

Exploring Corpus Data to Analyze Phrasal Verbs

Task 1: Look at the four phrasal verbs below. Think of a brief definition for each one and write it in the chart. Also, think of a few words and phrases that could commonly come after this phrasal verb in a sentence.

Phrasal Verb	Definition	Words or Phrases that Follow It
End Up	Finish something	That,
Show Up	Revel/Show something	to
Figure Out	Find or solve something	The mystery, the clue, the business

Task 2: Go back to the blog and open the link for each phrasal verb. Analyze the different ways they are used in context and answer the questions below.

End Up: Look at the phrases that commonly follow End Up in a sentence.

- What are some common verbs that follow it?
 - Accepting
 - Accusing
 - Being
 - Buried
 - Broken
 - Doing
- What structure is the verb in?
 - Progressive tense
- Look for examples of prepositions that follow End Up. Read the words that come after the preposition. Now write your own original sentences using the phrases below.
 - All old books from the library “**end up in**” ... the back storage.

- All life “**end up with**” ... dead.
- Her socks always “**end up on**” ... her bed instead of the hamper.

Show Up: Look at the prepositions that commonly follow Show Up in a sentence. Read the examples then create your own unique example for each of the patterns below.

- What can we “show up with”?
 - We can show up with a couple of drinks
- What can we “show up to”?
 - We showed up to the part 30 minutes late.
- What can we “show up at”?
 - Are you going to show up at the wrong time again?
- What can we “show up for”?
 - Don’t forget to show up for grandma’s brunch?

Figure Out: Look at how figure out is used in the different sentences.

- What question words can follow figure out?
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