

# 8 Save Our Planet!

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Grammar Notes

## Phrasal Verbs



We combine a verb and a preposition or a verb and an adverb together to form a **phrasal verb**. The meaning of a **phrasal verb** is different from the meaning of its components.

- care for   clean up   give away   give up   pick up  
throw away   turn down   turn off   use up

### Grammar Tip

We can put the objects after or in between the components of some phrasal verbs.  
e.g. I always **turn** the air conditioner **off** when I leave the room.  
= I always **turn off** the air conditioner when I leave the room.

We should **give up** using plastic bags because they are harmful to marine life.

For example, the meaning of the verb 'give' (to offer something to someone) is different from the meaning of the **phrasal verb 'give up'** (to stop doing something).

## Warm-up

**A** Ellie is learning about how to be environmentally friendly. Choose a verb and a preposition or an adverb from the boxes to form a phrasal verb. Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs.

- give   pick   throw   turn   +   away   down   on   off   up

- Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the used paper. You can recycle it.
- It's so cold here. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ the air conditioner \_\_\_\_\_ a bit?
- You can \_\_\_\_\_ the unwanted clothes to the charity.
- It's irresponsible to litter. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your rubbish \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's dark here. \_\_\_\_\_ the lights \_\_\_\_\_, please.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the fan \_\_\_\_\_ after using it. Don't waste energy.



## Grammar Notes

### Connective: unless



We use the connective **'unless'** to talk about the possible results when certain actions are not taken. The connective **'unless'** has the same meaning as 'if ... not'.

Ice in polar regions will disappear **unless** we stop global warming.

result  
(simple future tense)

condition  
(simple present tense)

### Grammar Tip

We sometimes use 'unless' to talk about something that is very likely to happen in the future. A sentence with 'unless' is very similar to a type 1 conditional sentence.

e.g. Unless we learn to recycle, the landfills will be full soon.  
= If we don't learn to recycle, the landfills will be full soon.

We can use **'unless'** at the beginning of a sentence and use a comma to separate the clauses.

**Unless** you use up the leftovers, you will waste a lot of food.



### Common Errors

- ✓ You **will harm** the environment unless you go green.
- ✗ You **harm** the environment unless you go green.

1. Many animals **will die / die** unless we protect their habitats.
2. You **waste / will waste** a lot of water unless you stop leaving the taps on.

## Warm-up



Jasper is the green ambassador at school and he is talking about how to protect our Earth. Rearrange the words to form correct sentences.

1. will / extra / unless / produce / our / carry / water bottles / We / plastic waste / own / we / .

\_\_\_\_\_

2. improve / pollution / not / Unless / the Earth's / reduce / condition / we / will / , / .

\_\_\_\_\_

3. take / The temperature / public transport / keep / unless / rising / more / will / we / .

\_\_\_\_\_

4. stop / the / we / Unless / animals / die / sea / will / polluting / ocean / more / , / .

\_\_\_\_\_

5. will / dripping tap / water / you / a lot of / the / Unless / waste / you / fix / , / .

\_\_\_\_\_

6. unless / will / You / food / on your plate / a lot of / everything / finish / waste / you / .

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## Practice



Jasper is reading a poster about tips on going green. Complete the poster with 'unless' and the correct form of the given phrasal verbs.

break down    care for    clean up    cut down  
leave behind    switch off    throw away    turn on

### Ways to Go Green



Hint: Q7

Look for a phrasal verb that means 'decompose'.

Do the following to ① \_\_\_\_\_ the environment.

- ② \_\_\_\_\_ the air conditioner only when the weather is very hot.
- ③ \_\_\_\_\_ the place after picnicking.

We shouldn't ④ \_\_\_\_\_ any rubbish \_\_\_\_\_.

- People will ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ more trees to make paper ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ we reuse or recycle used paper and envelopes.
- Stop using plastic bags because they don't ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ easily.
- Reuse the items before you ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_.
- You will waste electricity ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ you ⑩ \_\_\_\_\_ the lights \_\_\_\_\_ after using them.



The Earth will die soon unless we take action now!



## Proofreading



There is one mistake in each numbered line. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Question 3-7.

1. The weather is hot today, so Miss Kam switched off the fan to 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. stay cool. She normally won't turn on the air con if the 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. temperature is higher than 30°C. She cares of the environment, 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. so she wants others to give out their wasteful habits and be 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. more eco-friendly. Air pollution increases unless we use electricity 5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. wisely. For example, we shouldn't leave the TV off when we 6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. aren't watching it. Our planet will become more hostile if we 7. \_\_\_\_\_  
cherish and protect it.

# Grammar in Context

Text Type:  
Play script

**E** Ellie is reading a play script. Complete the play script with the help of the given words.

change  
waste

care for    cool off    run out    switch on  
take out    throw away    turn off

unless

## A Green Lesson

 Hint: Q2


How do you feel when you hold a cold soda can?


Characters — Danny, Mum, Greeny the Green Fairy

Scene 1 — in the living room

Danny : Mum, I want to ❶ \_\_\_\_\_ the air conditioner. It's boiling hot here.

Mum : Use the fan instead, Danny. It's not that hot today.

Danny : Okay. Let me hold onto this can of cold soda to  ❷ \_\_\_\_\_ myself \_\_\_\_\_ then.

Mum : Did you close the fridge door when you  ❸ \_\_\_\_\_ the soda \_\_\_\_\_? You ❹ \_\_\_\_\_ energy ❺ \_\_\_\_\_ you close it properly! Please ❻ \_\_\_\_\_ the environment.

Danny : It's not a big deal. I'll close it later. Don't worry. (*playing with his mobile phone*)


Scene 2 — in Danny's bedroom

 Hint: Q3 & 9

Use the correct tense of the verbs.

Greeny : Danny ... Danny ... It's me, Greeny the Green Fairy.

Danny : (*rubbing his eyes, confused*) What? What's going on?

Greeny : Don't be wasteful, Danny. You often forget to ❷ \_\_\_\_\_ the domestic appliances when you leave home. Also, you always ❸ \_\_\_\_\_ things \_\_\_\_\_ instead of recycling them. The resources on Earth  ❹ \_\_\_\_\_ soon ❺ \_\_\_\_\_ you ❻ \_\_\_\_\_ your habits. Do you want the Earth to end?

Danny : (*scared*) Oh no, I don't want this to happen. What should I do?

Greeny : Act now! No one  ❻ \_\_\_\_\_ (save / the planet)

 ❼ \_\_\_\_\_ . (give up / your bad habits)

Danny : Please accept my apologies. I will take care of our planet from now on.