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Phrasal verbs y expresiones idiomáticas

Para aprovechar al máximo estos cuentos, te sugerimos leer primero el texto mientras escuchas el audio correspondiente, permitiéndote familiarizarte con la pronunciación y el ritmo del idioma. Luego, revisa las tablas de los phrasal verbs y expresiones idiomáticas para entender su uso en diferentes contextos. Finalmente, intenta crear tus propias oraciones o diálogos utilizando estas expresiones para reforzar tu aprendizaje.

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Alice and Bob had been dating for two years, but things were not going well. Alice felt that Bob was taking her for granted and never paid attention to her needs. Bob thought that Alice was too demanding and always nagged him about everything. They decided to break up, but they still had to live together until their lease was up.

One day, Alice came home from work and found Bob on the couch, watching TV and eating chips. She was furious.

Alice: Bob, what are you doing? You said you would clean up the apartment today!

Bob: Oh, hi Alice. I was going to do it, but then I got caught up in this show. It's really good, you should watch it with me.

Alice: No, thanks. I have better things to do than waste my time with you. You never keep your promises, Bob. You always let me down.

Bob: Come on, Alice. Don't be so hard on me. I'll do it later, I promise.



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Alice: Later, later, later. That's all you ever say. You know what, Bob? I'm fed up with you. I'm moving out.

Bob: What? You can't do that. We still have three months left on our lease.

Alice: I don't care. I'll pay my share of the rent, but I'm not staying here with you. I've already found a new place.

Bob: Where? With whom?

Alice: That's none of your business. But I'll give you a hint. He's someone you know very well.

Bob: What do you mean? Who is he?

Alice: He's your best friend, Dave.

Bob: Dave? You're kidding, right?

Alice: No, I'm not. He asked me out last week, and I said yes. He's everything you're not, Bob. He's smart, funny, caring, and handsome.

Bob: Alice, you can't do this to me. You can't go out with my best friend. That's not fair.

Alice: Fair? You want to talk about fair? What about all the times you cheated on me, Bob? What about all the lies you told me, Bob? What about all the times you made me cry, Bob?

Bob: Alice, I'm sorry. I made some mistakes, but I still love you. Please, don't leave me. Give me another chance.

Alice: No, Bob. It's too late. You've blown it. It's over.

Alice grabbed her suitcase and headed for the door.

Bob: Alice, wait. Please, don't go.

Alice: Goodbye, Bob.

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Alice slammed the door behind her, leaving Bob alone and heartbroken.

Bob: Alice, come back. I love you.

He turned off the TV and buried his face in his hands.

The End

Phrasal verb	Context	Translation
take someone	Alice felt that Bob was taking her for granted and	Dar a alguien
for granted	never paid attention to her needs.	por sentado
		Quedar
get caught up		atrapado en
in something	Bob got caught up in the show he was watching.	algo
let someone		Defraudar a
down	Alice said that Bob always let her down.	alguien
	Alice decided to move out of the apartment she	
move out	shared with Bob.	Mudarse
ask someone		Invitar a
out	Dave asked Alice out and she accepted.	alguien a salir
go out with	Alice told Bob she was going out with his best	Salir con
someone	friend.	alguien
cheat on	Alice accused Bob of cheating on her with other	Engañar a
someone	women.	alguien

Idiomatic expression	Context	Translation	
be hard on someone	Alice told Bob not to be so hard on himself.	Ser duro con alguien	
be fed up with someone	Alice said she was fed up with Bob and his excuses.	Estar harto de alguien	
	Alice told Bob he had blown his chance	J	
blow it	with her.	Arruinarlo	
slam the door	Alice slammed the door behind her when she left Bob.	Cerrar la puerta de golpe	

The Breakup

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(nivel intermedio)

Alice and Bob had been dating for two years, but things were not going well. Alice felt that Bob was taking her for granted and not paying enough attention to her. Bob felt that Alice was too demanding and not giving him enough space. They decided to break up, but they still had to share the same apartment until they found new places to inhabit.

One day, Alice came home from work and found Bob sitting on the couch, watching TV. She was in a bad mood and wanted to vent her frustration.

"Hey, Bob, can you turn down the volume? I have a headache and I need some peace and quiet,".

"Sorry, Alice, I can't hear you. The TV is too loud,".

Alice rolled her eyes and walked to the kitchen. She opened the fridge and saw a note on a pizza box. It read: "Alice, don't touch this pizza. It's mine. Bob."

Alice was furious. She grabbed the pizza box and threw it in the trash. Then she took out a carton of milk and poured it over Bob's laptop, which was on the coffee table.

"Hey, what are you doing? That's my laptop! You're crazy!".

"I'm crazy? You're the one who's crazy! You're so selfish and rude! You don't care about anyone but yourself! You never listen to me, you never help me with anything, you never appreciate me! You're the worst boyfriend ever!".

They started to argue, throwing insults and accusations at each other. They brought up old grudges and unresolved issues. They blamed each other for everything that went wrong in their relationship. They did not notice that someone was knocking on the door.

The door opened and a man walked in. He was tall and handsome, wearing a suit and a tie. He had a bouquet of roses in his hand and a smile on his face.

"Hello, Alice. I'm here to surprise you. I'm your secret admirer,".

Alice and Bob stopped fighting and looked at him in shock. They did not know who he was or what he was doing there.

"Who are you? How did you get in?".

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"I'm John. I work in the same building as you. I've been admiring you from afar for a long time. I got your address from your coworker, who is my friend. He gave me a spare key to your apartment. I wanted to surprise you with these roses and ask you out on a date,".

Alice and Bob were speechless. They could not believe what they were hearing.

"Are you kidding me? You're a stalker! You're a creep! You're a psycho! Get out of here!".

"Yeah, get out of here! This is our apartment! You have no right to be here! You're trespassing! We're calling the police!".

They grabbed their phones and dialed 911. John realized that his plan had backfired. He dropped the roses and ran out of the door. He hoped that they would not catch him.

Alice and Bob looked at each other. They felt a mix of emotions. They were angry, scared, confused, and relieved. They realized that they had just experienced something crazy and unexpected. They also realized that they still cared about each other.

They hugged and apologized for their fight. They decided to give their relationship another chance. They agreed to work on their problems and communicate better. They thanked the stranger for bringing them back together.

They lived happily ever after.

The end.

Phrasal Verb	Context	Translation
Turn down	Hey Bob can you turn	Bajar, disminuir
	down the volume?	
Walk in	The door opened and a	Entrar
	man walked in.	
Get in	How did you get in?	Entrar
Ask out	I wanted to surprise you	Invitar a salir
	with these roses and ask	
	you out on a date.	



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Run out	He dropped the roses	Salir corriendo	
	and ran out of the door.		
Bring up	They brought up old	Mencionar, sacar a	
	grudges and unresolved	colación	
	issues.		
Work on	They agreed to work on	Trabajar en	
	their problems and		
	communicate better.		

Expression	Context	Translation
From afar	I've been admiring you	Desde lejos
	from afar for a long time.	
Backfire	John realized that his	Salir el tiro por la culata
	plan had backfired.	
Catch someone	He hoped that they would	Descubrir a alguien
	not catch him.	Aac II
Live happily ever after	They lived happily ever	Vivieron felices para
	after.	siempre

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