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Hi, my name is Holden Harris and I live in Louisiana, which is in the Southern portion of the United States. If you've ever looked at a United States map, you'll see at the very bottom, there's a state which is in the shape of a boot. And if you've ever heard of Texas – it's just to the right of Texas. That's where I live. And I recommend if you ever come to the United States – check it out. It's a great place; a lot of great southern culture.

Now today we're going to talk about three phrasal verbs you can use and these are 'strike off', 'blow away' and 'ask out'. So I'm going to go through each of these individually and I'm going to give you some definitions of them and I'm going to give you some example sentences so that you can see how they can be used and you can apply them to whatever situation you have in your life.

Okay, so let's talk about the first one which is 'strike off'. So 'strike off' has three different definitions. The first is to remove somebody or something's name from something. Okay, so listen to this sentence:

***I struck Katie's name off the party guest list because she said she would not be able to attend.***

So, imagine a situation where I'm going to have a party and sometimes when people have a party they have a list of names of people who are going to attend or people who have received an invitation to this party. Okay, so I invite many, many people and I have one person named Katie. But Katie calls me and says 'Hey, I cannot attend your party, I'm sorry, I have something to do.' And so I take a pen and I make a mark over her name. I scratch her off, or I strike her off. So, again, this definition is to

remove somebody or something's name from something. In this case, it's a list – my party guest list.

Okay, so the second definition I have for 'strike off' is to go in a particular direction in a way that shows energy or determination. Okay, so there is some movement involved in this. And the example sentence I have for this is:

***They struck off, across the ocean in their sailboat; without supplies.***

Okay, so imagine that we have some sailors who are in a sailboat and they're going to travel across the ocean. So when they strike off, they're just beginning to go. They're going to sail across the ocean. So I'm talking about the beginning of their travel. It could also be, 'strike off' in this case like a departure. The beginning of an adventure. Okay, so these sailors are striking off.

The third definition I have for you is to remove something with a sharp blow or to cut something off. Okay and this is pretty simple. An example that I have for you is:

***Jason struck off the dead branches with an axe.***

Okay, you can even see this tree right here next to me and it actually has some branches that are kind of dying and eventually what I'll do is maybe I'll cut them off, I'll strike them off. And that's exactly what happens in this example sentence. Jason has maybe a dead tree or a bush with some dead branches and he's going to strike them off somehow. With an axe, maybe some clippers but he's going to cut them off. Okay so those are the three definitions of 'strike off'. Again, they are to remove somebody or something's name from something, to go in a particular direction in a way that shows energy or determination and the third, to remove something with a sharp blow or to cut something off.

Okay so let's move on to our second phrasal verb, which is 'blow away'. So 'blow away' has many definitions. I'm going to go over three of them

and you know, the first one that I'm going to talk about is a little bit grim so just bear with me but it's very common to say that 'blow away' means to kill. So, like I said, kind of dark, kind of grim, but listen to this sentence. It says:

***The criminal took out his gun and blew the police officer away.***

Okay so here, it's pretty basic. We have a criminal, he takes out his gun, he shoots a police officer and kills him. Okay, so any kind of violence like that where someone kills another person, you can say that they blow them away, especially with a gun because with a gun, there's usually a 'bang!' sound and you know, it's just kind of like, it's very, almost as if someone is hit by the wind when they fall to the ground. So it's kind of like, blowing away, which, we'll get to that in our third definition. But, so, yeah to kill, it can mean that.

The second definition I have for you is to beat rivals or competitors by a large margin. So this is something that I came into contact with, playing soccer here in the example sentence I have for you:

***The enemy team completely blew us away during the soccer match.***

Okay, so in this case we have a soccer match where, let's say that I'm playing against an enemy team and the enemy team completely just beats us so badly. Maybe they score 24 points and we score 0. That is being blown away. Like they just completely dominate us. They beat us so badly. So you can be blown away in sports especially or other different kinds of competitions that you have. That's being blown away.

