

# Phrasal Verbs

## Exercise Booklet





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## Phrasal Verbs with *be*

Complete these sentences by adding the correct particle from the box.

about – after – around – away – back – for – from – into  
like – off – on – over – through – up – with

1. “Is your boss in?”  
“No, I’m afraid she’s \_\_\_\_\_ on leave at the moment.”
2. “When will she be \_\_\_\_\_?”  
“Not until next Wednesday.”
3. “What a complicated instrument panel! What’s this red button \_\_\_\_\_?”  
“It’s the ejector seat. Please don’t pre...”
4. “Shall we watch some television?”  
“If you like. What’s \_\_\_\_\_?”
5. “Where are you \_\_\_\_\_?”  
“Birmingham.”
6. “What is Birmingham \_\_\_\_\_?”  
“I don’t know. I left there when I was three months old, and I’ve never been back since.”
7. “I’m reading a novel called *Moby Dick*.”  
“What’s it \_\_\_\_\_?”  
“Whales.”  
“*Moby Dick* doesn’t sound like a Welsh name to me!”
8. The traffic was so bad that by the time we got to the theatre, the concert was almost \_\_\_\_\_.
9. “Haven’t you finished yet?”  
“Don’t worry, I’m nearly \_\_\_\_\_.”

10. "Please hurry up!"  
"OK, I'll be \_\_\_\_\_ you in just a second."
11. "What's \_\_\_\_\_? You look as if you had seen a ghost!"  
"Who said that?"
12. It's getting late. I'd better be \_\_\_\_\_ before my father sends out a search party.
13. [people chatting to each other online:]  
"I'm busy chatting to someone at the moment, but I'd love to have a chat with you too. Will you be \_\_\_\_\_ for a while yet?"  
"I won't log off for at least half an hour, I promise."
14. Rob is forever changing hobbies. Last year it was bird-watching. Now, he's really \_\_\_\_\_ stamp collecting.
15. "That's the third time this week that my sister has phoned me. I wonder what she's \_\_\_\_\_."  
"Maybe she isn't \_\_\_\_\_ anything. Maybe she just wants to talk to you."

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"I was into Hip Hop long before  
it was popular."

## Phrasal Verbs with *come*

Complete these sentences by adding the correct particle from the box.

about – across – along – back – before – forward – from  
in – into – off – with – on – out – round – to – up

1. A boomerang is a hunting weapon. It is shaped so that it will come \_\_\_\_\_ to the person who throws it.
2. “Where do you come \_\_\_\_\_?”  
“Ireland.”
3. Please come \_\_\_\_\_! Make yourself at home.
4. F comes \_\_\_\_\_ G in the alphabet.
5. Why don't you come \_\_\_\_\_ to our house for dinner on Saturday?
6. The sergeant asked for volunteers, but only three came \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Just look at these old photographs. I came \_\_\_\_\_ them when I was clearing out an old cupboard.
8. “What magazine is that?” “It's a literary magazine called *The Bookworm*.”  
“How often does it come \_\_\_\_\_?” “Monthly”
9. Oh dear! Pollution, global warming, and the hole in the ozone layer: I don't know what the world is coming \_\_\_\_\_!
10. “Come \_\_\_\_\_, Philip. Everyone else has finished except you!”
11. We're all going out for a pizza. Would you like to come \_\_\_\_\_?
12. I hear that Michelle has come \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money. Her rich aunt died and left her half a million.

13. Every time the subject of holidays comes \_\_\_\_\_, Ruth and her husband have an argument.
14. Pauline is working on a plan to convert her farmhouse into a bed and breakfast place. She reckons she'll make a fortune if it comes \_\_\_\_\_.
15. There has been another big crash on the freeway just south of LA. How did it come \_\_\_\_\_?
16. The camera comes \_\_\_\_\_ a nice leather case.



"...and it comes with a Hansel & Gretel setting!"

