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## ADVANCED PHRASAL VERBS COURSE

### Lesson 48 | Transcript

Hi, this is Melissa Faulkner coming to you from Durham, North Carolina. Today we're going to talk about three different phrasal verbs – 'drop by', 'drop off' and 'stop by'. Two of these phrasal verbs have slightly similar meanings so we'll talk about their similarities – 'drop by' and 'stop by' – and then we'll also talk about the meaning of 'drop off'. For each phrasal verb I'll give you three sentences and then we'll go through about the explanation for those phrasal verbs in each of the sentences. So, let's go ahead and get started on our first phrasal verb 'drop by'.

Now 'drop by' has really just sort of one main meaning that we would use when using the phrasal verb 'drop by'. It really means to go to someone's house, not for that long sort of just a short amount of time to visit them. It's just a casual visit, you didn't necessarily plan it ahead of time. Maybe you just were on your way home and you dropped by someone's house; either just to say hello or to stop in and talk to them for just a few minutes. So, let's go ahead and take a look at the sentences. Sentence number one:

*Jeff is going to drop by his grandmother's house on the way home from work to see how she is doing.*

Now in this case, Jeff and his grandmother probably live close to one another. Jeff is on his way home from work. He decides you know what – I might just drop by and check in on my grandmother. I'm not going to call ahead of time and make a big deal of it. I'm just going to drop by, say hello, chat with her, see how she's doing. It's very casual, you're just dropping by.

Let's take a look at sentence number two:

***Alison might drop by later tonight to bring us some fruits and vegetables from her mother's garden.***

Again, in this case, Alison is just coming over. It is planned a little bit, but it's not very formal. It's just a casual, she's coming by, she's going to drop by to give some fruits and vegetables. So, it's not a very formal thing, it's just a casual short visit.

Let's take a look at sentence number three:

***Let's drop by Suzie's house on the way to the mall to say hello and see how her surgery went.***

Again, in this case, Suzie probably has had some surgery in the last week or so, maybe she's still recovering, they just want to drop by to say hello, see how she's doing. Just a very casual short visit. They don't want to stay too long because they don't want to intrude or bother Suzie. They just want to stop by and say a friendly hello.

Let's go ahead and take a look at our next phrasal verb 'drop off'. 'Drop off' has a couple of different meanings that we would use. So, I'll go ahead and tell you about those three meanings. The first way that we would use 'drop off' is to say if something has dropped off, it's either broken away or it's falling off. So, it's dropping off. The second way that we would use 'drop off' is if somebody is driving you somewhere or transporting you somewhere and they're going to drop you off. They're going to let you out of the car at a specific location. I'm going to drop you off over there or I'm going to drop you off at school. The third way that we would use 'drop off' is to say that something is dropping off is that its declining or decreasing. So, if you have sales that are dropping off, you will have sales that are decreasing or declining. They are going down. So, let's go ahead and take a look at these sentences and see about how to use the phrasal verb 'drop off'.

Sentence number one:

***The book was hanging so far off the edge of the table that I knew it was going to drop off even before it happened.***

So, in this case the book is probably sitting on the edge of the table. They know that it's going to be unbalanced and it's going to drop off. It's going to fall off the edge of the table. Let's go ahead and take a look at sentence number two:

***Since my flight is early in the morning, I'm going to have my friend James drop me off at the airport before 7 o'clock AM.***

In this case, they have an early flight, they really need to get to the airport to be checked in. They're going to have their friend James drive them to the airport and drop him off at the airport. He doesn't want to have to deal with a bus or a train or a car or parking or any of that. He's just going to have his friend James drop him off right at the airport so that he can get his early flight.

Let's take a look at sentence number three:

***The record was selling really well at first, but now after his scandal, sales had definitely dropped off.***

So, in this case, a musical artist had a record. It was selling really well at first, they were selling a lot of copies of this record. Then the musical artist had...was involved in a scandal and his sales started to drop off. They started to decline. Not many people were buying his record anymore, so the sales dropped off.

Let's take a look at our third phrasal verb 'stop by'. Now 'stop by' also has mainly just has one meaning and its similar to 'drop by'. It's just when you are going to visit someone or some place and just for a brief amount of time, just a short amount of time. It's not a long visit. You're just going to stop by. So, let's take a look at our sentences. Sentence number one:

***Jeana is going to stop by the office on the way home from her son's soccer practice to pick up a few papers she needs to look at tonight.***

So, in this case, Jeana works in an office. Maybe she had some papers she needed to look at, but she left them at the office. She decided after her son's soccer practice she was just going to stop by to pick up those papers and then they could go home. So, she didn't want to stay for a long time, she just wanted to briefly stop by, pick up those papers and head home.

Let's take a look at sentence number two:

***Michelle is going to stop by her aunt's house on the way home from school to pick up the clothes she left there this weekend.***

So, in this case, maybe Michelle stayed with her aunt this weekend. She accidentally left some clothes there. So, after school she's just going to stop by her aunt's house to pick up the clothes. She's not going to stay for a long time, she's just going to have a brief visit, pick up her clothes and then leave to go home.

Let's take a look at sentence number three:

***Every day on the way out of the office, Evan stops by his boss's desk to see what he needs him to do the next day.***

So, in this case, Evan works in an office near his boss's office. Every day he stops by his boss's office. He just stops for a quick, a brief little visit to ask his boss what he needs him to do the next day. They don't talk for very long. It's just a brief, short little visit. He just stops by for a few minutes.

So, we had our three phrasal verbs 'drop by', 'drop off' and 'stop by'. I hope these definitions and explanations were helpful to you and we'll have more phrasal verbs for you in the future. Thanks.