

Phrasal verbs 4 on/off (1)

A On and off for lights, machines etc.

We say: the light is on / put the light on / leave the light on etc.
turn the light on/off or switch the light on/off

- Shall I leave the lights on or turn them off?
- 'Is the heating on?' 'No, I switched it off.'
- We need some boiling water, so I'll put the kettle on.

Also put on some music / a CD / a video etc.

- I haven't listened to this CD yet. Shall I put it on?

B On and off for events etc.

go on = happen

- What's all that noise? What's going on? (= what's happening)

call something off = cancel it

- The open air concert had to be called off because of the weather.

put something off, put off doing something = delay it

- The wedding has been put off until January.
- We can't put off making a decision. We have to decide now.

C On and off for clothes etc.

put on clothes, glasses, make-up, a seat belt etc.

- My hands were cold, so I put my gloves on.

Also put on weight = get heavier

- I've put on two kilograms in the last month.

try on clothes (to see if they fit)

- I tried on a jacket in the shop, but it didn't fit me very well.

take off clothes, glasses etc.

- It was warm, so I took off my jacket.

D Off = away from a person or place

be off (to a place)

- Tomorrow I'm off to Paris / I'm off on holiday.
(= I'm going to Paris / I'm going on holiday)

walk off / run off / drive off / ride off / go off (similar to walk away / run away etc.)

- Diane got on her bike and rode off.
- Mark left home at the age of eighteen and went off to Canada.

set off = start a journey

- We set off very early to avoid the traffic. (= We left early)

take off = leave the ground (for planes)

- After a long delay the plane finally took off.

see somebody off = go with them to the airport/station to say goodbye

- Helen was going away. We went to the station with her to see her off.

140.1 Complete the sentences using put on + the following:

a CD the heating the kettle ~~the light~~ the oven

- 1 It was getting dark, so I put the light on
- 2 It was getting cold, so I
- 3 I wanted to bake a cake, so I
- 4 I wanted to make some tea, so I
- 5 I wanted to listen to some music, so I

140.2 Complete the sentences. Each time use a verb + on or off.

- 1 It was warm, so I took off my jacket.
- 2 What are all these people doing? What's
- 3 The weather was too bad for the plane to, so the flight was delayed.
- 4 I didn't want to be disturbed, so I my mobile phone.
- 5 Rachel got into her car and at high speed.
- 6 Tim has weight since I last saw him. He used to be quite thin.
- 7 A: What time are you leaving tomorrow?
B: I'm not sure yet, but I'd like to as early as possible.
- 8 Don't until tomorrow what you can do today.
- 9 There was going to be a strike by bus drivers, but now they have been offered more money and the strike has been
- 10 Are you cold? Shall I get you a sweater to
- 11 When I go away, I prefer to be alone at the station or airport. I don't like it when people come to me

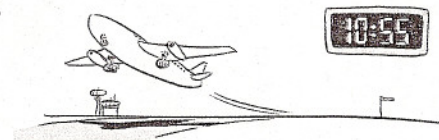
140.3 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.

1



Her hands were cold, so she put her gloves on

2



The plane at 10.55.

3



Maria, but it was too big for her.

4



The match because of the weather.

5



Mark's parents went to the airport to

6



He took his sunglasses out of his pocket and