

ON THE MOVE

10 Phrasal Verbs for Travel & Transport · B1+ General English

Exercise 1 Match the phrasal verb to its meaning

Write the correct letter (a–j) next to each phrasal verb.

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| ___ 1. drop (someone) off | a. to break a long journey with a short stay before continuing |
| ___ 2. pick (someone) up | b. to get on or off a vehicle quickly and easily |
| ___ 3. see (someone) off | c. to take someone somewhere in a vehicle and leave them there |
| ___ 4. hop on/off | d. to go with someone to the airport or station to say goodbye before they leave |
| ___ 5. stay on | e. to register your arrival at a hotel or airport |
| ___ 6. get away | f. to manage to leave your usual routine and go away for a while |
| ___ 7. stop over | g. to collect someone in a vehicle |
| ___ 8. hold up | h. to delay someone or something |
| ___ 9. check in | i. to officially leave a hotel after paying the bill |
| ___ 10. check out | j. to remain on a vehicle instead of getting off |

Exercise 2 Complete the sentences

Use a phrasal verb from the box in the correct form. Some need two blanks.

pick up · check in · hold up · hop on/off · check out · get away · see off · stop over · drop off · stay on

1. Could you _____ me _____ at the station at 7 a.m.? My train leaves early.
2. The taxi is going to _____ us _____ right outside the hotel entrance.
3. All my friends came to the airport to _____ me _____ before my flight to Canada.
4. You don't need to buy a ticket in advance — you can simply _____ the bus and pay the driver.
5. Don't get off at this stop — we need to _____ until the next one.
6. After months of hard work, it felt amazing to finally _____ for a few days.
7. Instead of a direct flight, we decided to _____ in Istanbul for two nights.
8. Heavy traffic on the motorway _____ us _____ for almost an hour.
9. We can't get into our room until 3 p.m., but we can _____ our bags at reception now.
10. Remember to _____ before midday, or the hotel might charge us extra.

Exercise 3 Complete the story

Fill each gap with the correct form of one of the ten phrasal verbs.

Last Friday, my sister decided to (1)_____ for the weekend after a stressful month at work. Her boyfriend offered to (2)_____ her _____ at the station at 6 a.m. so that she wouldn't miss the early train. Because it was a long journey, she planned to (3)_____ in Vienna for a few hours before continuing to Prague. Two of her friends came to (4)_____ her _____ at the platform, waving until the train pulled away. Unfortunately, engineering works further along the line (5) _____ the train _____ for almost 40 minutes. When it finally moved again, she decided to (6) _____ all the way to the final stop instead of changing halfway. In Vienna, while she waited for her connection, she watched local commuters (7)_____ the trams at every stop without even buying a ticket. By the time she reached her hotel in Prague, she was exhausted, but she still had to (8)_____ at reception and show her passport before going up to her room. Two days later, she had to (9) _____ by 11 a.m., so she got up early to pack. Her friend Marek was waiting outside with his car to (10)_____ her _____ at the airport.

Exercise 4 Over to you

Answer in full sentences, or discuss with a partner. Each question uses one phrasal verb.

1. Who was the last person you dropped off somewhere in a car?
2. Who usually picks you up when you need a lift somewhere?
3. Have you ever gone to the airport or station just to see someone off? Who was it?
4. Which form of transport do you hop on and off most often — buses, trams, or trains?
5. Have you ever accidentally stayed on a bus or train past your stop? What happened?
6. Where would you love to get away to for a weekend, and who would you take with you?
7. If you were flying somewhere far away, would you rather fly directly or stop over on the way? Why?
8. Has your journey ever been held up by traffic, weather, or a delay? What happened?
9. What's the earliest you've ever had to check in for a flight?
10. What time do you normally check out of a hotel when you're on holiday?



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Answer Key

Exercise 1 — Matching

1-c 2-g 3-d 4-b 5-j 6-f 7-a 8-h 9-e 10-i

Exercise 2 — Sentences

1 pick...up 2 drop...off 3 see...off 4 hop on 5 stay on 6 get away 7 stop over
8 held...up 9 check in 10 check out

Exercise 3 — Story

1 get away 2 pick...up 3 stop over 4 see...off 5 held...up 6 stay on 7 hop
on/off 8 check in 9 check out 10 drop...off

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