

Phrasal verbs 2 in/out

Compare in and out:

in = into a room, a building, a car etc.

- How did the thieves get in?
- Here's a key, so you can let yourself in.
- Sally walked up to the edge of the pool and dived in. (= into the water)
- I've got a new flat. I'm moving in on Friday.
- As soon as I got to the airport, I checked in.

In the same way you can say go in, come in, walk in, break in etc.

Compare in and into:

- I'm moving in next week.
- I'm moving into my new flat on Friday.

out = out of a room, building, a car etc.

- He just stood up and walked out.
- I had no key, so I was locked out.
- She swam up and down the pool, and then climbed out.
- Tim opened the window and looked out.
- (at a hotel) What time do we have to check out?

In the same way you can say go out, get out, move out, let somebody out etc.

Compare out and out of:

- He walked out.
- He walked out of the room.

Other verbs + in

drop in / call in = visit somebody for a short time without arranging to do this

- I dropped in to see Chris on my way home.

join in = take part in an activity that is already going on

- We're playing a game. Why don't you join in?

plug in an electrical machine = connect it to the electricity supply

- The fridge isn't working because you haven't plugged it in.

fill in a form, a questionnaire etc. = write the necessary information on a form

- Please fill in the application form and send it to us by 28 February.

You can also say fill out a form.

take somebody in = deceive somebody

- The man said he was a policeman and I believed him. I was completely taken in.



Other verbs + out

eat out = eat at a restaurant, not at home

- There wasn't anything to eat at home, so we decided to eat out.

drop out of college / university / a course / a race = stop before you have completely finished a course/race etc.

- Gary went to university but dropped out after a year.

get out of something that you arranged to do = avoid doing it

- I promised I'd go to the wedding. I don't want to go, but I can't get out of it now.

cut something out (of a newspaper etc.)

- There was a beautiful picture in the magazine, so I cut it out and kept it.

leave something out = omit it, not include it

- In the sentence 'She said that she was ill', you can leave out the word 'that'.

cross something out / rub something out

- Some of the names on the list had been crossed out.

Sarah cross out

138.1 Complete each sentence using a verb in the correct form.

- 1 Here's a key so that you can let yourself in.
- 2 Liz doesn't like cooking, so she out a lot.
- 3 Eve isn't living in this flat any more. She out a few weeks ago.
- 4 If you're in our part of town, you must in and see us.
- 5 When I in at the airport, I was told my flight would be delayed.
- 6 There were some advertisements in the paper that I wanted to keep, so I them out.
- 7 I wanted to iron some clothes, but there was nowhere to the iron in.
- 8 I hate in questionnaires.
- 9 Steve was upset because he'd been out of the team.
- 10 Be careful! The water's not very deep here, so don't in.
- 11 If you write in pencil and you make a mistake, you can it out.
- 12 Paul started doing a Spanish course, but he out after a few weeks.

138.2 Complete the sentences with in, into, out or out of.

- 1 I've got a new flat. I'm moving in on Friday.
- 2 We checked the hotel as soon as we arrived.
- 3 As soon as we arrived at the hotel, we checked
- 4 The car stopped and the driver got
- 5 Thieves broke the house while we were away.
- 6 Why did Sarah drop college? Did she fail her exams?

138.3 Complete each sentence using a verb + in or out (of).

- 1 Sally walked to the edge of the pool, dived in and swam to the other end.
- 2 Not all the runners finished the race. Three of them
- 3 I went to see Joe and Sue in their new house. They last week.
- 4 I've told you everything you need to know. I don't think I've anything.
- 5 Some people in the crowd started singing. Then a few more people and soon everybody was singing.
- 6 We go to restaurants a lot. We like
- 7 Don't be by him. If I were you, I wouldn't believe anything he says.
- 8 I to see Laura a few days ago. She was fine.
- 9 A: Can we meet tomorrow morning at ten?
B: Probably. I'm supposed to go to another meeting, but I think I can it.

138.4 Complete the sentences. Use the word in brackets in the correct form.

- 1 A: The fridge isn't working.
B: That's because you haven't plugged it in. (plug)
- 2 A: What do I have to do with these forms?
B: and send them to this address. (fill)
- 3 A: I've made a mistake on this form.
B: That's all right. Just and correct it. (cross)
- 4 A: Did you believe the story they told you?
B: Yes, I'm afraid they completely (take)
- 5 A: Have you been to that new club in Bridge Street?
B: We wanted to go there a few nights ago, but the doorman wouldn't because we weren't members. (let)