

PHRASAL VERBS WITH “PUT”

Putting up with Casual English:

I have to **put up** with a lot at my job. I get a little hot under the collar when my boss **puts me down**, but also, because I’m a firefighter, I have to actually **put out** fires which is really hot work. I’ve **put in** almost 30 years at the fire department, and I’m just about ready to retire. Believe me, during that time, I’ve **put on** a few pounds, but luckily, I’m still able to **put on** my suit.

And I don’t have it much better at home. Just last month, my brother-in-law showed up with his whole family and expected us to **put them up**. The least they could have done is to **put away** their dishes after eating our food. To be honest, I **was** a little **put out** with them. And it wasn’t a good time for a visit either. Just two days before that, my wife and I had had to **put our cat down**. It was getting so old and sick that we couldn’t **put it off** any longer. Anyway, after two weeks, I couldn’t **put up with** my brother-in-law any longer. So I **put him out of** our house.

But even though I sometimes feel **put upon**, I’m thankful to have a loving family and a stable job, and I’ve been able to **put some money aside** for retirement.

Definitions

to put aside: Keep or save something for later

to put away: Return something to its usual place

to put down (a person): Insult, humiliate, criticize

to put down (and animal): Kill an animal if it is old or ill (usually done by a veterinarian)

to put in: Invest time or effort

to put (something) off: Delay, postpone

to put on (clothes): Get dressed, start wearing

to put on (weight): Gain weight

to put (someone/something) out of: Remove from (a place, one’s mind, etc.)

to put (something) out: Stop from burning, extinguish

to be put out: be upset or irritated

to put (someone) up: Allow someone to stay for a short time

to put up with (something or someone): Tolerate someone or something unpleasant or annoying

to be put upon: Be exploited by someone who takes advantage of your wish to be helpful

And there are many more! Explore at <https://onlineteachersuk.com/phrasal-verbs-put/>

Now you try! (use “put on”, “put up with”, “put out”, “put off”, and “put away”)

1. Mary was really put _____ when Sam used up all the toilet paper and forgot to buy more.
2. I’m tired of telling my kids to put _____ their toys after they’re done playing!
3. Remember to put _____ your pants before your shoes!
4. I never do today what I can put _____ until tomorrow.
5. Mary is starting to get really tired of putting _____ Sam’s bad habits.