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Hello everybody, it's me again, Brooks Gillespie, your phrasal verb savant. Here to teach you three more phrasal verbs and today I'm having to film inside because it's November now and the days are really short. I really prefer to make videos outdoors, but I don't have a whole lot of daylight to work with. I work during the day, when the sun is shining and by the time I get home it's already dark. So, I'm having to film inside today. So, I hope you will bear with me. Our verbs this week are break away, call back and put out. So, starting with break away. Of course, the verb break means to break something. To break something away, you're breaking it and you're pulling it away from the original thing. So, that's kind of an image to keep in your head as we're discussing the various meanings of break away. The first one is to escape from a person, place, or situation.

Hopefully, I can break away from work for a few hours this afternoon and take a stroll in the park.

So, in this case I'm at work and I want to break away from work, I want to leave work, escape from work. Another definition for break away is to leave a political party or group, especially to start another one. We just had an election in this country and California is more liberal than the rest of the country. So, Hillary Clinton did much better in California than just about anywhere else in the country. And my sentence for this definition is:

California is so much more liberal than the rest of the country that some people joke that the state should break away from the rest of the country.

That's not literally going to happen, but some people have made the joke that California should do that. It's part of the United States, but it is so much more liberal than the rest that some people say it should break away and it could be their own country. A third definition for break away is to become separated from something. And this is the most literal definition of all. I'm going to use the word boulder in the next sentence, and boulder is a very large rock.

The boulder broke away from the mountain and crashed down into the valley below.

So, there's a mountain and there's a big rock on the mountain and over time, or because of the forces of gravity or nature it broke away and crashed into the valley below. Now, our second phrasal verb is call back. And to call is to use your voice to grab somebody's attention. But in this modern age to call is often the verb we use for making a phone call. The first definition is: Call back is to communicate the need for someone to return from one situation or location to a previous one. We're going to call that person from that situation back to where they were before. First sentence:

After two weeks of trying to take care of my kids on my own, I called the nanny back who had been taking care of them.

So, taking care of kids is a lot of work and a nanny is somebody who takes care of children. So, I had a nanny before, I tried taking care of the kids, it was a lot harder than I anticipated, and I called the nanny back. I wanted her to come back home and help me again with caring for the children. Second definition for call back: to return a telephone

call from someone who called previously. So, I'm on the phone, I'm talking to my friend Cindy, and I say:

Cindy, my baby is screaming, so I'm going to have to call you back a little bit later.

So, we're talking now, I have to stop talking because my baby is demanding my attention. So, I will call her back later, I will give her another telephone call when the baby is calmed down. And my third and final definition for call back: To recall a defective product for repair or refund. And this happens a lot with cars. They may call back a certain model when they discover that something is defective. My sentence here is:

Honda had to call back all of the Accords built between 2006 and 2009 because of a defective airbag.

So, Honda discovered that they had a problem with these airbags, and they had to call back all of those Honda Accords they had made during that period of time. And it's not uncommon, this happened to me. I have a Honda Accord and I got a notice in the mail too long ago that I have a problem with my airbag. So, they're calling it back and they will repair it for free. And our final phrasal verb of the day is to put out. And put out has a number of definitions. And they're all very straightforward, at least the ones that I came up with. The first one is to extinguish.

I put out a fire by throwing a bucket of water on it.

So, the fire is raging, and I throw a bucket of water on it and the water puts out, extinguishes, puts out the fire. To put out can also mean to

expel. You know, you take something, and you put it out of where you are right now.

They had to put me out of the bar because I got too drunk.

So, I'm at the bar, I'm drinking, I get out of control, and they kick me out or they put me out of the bar. To put out can also mean to inconvenience somebody. My sentence for that is:

If it doesn't put you out too much, would you be willing to help me carry these boxes into my house?

In other words, "if it doesn't put you out" means "if it's not too much trouble." If it's not too difficult, if it's not too inconvenient. Could you help me with these boxes? That brings us to what I always like to do in every video, I try to come up with a sentence that combines all 3 phrasal verbs in one sentence, and this is the sentence I came up with.

I hope I can break away for a few minutes so I can call back my brother and remind him to put the dog out.

So, in this case I'm busy. I want to break away, I want to take some time, leave the situation so that I can call back my brother. Maybe he tried to call me before, so I'm going to call him back and remind him to put the dog out. I want him to put the dog outside because the dog has to go to the bathroom every once in a while.

And there you have it! Those are the 3 phrasal verbs for today. Happy learning!