amounts)

He knocked back three whiskies.

TYPE 2

to cut out

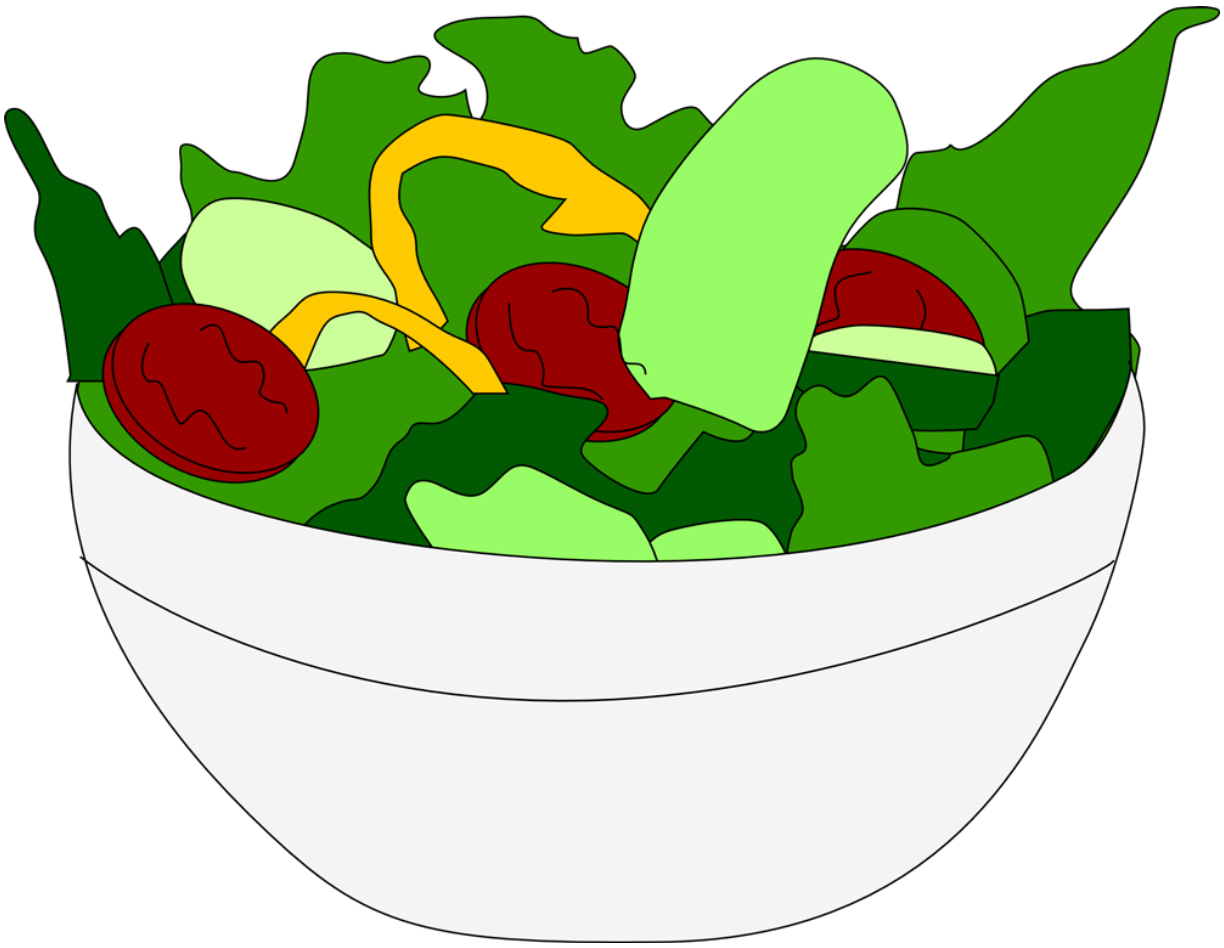
(to stop eating or doing something)

I've cut out chocolate because I want to lose weight.

Type 2

to chop up

(to cut something into pieces)



I've chopped up some vegetables for the salad.

Type 2

to warm up

(to make food warm, often after it is already cooked)

I'll warm up the curry from last night.

Type 2

to wolf down

(to eat food very quickly and hungrily)

I was so hungry I wolfed down my meal in two minutes.