*Replace the phrasal verb with a one-word verb.*

- to come about \_\_\_\_\_
- to come across \_\_\_\_\_
- to come by \_\_\_\_\_
- to come into \_\_\_\_\_
- to come off \_\_\_\_\_
- to come off \_\_\_\_\_
- to come out \_\_\_\_\_
- to come up \_\_\_\_\_

## Phrasal Verbs with *get*

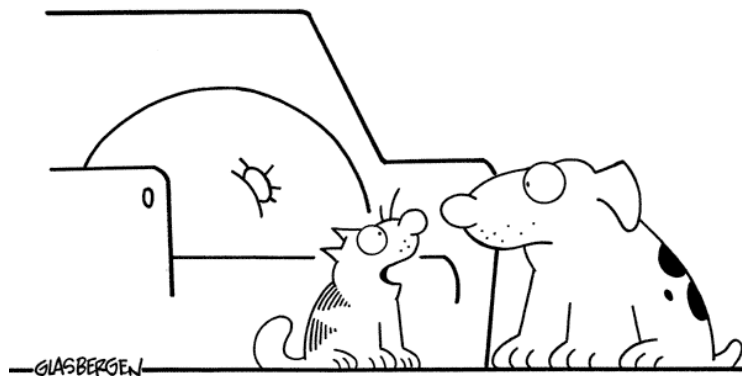
Complete these sentences by adding the correct particle from the box.

across – away with – back – behind – down – into – on – over – round – to – out

The river was flooded and Carole and I weren't sure how we would be able to get \_\_\_\_\_. "Let's take that boat we saw upstream," I suggested. "No way!" Carole replied. "That's stealing, and anyway, we'd never get \_\_\_\_\_ it!" We decided to make a raft out of some logs. Carole tore her shirt into strips to tie them together, and then the two of us got \_\_\_\_\_ to the raft. Just at that moment, a huge log came floating downstream and Carole shouted to me to get \_\_\_\_\_. We managed to leap back on to the bank just as the log hit our raft and smashed it to pieces. "We'll never get \_\_\_\_\_ the other side now!" I said in despair. "Don't worry, every problem has a solution. We'll think of something. We'll get \_\_\_\_\_ it somehow," Carole said cheerfully. She went to the water's edge and stepped in. It wasn't very deep but the current was really swift. "Come on, silly!" she said, "I got you \_\_\_\_\_ this mess and I'll get you \_\_\_\_\_ of it!" She turned and smiled at me. "Get \_\_\_\_\_ me and hold me round the waist," she said, "until I can find out how deep it is." With the water up to her knees, she signalled to me to climb on her shoulders. She went slowly, pausing with each step to make sure she had a firm foothold. Suddenly, I felt her slip. I screamed, but fortunately she regained her balance. When we were in shallow water, she told me it was safe for me to get \_\_\_\_\_. I think we both realised how close we had come to drowning in the swirling waters, and it took us a long time to get \_\_\_\_\_ the experience.

*Put down the equivalent phrasal verb.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ to rise (out of bed in the morning)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to board / leave (e.g. a train)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to meet sb
- \_\_\_\_\_ to manage to complete sth (e.g. an exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to progress well (e.g. in one's studies)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to have a friendly relationship with sb
- \_\_\_\_\_ to have a friendly relationship with sb
- \_\_\_\_\_ to recover (e.g. from an illness)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to escape punishment
- \_\_\_\_\_ to manage to survive (e.g. little money)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to dispose of sth, to dismiss sb
- \_\_\_\_\_ to speak or write to sb again later



**"I can get by on just 2 hours of sleep every day, as long as I nap for 14 hours."**

## Phrasal Verbs with go

*A phrasal verb is wrong in each of the following sentences. Write the correct words.*

1. One by one, the street lights went on, leaving us in total darkness.

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2. The letter was returned to the sender with the words "Gone over, no longer at this address" written on it.

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3. There's an awful flu virus going up. I hope you don't catch it.

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4. What a fascinating story. Do go away!

