

Unit 3 What's cooking?

Phrasal verbs with *up*

Learn the expressions

1 A number of phrasal verbs related to cooking use the particle *up* (such as *heat up*, *chop up*). Let's look at some other verb phrases that use this particle. Read the sentences. Choose the word or words in the box that can replace the word or phrase in bold. Use your dictionary if you need to. Sentences 1 and 6 have two answers.

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let up	make up	mess up	show up	turn up

- I just saw Barry. What time did he finally **arrive**?
_____ / _____
- I don't want to **ruin** your plans for the weekend, but I wonder if you could help me paint my house.

- Josie, who is usually very talkative, will **suddenly stop talking** the minute you ask her about her past.

- The company president told employees that they need to be very creative because the competition for market share is beginning to **get very intense**.

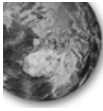
- I'm not sure I believe Ines. There are parts of her story that simply don't **seem true or reasonable**.

- Oh, no! It's after midnight! We'd better **invent** a good excuse for getting home so late. How about telling Mom and Dad the car broke down?
_____ / _____
- Do you think this rain will ever **stop**?

- You've worked so hard and you've come so far. Please don't **stop trying** now!

Answer Key

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| 1. show up/turn up | 5. add up |
| 2. mess up | 6. cook up/make up |
| 3. clam up | 7. let up |
| 4. heat up | 8. give up |



Use the expressions

2 Complete the conversation with the appropriate form of the phrasal verbs in the box. More than one answer is possible in some cases.

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- A: Did you watch the political debate last night? Boy, this election is really starting to (1) _____! Those two candidates were attacking each other left and right.
- B: No, I missed it. Patrick and I were supposed to meet at Annie's Restaurant at 7:30, but he didn't (2) _____ until almost 8:00. He walked through the door just as I was about to (3) _____ and leave.
- A: He's always late, isn't he? What excuse did he (4) _____ this time?
- B: Oh, it was something about having to deliver some documents for his boss, but the story didn't (5) _____. I wish he'd tell the truth more often.
- A: Oh, well. At least he (6) _____! The last time he and I were supposed to have dinner, he called at the last minute and said he couldn't make it.
- B: I didn't know about that. Poor Patrick! He's not a bad guy—he's just a little absentminded, I guess. So tell me about the debate. Did Martin (7) _____ when they asked about his views on improving public education?
- A: He was doing OK up until that point, but he stumbled on education. In fact, he (8) _____ his whole presentation when he said that schools had pretty much all they needed.
- B: That wasn't too smart. He isn't a brilliant speaker, anyway. Besides, he's constantly showing these statistics that make him look good, and I just don't trust his charts. I'm sure he (9) _____ the numbers.
- A: That's politics for you! And the unpleasantness won't (10) _____ anytime soon. I'll be very glad when this election is over.

Make the expressions your own

3 Answer these questions with information about yourself.

What do you do when . . .

- someone you're supposed to meet doesn't show up on time?
- a close friend makes excuses for not coming to your party, but the facts don't add up?
- you mess up a project for work or school and you have to talk to your boss or teacher?