TYPE 1

to pig out

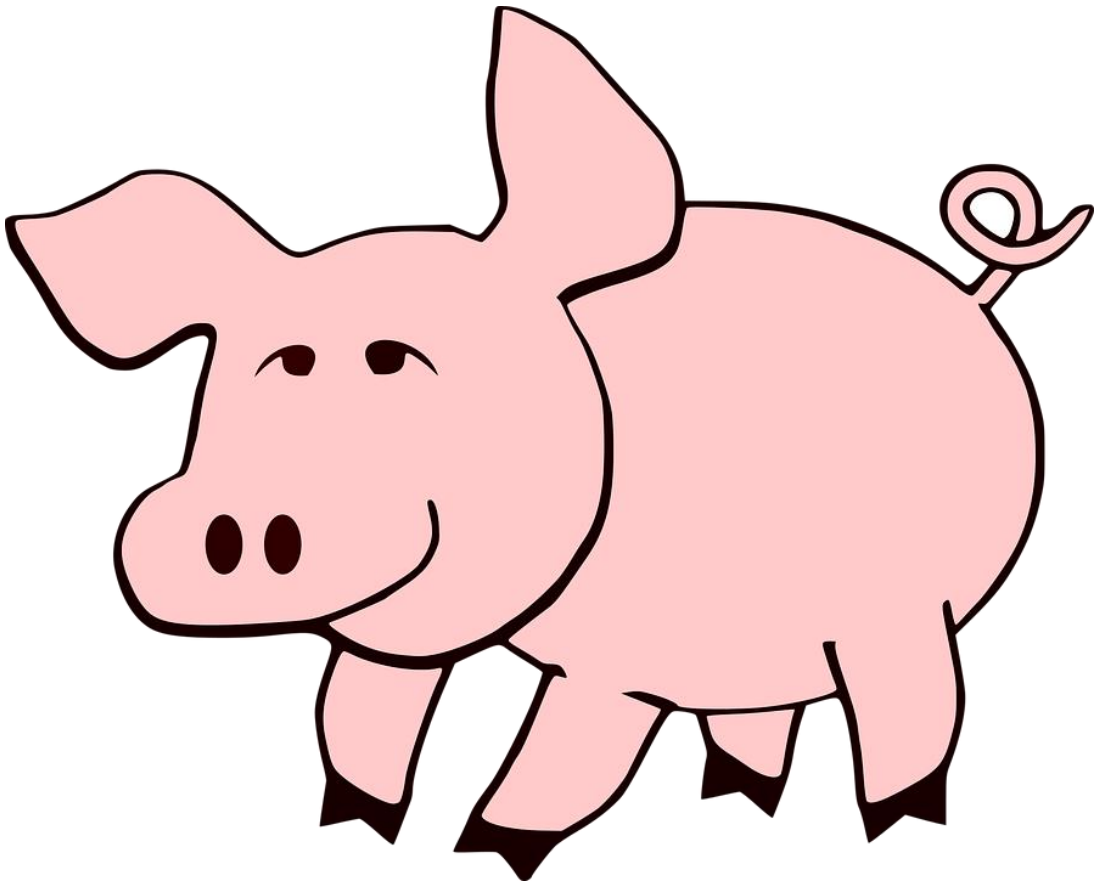
(to eat an extremely large amount of food)

We pigged out and felt very sick afterwards.

TYPE 4

to pig out on something

(to eat an extremely large amount of food)



We pigged out on ice cream last Saturday.

Clothes

TYPE 1

1.to dress up

(to wear formal or special clothes)

He dressed up smartly for his job interview.

TYPE 1

2.to dress up

(to put on clothes that make you look like someone else, for fun)

They dressed up for Halloween.

He dressed up as a vampire.

