

Verb Makeover Answer Key

Sample Responses

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| 1. call off | 6. run into / bump into |
| 2. head out / set off | 7. look into |
| 3. hand in / turn in | 8. carry on / keep up |
| 4. drop by / come over | 9. put out |
| 5. speak up | 10. make up |

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Strengthening understanding of **phrasal verb synonyms** and improving natural, fluent word choice.
- **Grade Range:** Best suited for Grades 6-10, easily adjustable for higher or lower levels.

Teaching Tips:

- Begin by modeling one example on the board: show how "cancel" → "call off" changes tone from formal to conversational.
- Emphasize how phrasal verbs often make language sound **more natural or idiomatic** in everyday English.
- Encourage collaboration: students can **brainstorm multiple phrasal options** for each sentence and discuss subtle meaning changes.

Differentiation & Engagement:

- For beginners: provide a **phrasal verb list** with meanings.
- For advanced students: ask them to **use each new phrasal verb in a short dialogue or mini-story**.

Extension Idea: Hold a "**Verb Makeover Challenge**"-students rewrite formal news headlines using phrasal verbs ("Government cancels event" → "Government calls off event").