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5. Mark was sure that he had picked up his key, but when he went outside his pockets, he couldn't find it anywhere.

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6. I don't think that red blouse really goes for your orange miniskirt, Sophie.

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7. "Did you know that camels can go under water for thirty days?" "They must get very thirsty."

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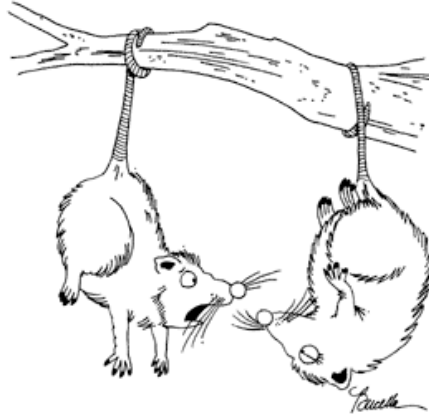
8. What a lot of people! Do you think there will be enough food to go without?

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9. This is a very complex computer program. You might need to go by the instructions again before you get the hang of it.

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**"We can't go on meeting like this. My change keeps falling out of my pockets."**

*Replace the phrasal verb with a one-word verb.*

- to go ahead \_\_\_\_\_
- to go into \_\_\_\_\_
- to go off \_\_\_\_\_
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- to go off \_\_\_\_\_
- to go on \_\_\_\_\_
- to go out \_\_\_\_\_
- to go over \_\_\_\_\_
- to go through \_\_\_\_\_
- to go through \_\_\_\_\_
- to go together \_\_\_\_\_
- to go up \_\_\_\_\_

## Phrasal Verbs with *put*

Replace the underlined words with a phrasal verb containing the verb **put**. Choose from the particles in the box (some may be used more than once). In some cases, you will need to change the tense or form of the verb and add the pronoun in brackets.

back – away – up with – out – down – off – about – on – up

1. It's just about time you stored / \_\_\_\_\_ those garden tools for the season. But if you store them / \_\_\_\_\_ dirty they'll be in rough shape come next spring.
2. She looks like she has gained / \_\_\_\_\_ weight again.
3. You have been rumoured to be involved in the crime. / Someone has been \_\_\_\_\_ (it) that you are involved in the crime.
4. If you use something, return it to where it was before / \_\_\_\_\_ (it)!
5. We've had to delay / \_\_\_\_\_ our wedding until September.
6. The meeting's on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Write / \_\_\_\_\_ (it) in your diary.
7. He keeps postponing / \_\_\_\_\_ going to the dentist.
8. The military government is determined to crush / \_\_\_\_\_ all opposition.
9. Hurry up! Dress yourself in your coat! / \_\_\_\_\_ (your coat)!

10. Firefighters soon extinguished / \_\_\_\_\_ (the fire).
11. We can accommodate / \_\_\_\_\_ (you) for the night.
12. I'm not going to tolerate / \_\_\_\_\_ their smoking any longer.

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"I've put on a lot of weight, but I'll lose it all in the spring."

*Replace the phrasal verb with a one-word verb.*

- to put about \_\_\_\_\_
- to put away \_\_\_\_\_
- to put back \_\_\_\_\_
- to put down \_\_\_\_\_
- to put down \_\_\_\_\_
- to put off \_\_\_\_\_
- to put on \_\_\_\_\_
- to put on \_\_\_\_\_
- to put out \_\_\_\_\_
- to put up \_\_\_\_\_
- to put up with \_\_\_\_\_

## Phrasal Verbs with *take*

Replace the underlined words with a phrasal verb containing the verb *take*. Choose from the particles in the box. In some cases, you will need to change the tense or form of the verb.