Type 2

to try on

(to put on a piece of clothing in a shop to see how it looks and if it fits)

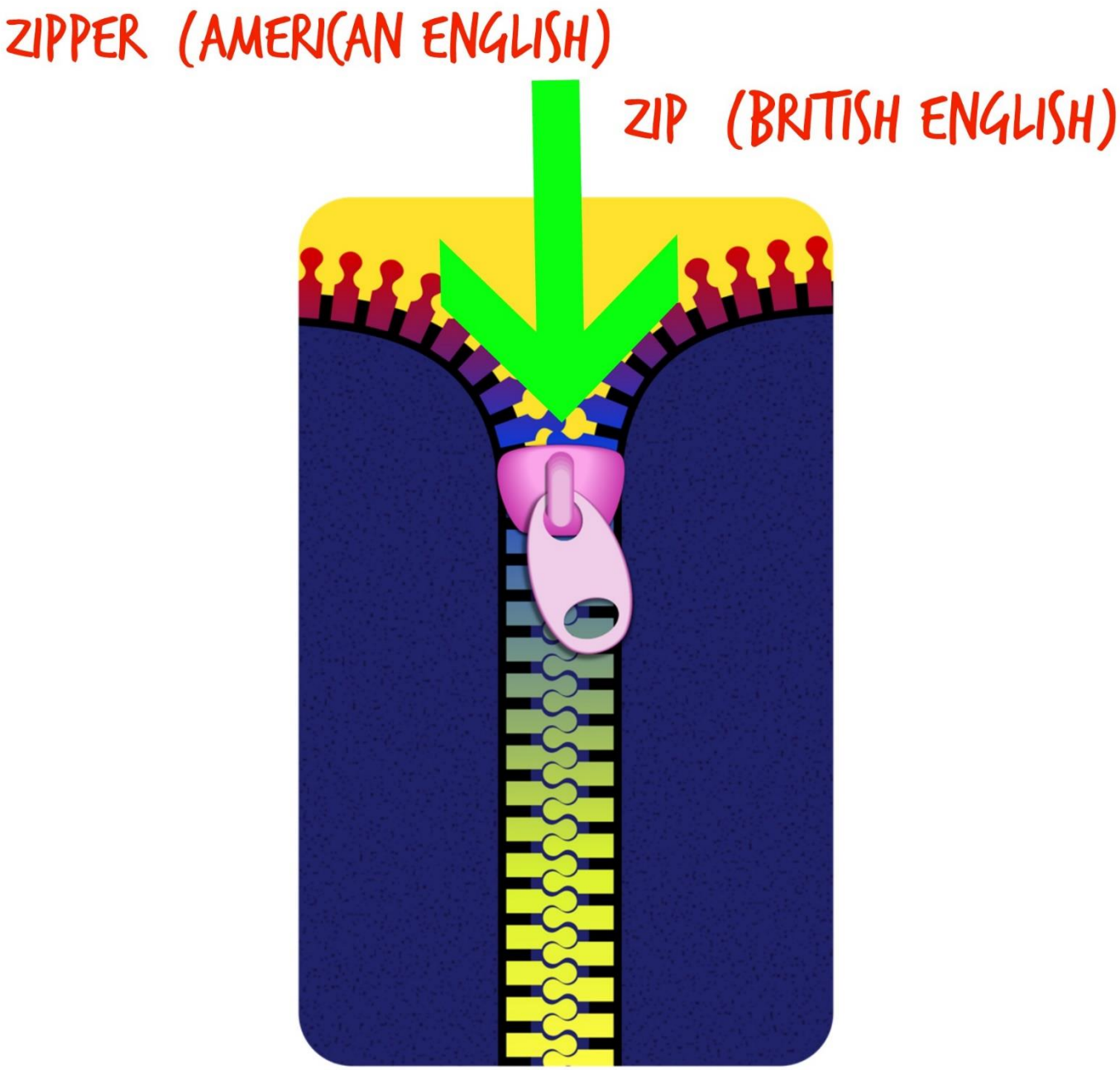
Could I please try this on?

I bought it without trying it on.

