

Phrasal Verbs: Relationships & Social Life

Intermediate (B1-B2)



WARM UP

Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

1. Do you find it easy to open up to people? Why or why not?
2. Have you ever fallen out with a close friend? What happened?
3. Who do you usually turn to when you need support?
4. Do you prefer hanging out in groups or one-to-one time?

READING ACTIVITY

Part 1. Read the following dialogue carefully.

Sam: I haven't seen Jake in ages. We used to **hang out** all the time.

Tara: What happened?

Sam: I think we just **drifted apart**. We both got busy with work. And honestly, I stopped **opening up** to him.

Tara: That happens. Have you tried **checking in** on him?

Sam: Not recently, but I probably should. I always used to **turn to** him when things got tough.

Tara: Why not message him? If you **fell out** over something, maybe it's time to **make up**.

Sam: True. We always **got along**, so maybe it's not too late.

Part 2. Answer the comprehension questions.

1. How did Sam and Jake's relationship change?
2. Why did they drift apart?
3. Has Sam contacted Jake recently?
4. What does Sam say about their past friendship?
5. What does Tara suggest?

DEFINITION MATCHING

Part 1. Match each phrasal verb to its correct definition. Can you guess any before looking at the options?

Get along

Open up

Fall out

Make up

Check in

Drift apart

Hang out

Turn to

1. _____ to argue and stop being friends
2. _____ to spend time socially
3. _____ to become emotionally distant over time
4. _____ to share personal thoughts or feelings
5. _____ to ask how someone is or offer support
6. _____ to have a good relationship
7. _____ to repair a broken relationship
8. _____ to go to someone for support or advice



COLLOCATION MATCHING

Part 1. Match the phrasal verbs with what they often collocate with.

Get along

Open up

Fall out

Make up

Check in

Drift apart

Hang out

Turn to

1. _____ about personal struggles
2. _____ over something small
3. _____ a friend / a parent
4. _____ on friends / on family
5. _____ with an old friend
6. _____ at the weekend / after work
7. _____ with people easily
8. _____ from somebody

SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

Part 1. Rewrite the following sentences using the target phrasal verbs so that the meaning stays the same.

1. I really enjoy spending time with my flatmates.
2. She stopped being close with her childhood friend.
3. He always asks his brother for help during hard times.
4. We argued about money and haven't spoken since.
5. I sent her a message to see how she was doing.
6. They argued last week but resolved things yesterday.
7. He's very reserved and doesn't share much.
8. I've always had a good relationship with my manager.

SENTENCE GAP-FILL

Part 1. Use the correct form of the phrasal verb in brackets to complete each sentence.

1. We _____ (get along) really well since the first day we met.
2. I _____ (fall out) with my cousin last year, but I still miss her.
3. They _____ (drift apart) ever since university ended.
4. She usually _____ (turn to) her sister when she's stressed.
5. I wish he _____ (open up) to me more – I want to help.
6. I _____ (check in) on him yesterday, just to see how he was.
7. They _____ (make up) after the misunderstanding.
8. We _____ (hang out) at the park when the rain started.

SPEAKING

Part 1. Talk about a friendship or social connection in your life. Use at least 5 of the target phrasal verbs.

Get along

Open up

Fall out

Make up

Check in

Drift apart

Hang out

Turn to

You can mention:

- How you met
- How your relationship changed over time
- Any conflicts or reconnections
- What you value most in your friendships