after – back – down – in – off – on – out – over – up

1. “Why have you removed / \_\_\_\_\_ all the pictures in the sitting-room?” – “Because I’m going to decorate it.”
2. “This radio I bought only picks up Radio Ulan Bator.” – “Why don’t you return / \_\_\_\_\_ it to the shop where you bought it, then?”
3. I’m not very fit, so I’ve decided to adopt / \_\_\_\_\_ an active hobby, such as squash or jogging.
4. The Worldwide Chemicals Company has recently been bought / \_\_\_\_\_ by its biggest rival.
5. “What did you think of Tanga airport?” – “Very nice, but our plane couldn’t leave / \_\_\_\_\_ until all the goats had been chased off the runway.
6. “Does John resemble / \_\_\_\_\_ his mother or his father?” – “Well, he looks just like his father, but he has his mother’s ears.”
7. One day, I painted little red spots all over my face, and told my father that I had caught measles. For a moment he was completely fooled / \_\_\_\_\_, but then he realised that it was a joke.
8. “Dad, is it all right if I leave school and get married?” – “I can’t advise you on that. You’d better discuss / \_\_\_\_\_ it with your mother.”

9. Because nobody else wanted to do it, Ms Van Winkle agreed to assume /  
\_\_\_\_\_ the role of Director of Public Relations in  
the Ministry of Industry.
10. He removed / \_\_\_\_\_ my wet boots and made me  
sit by the fire.

*Replace the phrasal verb with a one-word verb.*

- to take after \_\_\_\_\_
- to take down \_\_\_\_\_
- to take down \_\_\_\_\_
- to take for \_\_\_\_\_
- to take in \_\_\_\_\_
- to take off \_\_\_\_\_
- to take off \_\_\_\_\_
- to take on \_\_\_\_\_
- to take over \_\_\_\_\_
- to take to \_\_\_\_\_
- to take up \_\_\_\_\_

## Mixed Phrasal Verbs

Complete these sentences by adding the correct verb from the box. In some cases, you will need to change the tense or form of the verb.

be about – be for – be like – come back – come from  
come off – get back – get in – get up – go away – go on  
go with – take back – take down – take off

1. “There was a strange bird in the garden the other day.” “What \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_?” “It was grey with long legs and a long beak.”
2. “Do you like my new green-and purple shirt?” “Well, it’s very nice, but it doesn’t really \_\_\_\_\_ your pink-and-orange trousers.
3. I lost the keys to my apartment, so I had to \_\_\_\_\_ through a window.
4. I bought a mobile phone, but it didn’t work, so I \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ to the shop and they gave me another one.
5. I asked my father where babies \_\_\_\_\_, and he said ‘the Maternity Hospital.’
6. “Leave my house at once, and never \_\_\_\_\_!”
7. As I was walking down the stairs, I met a man who wasn’t there. He wasn’t there again today: Oh, how I wish he’d \_\_\_\_\_!
8. “Right now, I am reading a book called *Fermat’s Last Theorem*.” “How interesting. What \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_?” “I have no idea!”
9. If I invest in the Flat Earth Company, I’ll be lucky to \_\_\_\_\_ my money \_\_\_\_\_, let alone make a profit.
10. We put up a poster to advertise our concert, but so many people complained about it that we had to \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.

11. There is a key on computer keyboards labelled 'Alt Gr', but nobody knows what it \_\_\_\_\_ !
12. They say a plane \_\_\_\_\_ from O'Hare Airport in Chicago every four seconds. It must be a very busy airport.
13. "I'd really like to ask Michael for a date, but I am afraid he will say no."  
" \_\_\_\_\_, ask him. I know for a fact that he really likes you."
14. I hit a stone while I was cycling, the wheel \_\_\_\_\_ and I went head over heels into the hedge!
15. I like to sleep late on Sundays because I have to \_\_\_\_\_ so early during the week.

## Technical Support



**"If your kid is up late surfing the net all night,  
your computer probably needs a nap.  
That's what the 'sleep' button is for."**

## More Phrasal Verbs I

Complete each sentence using a verb from A (in the correct form) and a word from B. You can use a word more than once.

A  B

The bus was full. We couldn't \_\_\_\_\_.

I've been standing for the last two hours. I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_  
for a bit.

A cat tried to catch the bird, but it \_\_\_\_\_ just in time.