Type 2

to zip up

(to close with a zip/zipper)

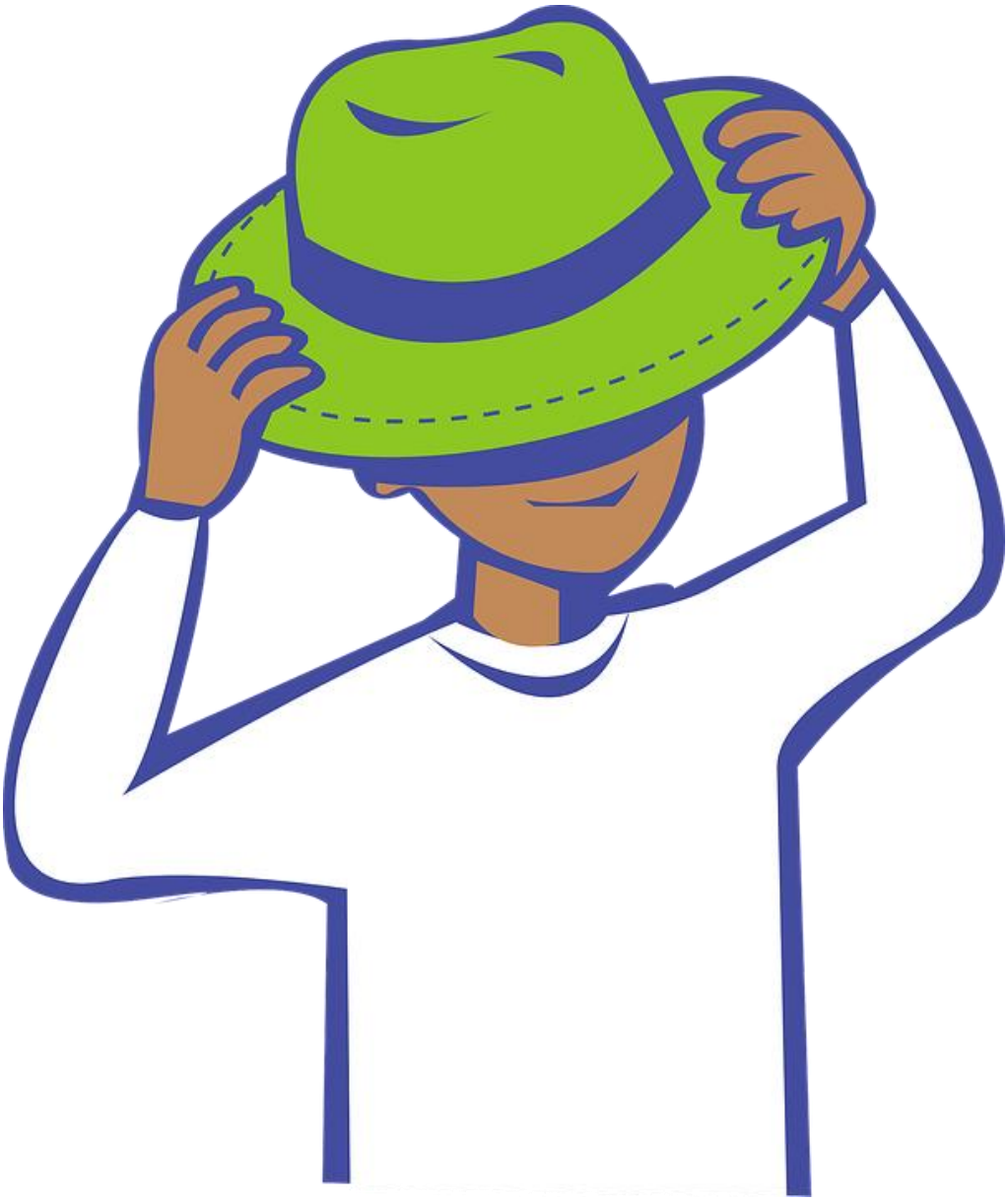


Could you help me zip up my coat?

Type 2

to put on

(to cover a part of your body with a piece of clothing so that you are wearing it)



He put on a green hat.

Type 2

to slip on

(to put on clothing easily and quickly)

She got home and slipped on a grey top.

Type 2

to throw on

(to put on clothing quickly and without caring about your appearance)

I was in a hurry so I threw on a coat and left the house.

TYPE 2

to take off

(to remove a piece of clothing)

He took off his white t-shirt.

Type 2

to hang up

(to hang clothing on a clothes hanger)

I hung up my clothes in the wardrobe.

TYPE 1

to wrap up

(to wear enough clothes to keep you warm)

She always wraps up in December.

Telephone

TYPE 1

to get through

(to be connected to a place by telephone)

I couldn't get through – the line was constantly busy.

