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**Transcript | Lesson 21**

Good morning. I am Brooks Gillespie, once again, your phrasal verbs guru, spending a little time with you explaining a few phrasal verbs and it's a beautiful June morning here in Omaha, Nebraska. I'm sitting on my porch enjoying the chorus, the music of the birds waking up. It's kind of early in the morning here so let's get right to it.

Now, today we are discussing three phrasal verbs: 'Cope with', 'set aside' and 'went over'.

Now we're going to start with 'cope with'. And to cope with something means to deal or to handle something very well, very effectively, something especially that is difficult or challenging. And I am here to help you cope with your challenge of learning phrasal verbs. I'm hoping that these lessons will help you cope with phrasal verbs more effectively.

Now I have three different examples here for you. The first is:

***My mother seems to be the only person that can cope with my difficult personality.***

So, I'm a person who is kind of a challenge, maybe I can be demanding, maybe I can be kind of cranky and many people have a hard time getting along with me. People have a hard time dealing with me, putting up with me. But my Mom is the only person who can really handle me well, she can cope with me better than anybody else can.

***Jack had spent so many years in prison that he had a lot of difficulty coping with life on the outside when he finally got out.***

So Jack is somebody that was in prison, he had a set routine. He didn't have his freedom but his life was very predictable, very basic. And when he got out of prison, he had difficulty returning to normal,

returning to a place of being independent, having to make decisions. He is out of prison now and he is having to make many decisions he didn't have to make before. And he is having difficulty coping with it. He's having a hard time coping with his new life on the outside.

***My daughter had a hard time coping with her busy schedule and as a result, her grades went south.***

To 'go south' means to go bad. Her grades went bad. Because in this sentence, my daughter is very busy. Maybe she plays volleyball, maybe she's in choir, and so there are lots of demands on her time. And sometimes, when people get really busy, they have a hard time coping with all of those responsibilities, all of those commitments. And that's what happened with my daughter in this sentence.

Now, the second phrasal verb in our presentation today is 'set aside'. Now 'set aside' is one of those phrasal verbs that can have a number of different, different meanings. But, you know, to set something is to put something down but aside means over to the side. So you're taking something, you're setting it aside. So kind of visualize that. Putting something to the side, and that might be a good way of remembering the different ways we use this verb. Now, the first type, the first example of 'set aside' is a situation where you were taking some time and setting it aside for a specific purpose. We're taking time and we're going to use it for something. And my example here is:

***If you want to get in shape, it's important to set aside time to exercise on a regular basis.***

And to be in shape is to be fit, you know muscles, you know, not too overweight. If you want to achieve that objective, you need to set aside some time. You need to look at your schedule and go okay, an hour here, I'm going to put an hour over here for my exercise.

Another way we use 'set aside' is when we are taking something from a large amount and putting it over here for later use. Especially with money. You know, you have a certain amount of money and you need money for a specific purpose. So you're going to take the money and put it over here and save it for later. My sentence is:

***I'm setting aside a little bit of money every month because I'm hoping to save enough to take a trip to France.***

So, in this case you, you know, going to France, going on an International trip is expensive and you're going to need a lot of money so you think ahead and every month you take a little bit of money and you put it aside; you set it aside so that it accumulates over time. After maybe after 12 months or 24 months, instead of just a couple hundred dollars it will turn into a few thousand dollars.

Now, the third type of setting aside has to do more with taking your feelings or your emotions, you know the way you feel about something or think about something and setting that aside so that you can be rational, objective, unbiased. And my example in this case is:

***When two parents get divorced, it's important that they set aside any personal animosity they have for each other to try to work together in the best interest of their children.***

So, you know often times in a divorce, the husband and the wife, they are angry, unhappy with each other. But if there's children, they need to both work together, cooperate, to do the right thing for the children. So those ugly feelings that they have in their inside, they need to set that aside, take this ugliness and set that aside so that they can be calm and rational and make good decisions on behalf of their kids.

And our third and final phrasal verb for the day is to 'win over' to 'win over'. Of course, to win is to be victorious, to have success. To 'win over' has to do with gaining the support of another person. Someone's

approval, especially someone that opposed you before. This person doesn't like you, doesn't believe in you, doesn't support you, and to win them over, you are trying to convince them that they should like you. They should trust you. We're trying to get this person that doesn't like us or doesn't trust us, we're going to win them over. We're going to bring them over here. They didn't like us before, but they like us now.

***He won me over right off the bat with his charming smile and gracious manners.***

In this case, he is somebody that I'm meeting for the first time. And he won me over to his side right away. 'Right off the bat' means immediately, right away. This person who is very charming, very kind, very sweet, smiled a lot, he won me over right away. That means I liked him from the beginning because he was so nice. So, so appealing.

***Good luck trying to sell the vacuum cleaner to my mother-in-law. She's one tough cookie and it's not too easy to win her over.***

A 'tough cookie' is just a difficult person. So in this case, I have a mother-in-law who is just kind of hard to convince of things. She's very skeptical and I'm wishing this person good luck. Good luck trying to win her over in your effort to sell her that vacuum cleaner because she's going to have all kinds of reasons in her head why she doesn't want to buy it from you and you're going to need a lot of good luck to win her over. And listen to your sales pitch, listen to your presentation to be convinced. She's not going to be easy to convince, she's not going to be easy to win over.

And my final sentence for this demonstration is:

***Saint Patrick won over many Pagans to Christianity on his missionary journey to Ireland.***

That's what Saint Patrick is famous for - bringing Christianity to Ireland. He travelled over there and he preached, he made his, he made his presentation, he spoke his mind and he was able to win over many people, he was able to convince many people to believe his message to find him credible and trustworthy.

Those are our three verbs for the day and one thing that I always find kind of fun to do is to take all the phrasal verbs in one lesson and try to put them into one sentence. And so I'm going to try to combine them all just for the fun of it.

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And see how I did that? I used all three of those phrasal verbs in one kind of long sentence. So that's it for today, once again it's been a pleasure to chat with all of you. Have a wonderful day and happy learning!