We were trapped in the building. We couldn't \_\_\_\_\_.

I can't hear you very well. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ a little?

"Do you speak German?" – "Not very well, but I can \_\_\_\_\_."

House prices are very high. They've \_\_\_\_\_ a lot in the last  
few years.

I thought there was somebody behind me, but when I \_\_\_\_\_,  
there was nobody there.

Complete each sentence using a word from A and a word from B. You can use a word more than once.

A  B

You're walking too fast. I can't keep \_\_\_\_\_ you.

My holidays are nearly over. Next week I'll be \_\_\_\_\_ work.

We went \_\_\_\_\_ the top floor of the building to admire the  
view.

Are you looking \_\_\_\_\_ the party next week?

There was a bank robbery last week. The robbers got \_\_\_\_\_  
£ 50,000.

I love to look \_\_\_\_\_ the stars in the sky at night.

I was sitting in the kitchen when suddenly a bird flew \_\_\_\_\_  
the open window.

Out – *Fill in the correct verb.*

“Why did James leave the company?” – “Things didn’t \_\_\_\_\_ out.”

Soldiers are expected to \_\_\_\_\_ out order.

David \_\_\_\_\_ out with his father and left home.

At the end of the lecture the speaker \_\_\_\_\_ out information sheets.

We \_\_\_\_\_ out of petrol.

There are a few problems we need to \_\_\_\_\_ out.

Nobody believed Paul at first, but he \_\_\_\_\_ out to be right.

The police never \_\_\_\_\_ out who committed the murder.

On and off – *Fill in the correct verb.*

Shall I leave the lights on or \_\_\_\_\_ them off.

What’s all that noise? What’s \_\_\_\_\_ on?

My hands are very cold, so I \_\_\_\_\_ my gloves on.

I \_\_\_\_\_ on a jacket in the shop, but it didn’t fit me very well.

I’m going on holiday. I \_\_\_\_\_ off on holiday.

It was warm, so I \_\_\_\_\_ off my jacket.

Please, \_\_\_\_\_ the lights on.

We can’t \_\_\_\_\_ off making a decision. We have to decide now.

The open air concert had to be \_\_\_\_\_ off because of the weather.

I’ve \_\_\_\_\_ on two kilograms in the last month.

Helen was going away. We went to the station with her to \_\_\_\_\_ her off.

## More Phrasal Verbs II

Rewrite the following sentences, replacing the underlined words by a phrasal verb.

1. We've had to postpone / \_\_\_\_\_ our party until late August.
2. She inherited / \_\_\_\_\_ a fortune when her uncle died.
3. The light system suddenly stopped working / \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The doctor told him to reduce / \_\_\_\_\_ his drinking.
5. This machine won't disappoint you / \_\_\_\_\_.
6. When is her new novel appearing (being published) / \_\_\_\_\_?
7. The game was cancelled / \_\_\_\_\_ because of bad weather.
8. How does she manage to live / \_\_\_\_\_ on such a small salary?
9. Don't be tempted to cheat – you'll be punished for / you'll never \_\_\_\_\_ it.
10. Passengers are waiting to board / \_\_\_\_\_ the train.
11. He can't manage without / \_\_\_\_\_ a secretary.
12. She'd been seeing the boy for a while, but didn't want her parents to discover it / \_\_\_\_\_.
13. She raised / \_\_\_\_\_ five children.
14. I checked it / \_\_\_\_\_ in the dictionary.

15. He genuinely worries about / \_\_\_\_\_ his employees.
16. Has the trip to Rome ever taken place / \_\_\_\_\_?
17. Peter takes care of / \_\_\_\_\_ the children.
18. Your daughter doesn't resemble / \_\_\_\_\_ you at all.
19. He invented / \_\_\_\_\_ some excuse about his daughter being sick.
20. He's not capable of doing the job. \_\_\_\_\_ the job.
21. Be careful not to confuse / \_\_\_\_\_ quantity with quality.
22. He was disappointed at not getting the job, but he'll recover from / \_\_\_\_\_ it.
23. Could you return / \_\_\_\_\_ my pen?
24. They're testing / \_\_\_\_\_ a new presenter for the show.