Type 2

to put someone through

(to connect someone to the person they want to speak to on the telephone)

Please wait a moment while I put you through.

Type 4

to put someone through to someone

(to connect someone to the person they want to speak to on the telephone)

Could you please put me through to Mr Smith?

TYPE 1

to hang up

(to stop using a telephone at the end of a conversation)

Please don't hang up – I can explain.

Type 4

to hang up on someone

(to stop using a telephone while you are talking to someone)

I was so angry that I hung up on her.

Type 2

to call back

(to telephone someone again or to telephone someone who telephoned you earlier)

The baby is crying. I'll call you back in five minutes.

TYPE 1

to speak up

(to talk louder)

I'm sorry I can't hear you very well. Can you please speak up?

TYPE 1

to hold on

(to wait)

Please hold on a moment while I connect you.

Type 1

to break up

(when you can no longer hear the person who is speaking because of a bad connection)

I'm sorry I can't hear you. You're breaking up.

Type 1 & 2

to pick up

(to answer the telephone)

After the phone rang three times, she picked up.

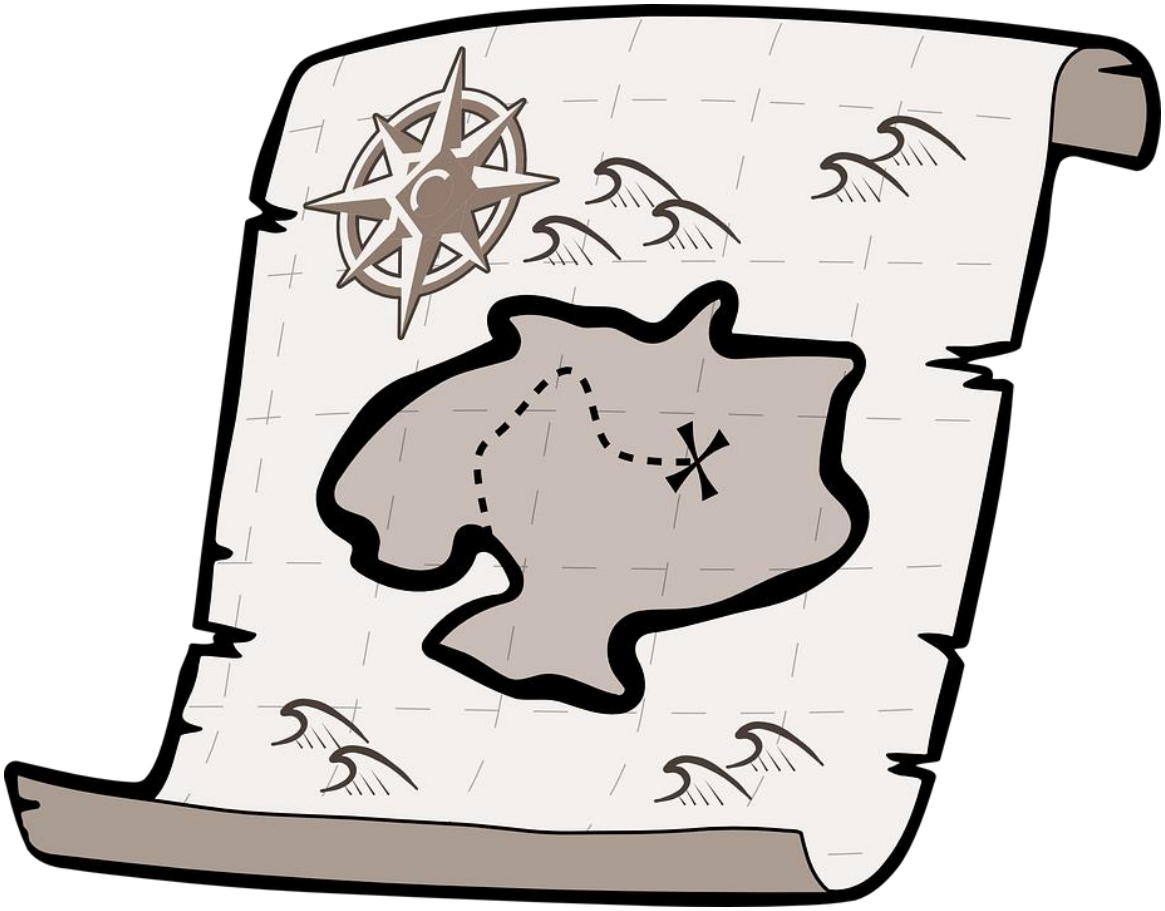
He picked up the phone straight away.

