Фразовые глаголы в английском

Hi guys! This post's going to be about phrasal verbs in English. Do you like them? I bet you do. But how many of them do you know? And how many phrasal verbs does the English language have?

The answer is many! In fact, phrasal verbs it's one of the most difficult subjects in English. I've been learning English for more than one year and half, but I can't really say that I know and use many phrasal verbs in my speech. I do my best and try to learn them every time, but the point is the best way to remember these verbs is to use them as often as possible. But it's pretty complicated for me to speak English every day during a long time. I wish I could go to English speaking country and live there awhile. I think it'd be the fastest way to remember most widely used phrasal verbs.

But anyway, it's very important to learn these verbs and use them in a conversation. It's a feature of English which makes your speech better.

So a phrasal verb, what is it? It's a set expression consisted of two (usually) words which go together. One of them is a verb and another is usually a preposition. If you try to translate them separately you won't understand the meaning of the whole phrase, because only the whole expression has the exact meaning and the only way to remember it is to learn it by heart and use this phrasal verb as often as possible in your speech.

In my previous articles I already told you about the most popular phrasal verbs with words «get» and «look». But it was just a drop of all the set expressions with these words that you can hear from native speakers. In fact, the verb «to get» is a monster and the native speaker can use it in many situations and with different prepositions this word will have totally different meanings. For example:

I have a problem, but I'll get though it.

I get on well with my classmates.

Both sentences contains the verb «to get». But with different preposition this verb has absolutely different meaning. Phrasal verb «get through» means to overcome a problem or some obstacle in your life. And the second one «get on well/badly with» means to be in good or bad relationships with somebody. It's really difficult, isn't it?

More over, sometimes one phrasal verb can have many meanings. For example:

Yesterday I had many tasks at my job. But I worked all them out.

I work out in a gym every day.

The phrasal verb «work out» here means different things.

But despite the phrasal verbs it's a pretty difficult part of English, I don't want you to be afraid of them! Don't kill yourself if you don't know many phrasal verbs. It's ok. Don't be too hard on yourself. Just keep in mind, that you can't ignore them. And if you see a phrasal verb, just write it out and make a few sentences using it. This way you'll remember them better.

And once again, the best way to remember these set expressions is to use them in your speech! Don't forget about it. If you don't know what some phrasal verb means, use a dictionary. I prefer Multitran.

Below you'll find the table with some popular phrasal verbs in English. I hope they'll be in use for you!

Keep learning English and take care!