And another one that's really common is 'blow away' can also mean to impress greatly. Okay, you do something, or someone else does something that impresses you, like you could just feel blown away. Again, think of it as just being like hit by the wind. Wow, you know, the wind hit me and I'm just blown away, which there's another definition that you can

also, we won't talk about that today, but you know, the wind can blow things away. But the example that I have for you here:

***Trey's maths skills blew us away. He's a genius.***

Okay, so let's say that I have a friend named Trey and he is just so good at math. Like he can calculate anything in his mind. Stuff that I could never calculate. Like I just think 'wow, how does he do this. This is so crazy - amazing. You know his skill level is so amazing. You know, I just feel blown away, okay. So I'm impressed and that is another way that 'blow away' can be used.

So let's look at the three definitions. Again, blow away can mean to kill, kind of depressing, it can also mean to beat rivals or competitors by a large margin, to significantly stomp against, so to speak, the enemy team. You know, have a high score and they have a low score. Or it can also mean to impress greatly. To do something that is just so unexpected, so amazing; so that's 'blow away'.

So let's get on to our last phrasal verb, which is 'ask out', okay. Now 'ask out' is, it's pretty basic because there's only one definition for this while the other two I talked to you about, they have multiple definitions. This really only has one definition, only one way that you can use it. And the definition is to ask someone to be your girlfriend or boyfriend or to invite someone for a date because you want to start a romantic or sexual relationship with them. So basically, it's, you know, immediately trying to ask someone to have a relationship or trying to do something to create a relationship with them. So you'll see in these examples that I'm going to give you.

So the most basic one that I can think of is, here's an example sentence:

***I asked Jamie out yesterday.***

I asked Jamie out yesterday. So this simply means that I asked Jamie to be my girlfriend. So in real life, what I would do is, maybe I'd go to a girl

named Jamie and I say 'hey Jamie, will you go out with me?'. That's how, you know, we would say it. Or in other terms, 'Jamie, would you be my girlfriend?' So you're trying to start a relationship with her, okay, so again that falls under the definition to ask someone to be your girlfriend or boyfriend. So I think during junior high, middle school and high school, that's kind of the terms that people use. Like they go to someone and say 'hey, will you go out with me'. That's asking someone out, asking them to be your girlfriend or boyfriend.

Okay, another example sentence I have for you with the same definition is:

***Jerel is looking for a girlfriend but he is afraid to ask anyone out.***

Okay, so it's the same thing. Jerel wants a girlfriend but he's just, he's too scared. He doesn't have the confidence, maybe he's a little bit shy, to ask someone to be his girlfriend so he doesn't do it. He's just too afraid to ask someone out. So he steps away from that, he doesn't do it. Okay, but also, now in this situation, this is more how you would say, talking about a date. Okay, so remember 'ask out' can mean to ask someone to be your boyfriend or girlfriend, but also, to invite someone for a date because you want to start a romantic relationship with them. So again, you could be asking them, you know, directly or you could just be trying to, trying to get, you know, go in that direction of becoming a girlfriend or boyfriend. So here's one:

***I'm excited. Alan asked me out on a date to the movies today.***

Okay so pretend that a girl, you know, is excited because a boy named Alan said 'hey, will you go to the movies with me today? Will you go on a date with me?' So that is asking them out. You're asking them to go out with you, somewhere. Okay, in plain speaking.

So, again, 'ask out' is to ask someone to be your girlfriend or boyfriend or to invite someone for a date because you want to start a romantic or

sexual relationship with them. Okay, so those are the three phrasal verbs I wanted to talk to you about today. Again, 'strike off' which has multiple definitions. Basically meaning, maybe you have a piece of paper, you remove someone's name from something or if you're going on an adventure, you strike off in that direction, to go on an adventure. Or also if you remove something like cutting it off, like this tree right here. Also, remember 'blow away' was to mean to kill – bang. Or to beat someone in a soccer game or basketball by a very, very large margin. Or also to just impress someone greatly. Maybe I make a hundred on my test. And then the last one we just talked about, which I won't go into depth on but is 'ask out'. To ask someone to be your girlfriend or to ask them out on a date. Okay, to start a relationship with someone. So those are the three phrasal verbs I wanted to talk to you about. I hope that you were able to learn something. It's been my pleasure to try to teach you and you know, I will see you later.