

46. FOCUS ON: pronunciation of phrasal verbs with the particle *into*

As we saw in Section 6, three-word phrasal verbs are normally accented on the second, or middle, particle whether they are separable or nonseparable. This also applies to phrasal verbs that convert *in* to *into* when they are used with an object. Although these verbs are not made up of three words, recall that *into* is actually a combination of the particles *in* and *to* — two words written as one. For this reason, it is the first syllable of *into* that is accented:

*The speakers are **built INTO** the wall.*

This is also true of phrasal verbs using *into* that do not have an *in* version:

*I **bumped INTO** an old friend.*

Infinitive

	present tense	-ing form	past tense	past participle
build in	build in & builds in	building in	built in	built in

1. build ...in/into p.v. When you **build** something **in** or **build** something **into** something else, you put it in the item you are making during its construction or assembly rather than adding it later.

*I told the builder that I wanted him to **build** some shelves **in**.*

*In the past, FM radios weren't **built into** cars — you had to add one later if you wanted one.*

built-in part.adj. When something has been put into something else during its construction or assembly, rather than being added later, it is **built-in**.

*The sound from the stereo goes to **built-in** speakers in every room of the house.*

bump into

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1. bump into p.v. When you **bump into** things or people, you accidentally hit them with your body.

*I couldn't see where I was going in the dark, and I **bumped into** the door.*

*Would you please move these boxes — I keep **bumping into** them.*

2. bump into p.v. When you meet people unexpectedly or unintentionally, you **bump into** them. **Run into** is the same as **bump into**.

*We **bumped into** Sarah at the mall today.*

***Bumping into** one of my neighbors while I was in Rome sure was a surprise.*

Infinitive	present tense	-ing form	past tense	past participle
con into	con into & cons into	conning into	conned into	conned into

1. **con ...into** p.v. [informal] When you **con** people **into** something or **con** people **into** doing something, you persuade them to do it by fooling or deceiving them, **Trick into** is similar to **con into**.

*They weren't sure that it was a good idea to give all their money to Marv'm, but he **conned** them **into** it.*

*That crooked mechanic tried to **con** me **into** paying for a lot of repairs my car didn't need.*

con out of

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1. **con ... out of** p.v. [informal] When you **con** people **out of** something, you persuade them to give it to you by fooling or deceiving them.

*Marvin **conned** them **out of** their life savings.*

*That crooked mechanic tried to **con** me **out of** \$547.*

freak out

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1. **freak... out** p.v. [informal] When you **freak out**, you become very upset or very angry. When you **freak** other people out, you cause them to become very upset or very angry.

*Melanie **freaked out** when she learned that her husband had been arrested for murder.*

*I wish you would take that Halloween mask off— you're **freaking** me **out**.*

make for

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1. **make for** p.v. When something causes another thing, situation, or event to have a certain quality or characteristic, it **makes for** the other thing, situation, or event.

*Beer, pizza, football, and the kids staying with their grandparents **make for** a perfect Sunday afternoon.*

*Alcohol and teenage drivers **make for** trouble.*

2. **make for** p.v. [informal] When you **make for** a place, you go there in a hurry.

*After the robbery, the bank robbers **made for** the border.*

*The enemy soldiers are getting closer — let's **make for** the hills.*

talk into

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1. **talk... into** p.v. When you **talk** people **into** something or **talk** people **into** doing something, you persuade them to do it.

My father didn't want to let me use his car Friday night, but I **talked** him **into** it.
 This museum is really boring. I wish I hadn't let you **talk** me **into** coming here with you.

talk out of

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talking out of

talked out of

talked out of

1. talk... out of p.v. When you **talk** people **out of** something or **talk** people **out of** doing something, you persuade them not to do it.

*That man was going to jump off the building, but the police officer **talked** him out of it.*

*Erik's parents **talked** him **out of** changing his major from business to philosophy.*

EXERCISE 46a — Complete the sentences with phrasal verbs from this section. Be sure the phrasal verbs are in the correct tense.

