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Phrasal verbs with GIVE

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Hi, I am Georgiana, your English teacher and founder of SpeakEnglishPodcast.com. And I am here to help you **speak English fluently with no grammar and no textbooks.**

Today we are going to talk about **phrasal verbs** with the verb **give**. Many of you have asked for a new **phrasal verbs** episode, so I am sure that you are excited about it. Apparently, everyone wants to learn new phrasal verbs.

And with **mini-story**, you will **improve your fluency**. I will ask you many questions that you will need to answer right away. It's like **speaking English with another person.**

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Ok, let's get started!

#1 To give something away

It means to give something for free as a gift or donation.

Examples:

"They give away a free chocolate bar for every \$100 you spend in the supermarket."

"Tina gave her old clothes away when she lost weight."

#2 To give oneself or somebody else away

It means to show where somebody is or what they are doing when they are trying to keep this a secret. Or to unintentionally reveal something about yourself that you don't want anyone to know. In short, to **give** somebody **away** means to betray them.

Examples:

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"Mia smiled, but her voice **gave her away.**"
"Tom **gave away** classified information to the competition."

#3 To give in

It means to accept that you are defeated, to surrender. Or, in some cases, to give in means to finally agree to what someone wants after refusing for some time.

Examples:

"After being surrounded, the enemy **gave in.**"
"My son insisted so much that I buy a cell phone, I finally **gave in.**"

#4 To give out

We use this phrasal verb to say that something stops working correctly or becomes weak.

Examples:

"After running for 30 minutes, my legs finally **gave out.**"
"The students wouldn't listen, so his patience finally **gave out.**"

#5 To give something over to somebody

It means to give responsibility for something to somebody.

Examples:

"Our boss **gave** most of his work **over** to his assistant."
"The assistant **gave** herself **over** completely to her work."

#6 To give up

This phrasal verb means to stop trying to do something, to surrender.

Examples:

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"Because of health problems, he was forced to **give up** his job."

"Everybody knows my mom never **gives up**."

#7 To give somebody up

It means to allow someone to be captured by the police.

Or surrender oneself to the police.

Examples:

"When he was surrounded, the criminal **gave himself up**."

"The private detective **gave** the criminal **up** to the police."

"She remorsefully **gave herself up** to the police."

Let's listen to the phrasal verbs we learned today:

Give something away

Give someone away

Give in

Give out

Give up

Give somebody up

Give something over to somebody

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Ok! Let's continue with a mini-story.

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Mini-Story

(practice your speaking)

A mini-story is very simple but really powerful. I ask easy questions on purpose so that you can simulate a conversation. It's like talking with another person in English.

Let's start!

Jake was a hacker, and he had an exciting but very reclusive life.

Was Jake an actor?

No. No. He was a hacker.

Did he have a boring life?

No. No. He's life wasn't boring. Jake had an exciting life.

Was Jake's life reclusive or sociable?

Reclusive. Jake's life was reclusive.

One day, he fought with his only friend, who **gave him away** to a private detective.

Did Jake fight with the police?

No. No. Jake fought with his friend.

Did Jake's friend give him away to the police?

No. No. Jake's friend **gave him away** to a private detective.

How many friends did Jake have?

Only one. Jake had only one friend.

How many friends did Jake have after the fight?

None. Jake had no other friends after he fought with his only friend.

To whom was Jake given away?

To a private detective. Jake's only friend gave him away to a private detective.

Whose friend gave Jake away?

Jake's friend. Jake's only friend gave him away to the private detective.

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The private detective found the hidden door that led to Jake's secret house.

Did the private detective find a hidden treasure?

No. No. He didn't find any hidden treasure. The private detective found a hidden door.

Was Jake's home secret or public knowledge?

Jake's home was secret, not public knowledge. He led a reclusive life.

Jake didn't want to **give himself up**, so he tried to escape; however, his car **gave out**.

Did Jake try to escape?

Yes. He tried to escape. He attempted to escape.

Did Jake give himself up?

No. No. Jake didn't **give himself up**. He didn't want to turn himself in.

Who's car give out? The private detective's car?

No. No. The private detective's car didn't **give out**. Jake's car **gave out**. It stopped working.

After capturing Jake, the private detective **gave him over** to the police.

Did the private detective give him over?

Yes. The private detective gave him over to the police.

To whom did the private detective give him over?

To the police. He gave Jake over to the police.

After two hours of interrogation, Jake finally **gave in** and gave **away** all the information.

For how long was Jake interrogated?

For two hours. The police interrogated him for two hours.

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Who finally gave in? The private detective?

No. Not the private detective. Jake finally **gave in**. He stopped resisting.

Did Jake give away something?

Yes. After two hours of interrogation, Jake **gave away** all the information.

Perfect! It's the end of this mini-story. And as you can see, through questions and answers, you can practice and improve your speech just like in a **real conversation**.

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Ok, we have reached the end of this episode. Remember to listen to it several times. It will help with your English.

See you soon! Bye! Bye!



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