

Phrasal verbs 6 up/down

A

Compare **up** and **down**:**put** something **up** (on a wall etc.)

- I **put** a picture **up** on the wall.

pick something **up**

- There was a letter on the floor. I **picked it up** and looked at it.

stand up

- Alan **stood up** and walked out.

turn something **up**

- I can't hear the TV. Can you **turn it up** a bit?

**take** something **down** (from a wall etc.)

- I didn't like the picture, so I **took it down**.

put something **down**

- I stopped writing and **put down** my pen.

sit down / bend down / lie down

- I **bent down** to tie my shoelace.

turn something **down**

- The oven is too hot. **Turn it down** to 150 degrees.



B

Knock down, cut down etc.**knock down** a building, **blow** something **down**, **cut** something **down** etc.

- Some old houses were **knocked down** to make way for the new shopping centre.
- Why did you **cut down** the tree in your garden?

be **knocked down** (by a car etc.)

- A man was **knocked down** by a car and taken to hospital.

burn down = *be destroyed by fire*

- They were able to put out the fire before the house **burnt down**.

C

Down = getting less**slow down** = *go more slowly*

- You're driving too fast. **Slow down**.

calm (somebody) **down** = *become calmer, make somebody calmer*

- Calm down**. There's no point in getting angry.

cut down (on something) = *eat, drink or do something less often*

- I'm trying to **cut down on** coffee. I drink too much of it.

D

Other verbs + **down****break down** = *stop working (for machines, cars, relationships etc.)*

- The car **broke down** and I had to phone for help.
- Their marriage **broke down** after only a few months.

close down / shut down = *stop doing business*

- There used to be a shop at the end of the street; it **closed down** a few years ago.

let somebody **down** = *disappoint them because you didn't do what they hoped*

- You can always rely on Paul. He'll never **let you down**.

turn somebody/something **down** = *refuse an application, an offer etc.*

- I applied for several jobs, but I was **turned down** for all of them.
- Rachel was offered the job, but she decided to **turn it down**.

write something **down** = *write something on paper because you may need the information later*

- I can't remember Tim's address. I **wrote it down**, but I can't find it.

142.1 For each picture, complete the sentences using a verb + **up** or **down**. In most sentences you will need other words as well.



- 1 There used to be a tree next to the house, but we cut it down.
- 2 There used to be some shelves on the wall, but I
- 3 The ceiling was so low, he couldn't straight.
- 4 She couldn't hear the radio very well, so she
- 5 While they were waiting for the bus, they on the ground.
- 6 A few trees in the storm last week.
- 7 We've got some new curtains, but we haven't yet.
- 8 Lisa dropped her keys, so she and

142.2 Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form) + **down**:

calm let take turn turn write

- 1 I don't like this picture on the wall. I'm going to take it down.
- 2 The music is too loud. Can you
- 3 David was very angry. I tried to
- 4 Sarah gave me her phone number. I on a piece of paper.
- 5 I promised I would help Anna. I don't want to
- 6 I was offered the job, but I decided I didn't want it. So I

142.3 Complete each sentence using a verb (in the correct form) + **down**.

- 1 I stopped writing and put down my pen.
- 2 I was really angry. It took me a long time to
- 3 The train as it approached the station.
- 4 Sarah applied to study medicine at university, but she
- 5 Our car is very reliable. It has never
- 6 I need to spend less money. I'm going to on things I don't really need.
- 7 I didn't play very well. I felt that I had the other players in the team.
- 8 The shop because it was losing money.
- 9 This is a very ugly building. Many people would like it to
- 10 I can't understand why you the chance of working abroad for a year. It would have been a great experience for you.
- 11 A: Did you see the accident? What happened exactly?
B: A man by a car as he was crossing the road.
- 12 Peter got married when he was 20, but unfortunately the marriage a few years later.