

## 22. FOCUS ON: the particle **up** and the adverbs **right** and **all**

The particle **up** is used in many phrasal verbs, and one of its uses is to say that something has been done thoroughly or completely:

The building **burned**. (The building was damaged but not destroyed.)

The building **burned up**. (The building was completely destroyed.)

**Right**, discussed in Section 19, is often used in phrasal verbs with **up** to indicate that the action of the verb not only happened thoroughly and completely but also quickly:

They **ate** it **up**. (They ate all the food.)

They **ate** it **right up**. (They ate all the food, and they ate it quickly.)

Remember that **right** can be used in this way only after an object that is separating the verb and particle:

They **ate** the pizza **right up**.

~~They **ate right up** the pizza.~~

Even though **up** indicates that the action of the verb is thorough and complete, **all** is sometimes used for further emphasis with participle adjectives derived from phrasal verbs with **up**:

My taxes are all **paid up**.

The drain is all **plugged up**.

Infinitive	present tense	-ing form	past tense	past participle
<b>burn up</b>	burn up & burns up	burning up	burned up	burned up

1. **burn up** p.v. When something is completely destroyed by heat or fire, it **burns up**.

The meteor **burned up** in the atmosphere.

The rocket's fuel will **burn up** after only forty seconds.

2. **burn... up** p.v. When people or things destroy something with heat or fire, they **burn it up**.

There's no more coal. We **burned** it all **up**.

Jet engines **burn up** fuel at a tremendous rate.

**burned up** part.adj. After something is completely destroyed by heat or fire, it is **burned up**.

There isn't anymore firewood; it's all **burned up**.

The house is all **burned up**. There's no way it can be saved.

**3. burned ... up p.v. [informal]** When something makes you very angry, it **burns** you **up**.  
 It really **burns** me **up** when other people take credit for my work.  
 I have to say something to Sally about what she did. It's **burning** me **up**.

**burned up part.adj. [informal]** When you are very angry, you are **burned up**.  
 Jim was **burned up** when his boss criticized him during the meeting.  
 Relax — it's nothing to get all **burned up** about.

#### clear up

clear up & clears up	clearing up	cleared up	cleared up
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**1. clear up p.v.** When a problem, misunderstanding, or disease goes away, it **clears up**.  
 The misunderstanding **cleared up** right away after we talked about it.  
 My rash is **clearing up** by itself. I don't need to go to the doctor.

**cleared up part.adj.** After a problem, misunderstanding, or disease goes away, it is **cleared up**.

/ feel great. My sinus infection is all **cleared up**.  
 Everything's okay. It was a big misunderstanding, but it's **cleared up** now.

**2. clear... up p.v.** When you do something to solve a problem or misunderstanding or do something to cure a disease, you **clear** it **up**.

Everyone was confused about the new policy, so a memo was issued that **cleared** everything **up**.

The medicine Dr. Smith gave me **cleared** the infection **up**.

**3. clear up p.v.** When clouds in the sky go away, the weather **clears up**.

Unless it **clears up**, we'll have to cancel the picnic.

It was a beautiful day after the sky **cleared up**.

#### Infinitive

	present tense	-ing form	past tense	past participle
<b>count</b>	count up & counts up	counting up	counted up	counted up

**1. count... up p.v.** When you count all of something to see how many of them there are, you **count** them **up**.

**Count** the money **up** and tell me what the total is.

**Counting up** the yes and no votes is going to take a long time.

#### eat up

eat up & eats up	eating up	ate up	eaten up
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**1. eat... up p.v.** When you **eat** food **up**, you eat all of it.

There's no more pizza; David **ate** it all **up**. Don't **eat** **up** the cake before your father gets a piece.

**2. eat... up p.v.** When something **eats up** something else, such as money or time, it uses all of it.

I'm broke. Fixing my car last week **ate up** my entire paycheck.

I don't want to go shopping with you. It'll **eat up** the whole day.

**heat up**

<b>heat up &amp; heats up</b>	<b>heating up</b>	<b>heated up</b>	<b>heated up</b>
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**1. heat ...up p.v.** When something or someone makes something hotter, they heat it up.

Waiter, this soup is cold. Would you **heat it up** for me?

Sometimes the sun **heats up** the desert to 120 degrees.

**heated up part.adj.** After something or someone makes something hotter, it is **heated up**.

Don't give the baby that cold bottle; give her this **heated up** one.

The spaghetti has been in the microwave for five minutes, so I'm sure it's **heated up** by now.

**pay up**

<b>pay up &amp; pays up</b>	<b>paying up</b>	<b>paid up</b>	<b>paid up</b>
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**1. pay up p.v.** When you **pay up**, you pay all the money you owe to a person, bank, and so on, usually as a result of pressure to pay the money.

A guy from the collection agency called and told me I'd better **pay up**.

I wasn't surprised when the insurance company refused to **pay up**.

**paid up part.adj.** After you are **paid up**, you have paid all the money you owe to a person, bank, and so on.

/ told the bill collector that he had made a mistake. I'm alt **paid up**.