Driving

Type 3

to head to

(to go to a place)



We're heading to Los Angeles.

Do you want a ride?

TYPE 1

to pull over

(to move to the side of the road and stop)

A purple car pulled over and two men got out.

TYPE 1

to slow down

(to reduce speed and drive more slowly)

I slowed down when I left the motorway.

Type 1 & 2

to back up

(to reverse a car – to drive a car backwards)

I backed up very carefully.

He backed up the car slowly.

Type 1 & 2

to fill up

(to fill a car with gas/petrol)

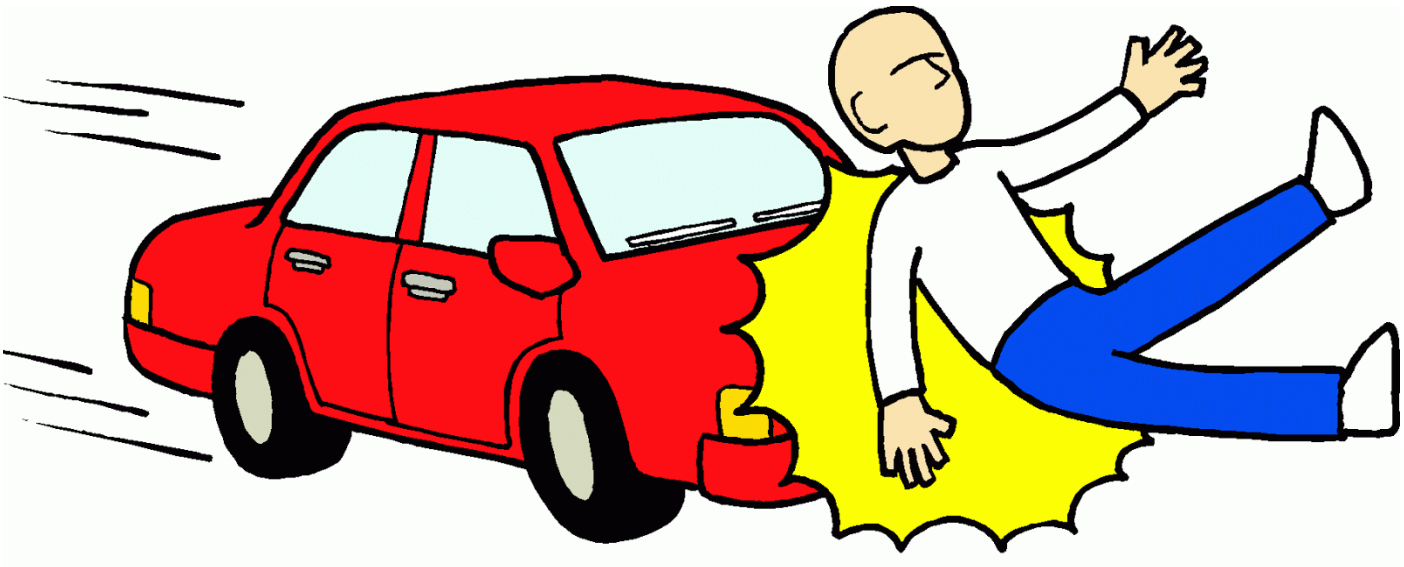
Let's stop soon – we need to fill up.

I filled up the car.

Type 2

to run over

(to hit a person or an animal with a vehicle)



I ran over a cat last year and I was really upset.

