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Phrasal Verbs – Introduction 1

Hi. I'm Marianne Raynaud. My goal is to help you improve your spoken English. So let's get started.

In this podcast we will be practicing phrasal verbs. Phrasal verbs are composed of a verb followed by one or two postpositions. Phrasal verbs often have the same meaning as more academic verbs with Latin or Greek roots. Learners of English tend to find verbs with Latin or Greek roots easier to remember, as they are similar to verbs in other Romance languages. But English speakers prefer phrasal verbs and use them frequently in colloquial, everyday language. So to perfect your knowledge of English you should learn to use some basic phrasal verbs properly.

Here is the first set. In this exercise we will give you the more academic verb followed by the equivalent phrasal verb and its postposition. Listen and repeat.

anticipate something with pleasure → **look forward to** something
 disappoint someone → **let** someone **down**
 search for information about something → **look up** something
 rise from bed in the morning → **get up**

Now I will give the academic verb, and you will give the phrasal verb and its postposition. Be sure to speak before I give the answer.

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In the next application exercise we ask you to change the sentence by substituting the equivalent phrasal verb and its postposition for the more formal verb. Listen to the examples.

*I say: We anticipate your party with pleasure.
 You say: We **look forward to** your party.
 I say: Their son disappointed them by failing the exam.
 You say: Their **son let** them **down** by failing the exam.*

Now you go on in the same way. Be sure to speak before I give the answer.

We anticipate your party with pleasure.	Their son disappointed them by failing the exam.
We look forward to your party.	Their son let them down by failing the exam.

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He searched for information about his favorite author.
 He looked up his favorite author.
 I rose from bed early in the morning.
 I got up early in the morning.

*Finally listen and repeat this short poem. (Here the syllables to stress are in **bold**.)*

I **really** look **forward** to **your** coming **around**
But for **heaven's** **sake** don't **let** me **down**
 I'll **go** and look **up** a **great** place to **eat**
 So **get** up **early**, and we'll **have** us a **treat**.

Now say this poem together with me.

I **really** look **forward** to **your** coming '**round**
But for **heaven's** **sake** don't **let** me **down**
 I'll **go** and **look** for a **great** place to **eat**
 So **get** up **early**, and we'll **have** us a **treat**.

That's the end of our podcast. For more oral practice try our other series [Your English](#) for a variety of exercises including a story entitled "Was It Love?" that contains all 140+ irregular verbs. You can also go to [5 Minute TOPs](#) for fun with song lyrics and quotes. Bye for now, thank you for listening and don't forget to keep smiling.