



Teacher's guide

Phrasal Verbs: Communication & Conflict – Intermediate (B1-B2)

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Warm-up

Part 1. Students discuss the questions and activate previous knowledge of the phrasal verbs. Provide guidance if necessary.

Reading activity

Part 1. Students read the text, then answer the comprehension questions.

Answer Key:

1. Cut in
2. He backed down when presented with new data.
3. She supported his points with examples (backed him up).
4. She walked away from the heated debate.

Definition matching

Part 1. Students match each phrasal verb to its correct definition.

Answer key:

1. Cut in
2. Back down
3. Bring up
4. Back up
5. Open up
6. Clear up
7. Walk away
8. Speak up

Collocation matching

Part 1. Students match the phrasal verbs with what they often collocate with.

Answer key:

1. Back up
2. Clear up
3. Back down
4. Bring up
5. Walk away
6. Open up
7. Cut in
8. Speak up

Sentence transformation

Part 1. Students rewrite the sentences using the target phrasal verbs so that the meaning stays the same.

Suggested answers:

1. She **backed down** under pressure.
2. The data **backed up** her argument.
3. We need to **clear up** the confusion about the deadline.
4. I **walked away** from the argument.
5. I **spoke up** so everyone could hear me.
6. She **brought up** her recent promotion during the meeting.
7. He **opened up** about his worries.
8. He **cut in** during the discussion.

Sentence gap-fill

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

Answer key:

1. had brought up
2. have spoken up
3. opened up
4. will back up/backed up
5. cut in
6. back down
7. have cleared up
8. walked away

Speaking

Part 1. Students answer the questions using the target phrasal verbs.