

## 10 Phrasal Verbs to Boost your IELTS Speaking score

IELTS speaking section can be challenging for the test takers especially the non-native English speakers. Do you know that proper usage of **Phrasal Verbs** can work wonders for you to achieve a good score in IELTS speaking. Firstly, what is a phrasal verb? When one verb is linked to another word generally a preposition or an adverb, it is called phrasal verb. Phrasal verbs are totally a new expression which has a different meaning from the original verb. So, let's see how you can use a panacea of phrasal verbs to boost your score in IELTS speaking test.

### 1. Work out

**Meaning:** to work on a solution to a problem or calculate

I need to work out whether I can afford a touch screen computer.



### 2. Catch up

**Meaning:** to accelerate

After recovering from long illness, I had to catch up with my fitness trainer.



### 3. Carry on

**Meaning:** to continue doing something

I am going to carry on with my teaching job after my wedding.



4. **Come across**

**Meaning:** find something unexpectedly.

I came across my school friend in Ananya's party after 10 years.



5. **Read up on**

**Meaning:** to read a lot about a subject

I should read up on the official guide of Canadian citizenship before taking the test of citizenship in Canada.



6. **Sort out**

**Meaning:** to deal with a problem successfully

There were some misunderstanding between me and my best friend, but we sorted things out.



**7. Zone out**

**Meaning:** to fall asleep or stop paying attention

The speech of the chief guest was so long that I zoned out in the auditorium.



**8. Come up with**

**Meaning:** to get an idea or a solution

He came up with a brilliant idea to increase the sales of his company.



**9. Look back on**

**Meaning:** think about an event that happened in the past

When I look back on my college days, I miss the care-free days.



### 10. Call off

Meaning: to decide that something will not happen

He had to call off the concert due to some technical issues.



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