

4A Saying it with phrasal verbs

Aim

to practise using phrasal verbs from the unit

Activity type

a sentence creation game using phrasal verbs

Classroom dynamics

pairwork

Time taken

10 minutes

Preparation

You will need one copy of the activity sheet per pair, cut up into two sets of cards (white and grey).

Procedure

- 1 Divide the class into pairs and give each pair a set of cards placed face down in two piles on the desk. One pile contains the white phrasal verb cards, and the other pile the grey situation cards. Tell students they are going to play a game in which they will make sentences using the given phrasal verbs and situations.
- 2 Student A turns over a card from each pile, then has to make a correct sentence using both the phrasal verb and the situation.
- 3 Student B monitors that the phrasal verb and the situation are included in the sentence correctly. If so, Student A keeps the cards. If not, they are returned to the bottom of each pile and it is Student B's turn.
- 4 Play continues with students taking turns turning over cards and making sentences until the cards have all been used, or as time allows. At the end, the student with the most cards wins.

Adaptation and extension

To simplify this activity you could remove the situation cards, so that students focus only on the phrasal verbs, or use them as topic cards, so the actual words do not have to be included in the sentences.

Suggested answers

The football players need to warm up before the match.
When Gary was bored in class, he would often switch off and think about something different altogether.
The host plied us with local specialities during our stay and we must have gained at least five pounds each.
As much as I enjoy cooking, I'll often just rustle up some baked beans with eggs if I'm out of ideas.

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date back to	elaborate on	indulge in	lay on	mess up
pass on something	ply someone with	rustle something up	set someone back	stave off
stay over	switch off	tide someone over	warm up	work up

work	exam	class	a dream	football match
friend's house	festival	vacation	park	bus ride
university	restaurant	dancing	cooking	art gallery