


## Optimise your pronunciation

### Discussion

- The majority of phrasal verbs have two stresses: the primary stress on the particle and secondary stress on the verb. These phrasal verbs are separable (Type 1) – see Unit 11 *Say it right* for more practice with these common phrasal verbs.
- Some phrasal verbs have only one stress. This is on the verb and the particle should be unstressed.
- Most dictionaries show you where the stress lies, e.g. ,carry 'out or ,put a'way.


**1**  1.01 Listen to these phrasal verbs and circle one or two after each sentence, depending on the number of words that are stressed. Then write the stress marks for the words in bold.

- I usually **look at** the TV schedule before deciding what to watch. **one / two**
- I just want to **chill out** with my friends tonight. **one / two**
- I had to **sit through** 20 minutes of trailers before the movie started. **one / two**
- Studying for my exams is **taking up** most of my free time at the moment. **one / two**
- I **agree with** the reviews that said the film was a complete flop. **one / two**
- I watched an amazing documentary about a young girl who had to **care for** her sick mother. **one / two**

**2**  1.02 Listen again and repeat.

**3**  1.03 Listen to the sentences and tick the correct box.

	Primary stress on verb	Primary stress on particle
1 The news was depressing so we decided to <b>turn over</b> .		
2 <b>Hurry up!</b> We're going to miss the start of the film.		
3 I had to <b>plug in</b> my laptop before I could download the video.		
4 Our teacher asked us to <b>act out</b> a scene from the play.		
5 We <b>made for</b> the nearest exit once the show had finished.		
6 I usually just <b>hang out</b> at the local café on Sunday mornings.		

**4**  1.04 Listen and repeat. Practise saying the sentences to your partner.

**5** Write four sentences using the phrasal verbs in bold, then add your own example. Practise saying your sentences using the correct stress. Record yourself if you can.

*I just **chilled out** at my friend's house last Saturday.*

Primary stress on the verb:

- agree with** \_\_\_\_\_
- look at** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_** \_\_\_\_\_

Primary stress on the particle:

- hang out** \_\_\_\_\_
- take up** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_** \_\_\_\_\_