

## ACTIONS

<b>Main theme addressed</b>	<b>In this lesson, you will learn about actions.</b>
<b>Key Goals</b>	<b>Here is an outline of what you will learn today:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Phrases to talk about actions</b></li> <li><b>2. Collocations to talk about actions</b></li> </ol>

### 1. Phrases to talk about actions

A **phrase** is a **group of words** that have a different **meaning** when put **together** as a **unit**. We often use them in everyday speech.

When we talk about actions, there will be many different **phrases** we could use.

Some verbs also have a **different meaning** when combined with another word.

These are called “**phrasal verbs**”.

Read this text which contains some phrases to remember when you talk about actions:

Jimmy didn't think he would have **access to higher education**. When he was little, he was in a car accident and was paralyzed **for life**. His parents were very worried that he would never **move on**. **For some time**, he believed that he would always **fail to** have a successful life. Just when he **was about to** give up, he met Kathy. From the moment they met, he started to **work on** himself and changed his **way of life**. **Thanks to** her, he **got to know** his own best qualities and decided to go to law school. Since then, Kathy never lets him **run out of** optimism!

**Exercise:**

Let's see if you understood the text correctly!

1. Rephrase the advice at the end of the text "His parents worried that he would never **move on**."

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2. What does it mean when we say that Jimmy **was about to** give up?

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## 2. Collocations to talk about actions

Here are some collocations that we often use when talking about actions.

- **With the verb "to get"**

**Dressed:** to put on clothes

**Married:** to marry someone

**Angry:** to start feeling angry

**A job:** to be selected for a job

**Drunk:** to drink so much that you are drunk

**Wet:** when there's water on someone/something

**Pregnant:** to be expecting a baby

- With the verb “to do”

**Homework:** to study after school

**Business:** for business relationships

**Someone a favor:** to help someone

**Someone’s best:** to make an effort

**The chores:** to work around the house

**Exercise:** to work out

**Laundry:** to wash clothes

- With the verb “to make”

**Friends:** to create new friendships

**A living:** to earn money to live

**A promise:** to promise something

**A call:** to call someone

- With the verb “to take”

**A look:** to look quickly at something

**A chance:** to try

**A break:** to rest

**Notes:** to write something down

- With the verb “to keep”

**Calm:** to stay calm

**A promise:** to honor a promise you made

**Quiet:** to be silent

**A diary:** to write things down in a diary

**Score:** to count the score

- With the verb “to come”

**First:** to be the most important or the winner of a competition

**Back:** to return

**To an agreement:** to reach an agreement with someone

**Up with:** to find an idea or a plan

**Close:** to almost do something

Examples:

My aunt **came** close to quitting her job after her car accident.

I **made** a promise to myself to take good care of my dog.

It was a pleasure **doing** business with you.

My cousin is **getting** married on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

You work too much, you should **take** a break.

My sister **keeps** a diary, but she never lets me read it.

**Exercise:**

**Choose the correct word to fill in the blanks:**

1. My brother sells newspapers to make \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Don't jump in that puddle or you'll get \_\_\_\_\_!
3. John always comes \_\_\_\_\_ creative ideas.
4. You'll never succeed if you don't take \_\_\_\_\_.

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