1. My daughter is trying to _____ me _____ getting her a pony, but I keep telling her we can't afford one.
2. When I ordered my computer, I had them _____ some extra memory.
3. It was a nice surprise to _____ Aunt Kathy today. I hadn't seen her in years.
4. Don't tell your mother you're going to shave your head — she'll _____.
5. Joe says he's going to quit school, and we can't _____ him _____ it.
6. Their sleazy son-in-law _____ them _____ lending him \$14,000.
7. It was so dark last night that I _____ a tree and broke my nose.
8. Nancy and Tom don't have anything in common — that doesn't _____ a happy marriage.
9. Don't trust Marvin — he'll _____ you _____ your last penny.
10. When the enemy soldiers attacked, we _____ the woods.

EXERCISE 46b — Write answers to the questions using phrasal verbs and participle adjectives from this section. Be sure the phrasal verbs are in the correct tense.

1. Karen is trying to persuade me to help her paint her house. What is Karen trying to do?
2. Francisco unexpectedly met Raul downtown a couple of days ago. What did Francisco do?
3. That lawyer is lying to you and trying to persuade you to give him everything you own. What is the lawyer trying to do?
4. Having both of my ex-wives at the party will make the evening very uncomfortable. What will having both of my ex-wives at the party do?
5. That dishonest guy deceived my Aunt Kathy to get her to sell her house for a lot less than it's worth. What did the dishonest guy do to my Aunt Kathy?
6. Carmen is upset and very nervous because she can't find her children at the shopping center. What is Carmen doing?
7. When my house was constructed, a shelf for a TV was made in the wall. What was done to the wall?

8. In Question 7, how would you describe the shelf?
9. Bob has decided to quit his job, and no one can persuade him not to. What can no one do to Bob?

EXERCISE 46c — Write eight original sentences using phrasal verbs from this section.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

EXERCISE 46d, Review — Complete the sentences with these nouns from previous sections. To check their meanings, review the section number given after each one.

blowout, 43	checkout, 41	mix-up, 44	takeover, 39
break-in, 41	comeback, 40	pickup, 39	wipeout, 39
check-in, 41	lockup, 44	run-up, 43	

1. The guy that got arrested didn't have enough money for bail, so he was put in the _____.
2. The baseball player had a few bad years, but last year he made an amazing _____ and had his best year ever.
3. Not one person was left alive after the battle — it was a complete _____.
4. _____ is two hours before the flight.
5. The hotel's _____ time is 11:00 A.M.
6. There was a tragic _____ at the hospital — a patient's healthy left kidney was removed instead of his diseased right kidney.
7. The detective asked the store owner for a complete list of items stolen during the _____.
8. Is this a _____ or a delivery?
9. After the military _____, hundreds of people were executed.
10. Unfortunately, I sold my house before the big _____ in real estate prices.
11. The truck driver was killed in an accident after she had a _____ on the highway.

EXERCISE 46e, Review — Complete the sentences with these phrasal verbs from previous sections. Be sure the phrasal verbs are in the correct tense. To check their meanings, review the section number given after each one.

blow off, 40	give out, 43	lock up, 44	stick with, 40
bring up, 40	go away, 40	piss off, 44	stress out, 44
burst out, 40	kick out, 44	shut up, 43	turn in, 45
get by, 42	let in/into, 41	stand for, 34	turn into, 45

1. Sooner or later he'll get tired of running from the police, and he'll _____ himself _____.

2. I _____ my children _____ to be honest.
3. When we leave our summer home to go back to the city, we always _____ it _____ securely.
4. I took three aspirin, but this headache still hasn't _____.
5. Do you know what "Ph.D." _____?
6. I usually check my work pretty carefully. I don't know how this mistake _____ me.
7. Worrying about how I'm going to find the money to pay my taxes is really _____ me _____.
8. I'm tired of listening to my brother talk about winning four million dollars in the lottery. I wish he would just _____.
9. Those new computers are really fast, but I'm going to _____ the one I have; it's fine for writing letters.
10. The tennis player had to retire when his elbow _____.
11. I'm going to talk to my husband about _____ the garage _____ an apartment for my mother.
12. Joe promised that he'd help me fix my car yesterday, but he never came; he just _____ me _____.
13. Joe does that sort of thing all the time, and it's very rude. He really _____ me _____.
14. The door was locked, so I knocked on it again and again until someone _____ me _____.
15. What did Nancy do to get herself _____ of school?
16. When I heard about the crazy thing that Nancy had done at school, I _____ laughing.