Betty's VISA card is **paid up**, so there won't be any finance charge next month.

**plug up**

<b>plug up &amp; plugs up</b>	<b>plugging up</b>	<b>plugged up</b>	<b>plugged up</b>
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**1. plug... up p.v.** When people or things block a narrow passage, such as a pipe, drain, or hole, so that nothing can flow through it, they **plug it up**.

Don't pour bacon grease in the sink; it'll **plug up** the drain.

I need to **plug up** the hole in the roof where the rain is leaking in.

**plugged up part.adj.** When a narrow passage, such as a pipe, drain, or hole, is completely blocked so that nothing can flow through it, it is **plugged up**.

Call the plumber; the sink's **plugged up**.

My nose is all **plugged up**, and I can't smell anything.

**wipe up**

<b>wipe up &amp; wipes up</b>	<b>wiping up</b>	<b>wiped up</b>	<b>wiped up</b>
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**1. wipe ... up p.v.** When you completely remove a liquid from a surface by moving a towel or sponge across it with a sweeping motion, you **wipe** the liquid **up**. (**Wipe up** is similar to **wipe off**; however, you **wipe up** a liquid, but you **wipe off** the surface the liquid is on.)

Susie spilled her milk, and her mother told her to **wipe it all up**.

You'd better **wipe up** the water on the bathroom floor before someone falls.

**EXERCISE 22a — Complete the sentences with phrasal verbs from this section. Be sure the phrasal verbs are in the correct tense.**

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the potato chips. Leave some for me.
2. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ the hole in this boat \_\_\_\_\_ fast before it sinks.
3. It \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ when people smoke in a nonsmoking section.
4. There was a lot of confusion about the new plan, so we asked Tom to \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
5. The bill collector threatened to repossess my car if I didn't \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The pain I had in my shoulder \_\_\_\_\_ right \_\_\_\_\_ after I tried the new therapy.
7. Okay, let's \_\_\_\_\_ the points to see who won the game.
8. It was cloudy in the morning, but around 11:00 it \_\_\_\_\_ right \_\_\_\_\_.
9. It hasn't rained in months, so this dry forest will really \_\_\_\_\_ if there's a fire.
10. Would you get a towel and \_\_\_\_\_ the coffee you spilled?
11. I'll put your dinner in the refrigerator, and you can \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ when you come home.
12. I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ all these old papers in the fireplace.
13. I didn't have any insurance, so paying for those hospital bills really \_\_\_\_\_ all my savings.

**EXERCISE 22b — Write three sentences using the objects in parentheses. Be sure to put the objects in the right place.**

1. They **burned up**. (the wood, it)
2. He ought to **clear up**. (the misunderstanding, it)
3. Would you **count up**? (the votes, them)
4. Have they **eaten up**? (all the candy, it)
5. I can't **plug up**. (the hole, it)

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6. **Wipe up** right now! (that water, it)
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**EXERCISE 22c — 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. You completely blocked the drain so that water couldn't go through it. What did you do to the drain?
2. In Question 1, how would you describe the drain?
3. I'm putting my coffee in the microwave to make it hotter. What am I doing to my coffee?

4. In Question 3, how would you describe my coffee after I take it out of the microwave?
5. Erik hasn't counted all the money. What hasn't Erik done?
6. You'll pay all your late mortgage payments. What will you do to your mortgage?
7. In Question 6, how will you be regarding your mortgage?
8. The police used fire to destroy all the drugs. What did the police do?
9. In Question 8, how would you describe the drugs now?
10. My disease went away immediately. What did my disease do?
11. Sarah is cleaning up all the orange juice that she spilled on the floor. What is Sarah doing?
12. Carlos always eats all his baby food, and he eats it quickly. What does Carlos do?

**EXERCISE 22d, 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.**

carry on, 16	go with, 15	look around, 21	step on, 21
count on, 16	hand in, 13	put away, 14	take out on, 21
dress up, 14	head back, 15	sign in, 12	think ahead, 21
dry up, 14	head for, 15	sign out, 12	zip up, 21

1. I'll be there when you need me. You can \_\_\_\_\_ me.
2. Do you think these shoes \_\_\_\_\_ my dress?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ so that you have everything you need when you get there.
4. Linda is here in the office somewhere — she \_\_\_\_\_ at 8:52.
5. Linda always leaves at 5:00, and it's almost 6:00 now, so I'm sure she has already \_\_\_\_\_.
6. That guy is crazy. He ought to be \_\_\_\_\_.
7. When you finish with the job application, you can \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ to the secretary.
8. I don't think we should make any changes now. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ our original plan.
9. The party will be casual, so you don't have to \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Maria told me she would be in the library between 7:00 and 8:00, but I \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't find her.
11. There's some broken glass there — don't \_\_\_\_\_ it.
12. I hope it rains soon. The lake is starting to \_\_\_\_\_.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ your coat — it's fifteen degrees below zero outside.
14. Janice hates her job, and she \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ her husband.
15. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ San Diego, and I should get there by late afternoon.
16. I'll stay in San Diego for a week and then \_\_\_\_\_ to Los Angeles.