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about up over

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over back on

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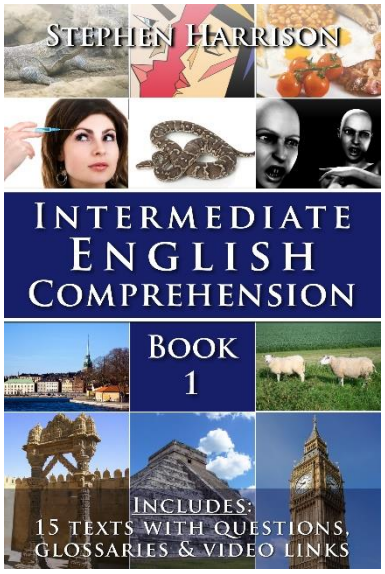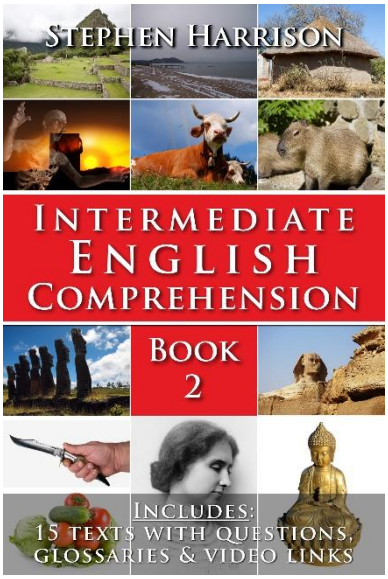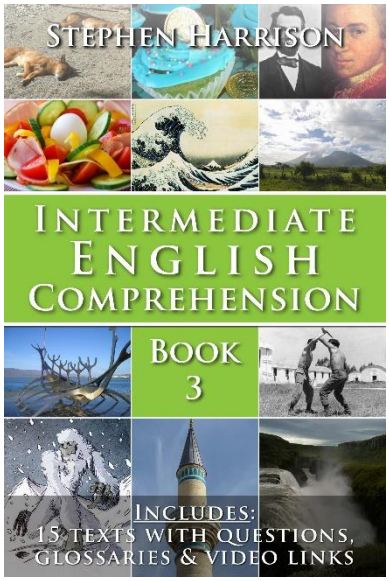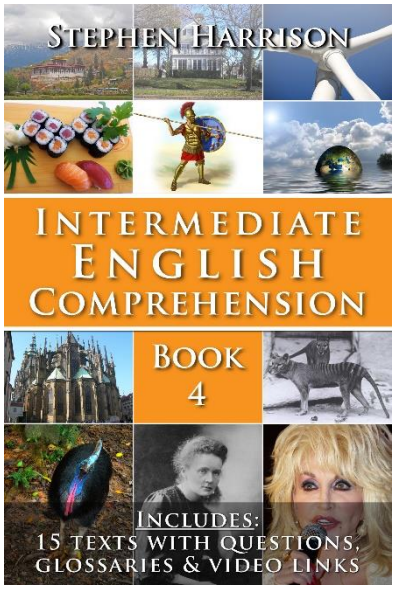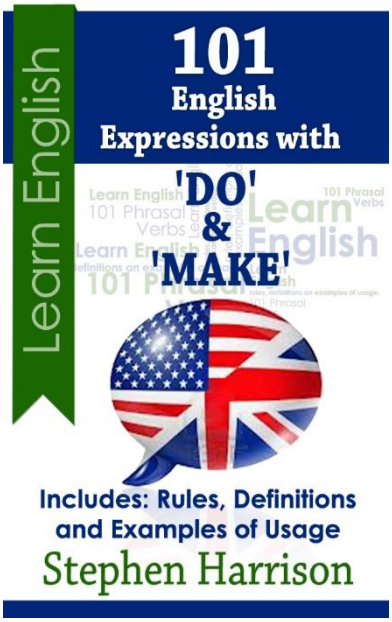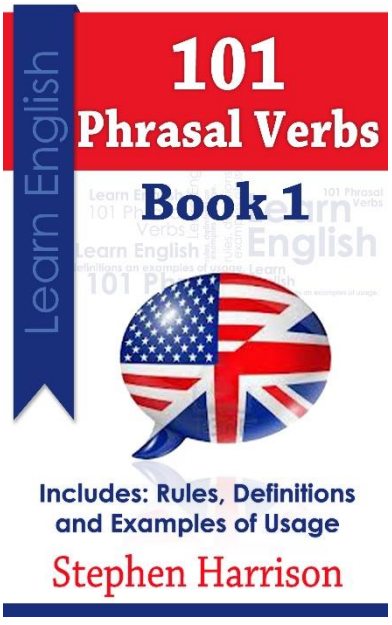
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