*Put down the equivalent phrasal verb.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ to be capable of doing sth
- \_\_\_\_\_ to cancel (e.g. a meeting)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to confuse
- \_\_\_\_\_ to disappoint
- \_\_\_\_\_ to invent (e.g. a story, an excuse)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to manage without
- \_\_\_\_\_ to raise (e.g. children)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to recover (e.g. from an illness)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce
- \_\_\_\_\_ to stop working properly

## More Phrasal Verbs III

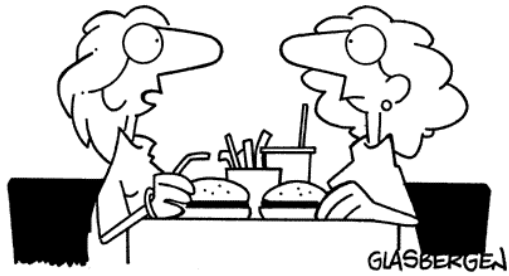
*Rewrite the following sentences, replacing the underlined words by a phrasal verb.*

1. He has just ended his relationship with / \_\_\_\_\_ Moira.
2. Soldiers simply obey / \_\_\_\_\_ orders.
3. Recently she has started to learn to play / \_\_\_\_\_ the drums.
4. Last night, two members resigned / \_\_\_\_\_ from the board in protest.
5. It's high time we abolished / \_\_\_\_\_ the death penalty.
6. She was chosen / \_\_\_\_\_ from dozens of applicants for the job.
7. The implications of the new law will need to be examined / \_\_\_\_\_ thoroughly.
8. Jeremy likes to boast about / \_\_\_\_\_ how well he speaks French.
9. Don't be fooled / \_\_\_\_\_ by his charm—he's ruthless!
10. I'll repay / \_\_\_\_\_ the money I owe them next week.
11. I went to the station to say goodbye to / \_\_\_\_\_ Julia.
12. They are a dangerous gang. You had better not go near / \_\_\_\_\_ them.
13. By chance, she found / She \_\_\_\_\_ some old photographs in a drawer.
14. She spent her childhood / \_\_\_\_\_ in Kildare.

15. In order to apply, please complete / \_\_\_\_\_ all the required forms.
16. How can you tolerate / \_\_\_\_\_ your child's table manners?
17. She phoned / \_\_\_\_\_ to invite me out for dinner.
18. Please mention / \_\_\_\_\_ this question at the meeting.
19. I feel like not going out / \_\_\_\_\_ tonight.

*Put down the equivalent phrasal verb.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ to abolish
- \_\_\_\_\_ to boast about
- \_\_\_\_\_ to choose
- \_\_\_\_\_ to complete a form
- \_\_\_\_\_ to complete a task
- \_\_\_\_\_ to deceive, to fool
- \_\_\_\_\_ to end a relationship with sb
- \_\_\_\_\_ to end a relationship with sb
- \_\_\_\_\_ to examine carefully
- \_\_\_\_\_ to find (accidentally)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to mention a subject
- \_\_\_\_\_ not to go somewhere
- \_\_\_\_\_ to phone
- \_\_\_\_\_ to say goodbye
- \_\_\_\_\_ to start to do sth as a hobby
- \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce
- \_\_\_\_\_ to repay
- \_\_\_\_\_ to resign
- \_\_\_\_\_ to tolerate



**"Kenny hasn't spoken to me in six months, he won't return my calls and he goes out with all my friends. Do you think I should break up with him?"**

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**"You're going to school like that? When I was a kid, I used to have nightmares about showing up at school in my underwear."**



**"I'm looking up some important stuff:  
Does tail wagging count as aerobic exercise?  
How long should you know someone before  
you lick their face? What do the etiquette  
rules say about drinking from the toilet?"**