

# Phrasal verbs 7 up (1)

**go up / come up / walk up (to ...) = approach**

- A man came up to me in the street and asked me for money.

**catch up (with somebody), catch somebody up = move faster than somebody in front of you so that you reach them**

- I'm not ready to go yet. You go on and I'll catch up with you / I'll catch you up.

**keep up (with somebody) = continue at the same speed or level**

- You're walking too fast. I can't keep up (with you).
- You're doing well. Keep it up!

**set up an organisation, a company, a business, a system, a website etc. = start it**

- The government has set up a committee to investigate the problem.

**take up a hobby, a sport, an activity etc. = start doing it**

- Laura took up photography a few years ago. She takes really good pictures.

**fix up a meeting etc. = arrange it**

- We've fixed up a meeting for next Monday.

**grow up = become an adult**

- Sarah was born in Ireland but grew up in England.

**bring up a child = raise, look after a child**

- Her parents died when she was a child and she was brought up by her grandparents.

**clean up / clear up / tidy up something = make it clean, tidy etc.**

- Look at this mess! Who's going to tidy up? (or tidy it up)

**wash up = wash the plates, dishes etc. after a meal**

- I hate washing up. (or I hate doing the washing-up.)

**end up somewhere, end up doing something etc.**

- There was a fight in the street and three men ended up in hospital. (= that's what happened to these men in the end)
- I couldn't find a hotel and ended up sleeping on a bench at the station. (= that's what happened to me in the end)

**give up = stop trying, give something up = stop doing it**

- Don't give up. Keep trying!
- Sue got bored with her job and decided to give it up. (= stop doing it)

**make up something / be made up of something**

- Children under 16 make up half the population of the city. (= half the population are children under 16)
- Air is made up mainly of nitrogen and oxygen. (= Air consists of ...)

**take up space or time = use space or time**

- Most of the space in the room was taken up by a large table.

**turn up / show up = arrive, appear**

- We arranged to meet Dave last night, but he didn't turn up.

**use something up = use all of it so that nothing is left**

- I'm going to take a few more photographs. I want to use up the rest of the film.

143.1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use three words each time, including a verb from Section A.



A man ..... came up to ..... me in the street and asked me the way to the station.



Sue ..... the front door of the house and rang the doorbell.



Tom was a long way behind the other runners, but he managed to ..... them.



Tanya was running too fast for Paul. He couldn't ..... her.

143.2 Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form) + up:

~~end~~ end give give grow make take take turn use wash

- I couldn't find a hotel and ended up sleeping on a bench at the station.
- I'm feeling very tired now. I've ..... all my energy.
- After dinner I ..... and put the dishes away.
- People often ask children what they want to be when they .....
- We invited Tim to the party, but he didn't .....
- Two years ago Mark ..... his studies to be a professional footballer.
- A: Do you do any sports?  
B: Not at the moment, but I'm thinking of ..... tennis.
- You don't have enough determination. You ..... too easily.
- Karen travelled a lot for a few years and ..... in Canada, where she still lives.
- I do a lot of gardening. It ..... most of my free time.
- There are two universities in the city, and students ..... 20 per cent of the population.

143.3 Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs + up (with any other necessary words):

bring ~~catch~~ fix ~~give~~ go keep keep make set tidy

- Sue got bored with her job and decided to give it up .
- I'm not ready yet. You go on and I'll catch up with you.
- The room is in a mess. I'd better .....
- We expect to go away on holiday sometime in July, but we haven't ..... yet.
- Stephen is having problems at school. He can't ..... the rest of the class.
- Although I ..... in the country, I have always preferred cities.
- Our team started the game well, but we couldn't ....., and in the end we lost.
- I saw Mike at the party, so I ..... him and said hello.
- When I was on holiday, I joined a tour group. The group ..... two Americans, three Germans, five Italians and myself.
- Helen has her own internet website. A friend of hers helped her to .....