

# GIVE OUT, GIVE IN, GIVE OFF...OH, I GIVE UP!\*

Phrasal verbs: Who decided it's a good idea to have two (or more) words for one action?!

**“Les verbes à particules”** Ah, those famous phrasal verbs. Probably one of the most annoying aspects of the English language. Change one tiny word and you change the entire definition! Take my advice, stop learning “give + out; +in; +off”. It complicates things! Learn each one as a single vocabulary item, with its own translation and a phrase to put it in context. Then, you won't even have to think about that “verb+preposition” formula (because really, who wants to think about things like that?)

*\*Distribuer, céder, émettre...oh, j'arrête !*

English	French	How you can use it
call you back	vous rapeller	I'm busy right now, can I call you back in 10 minutes?
cut back	réduire	We're going to cut back on staff, since business is slow at the moment.
fill out	remplir, compléter	Can you fill out this form?
get back to	revenir vers quelqu'un	I don't know. Let me check and I'll get back to you with the answer.
go ahead with	procéder	We got approval, so we can go ahead with the project.
go over	regarder ensemble	Let me go over the agenda before we start the meeting.
hang on	patientez, attendez	Can you hang on a minute? Someone's at my door.
look forward to	au plaisir de	I look forward to meeting you soon.
put it off	remettre à plus tard	If you want, we can put our meeting off until next Tuesday.
run into	rencontrer (par hasard)	I ran into the director the other day at the Bastille.



Careful some fixed expressions use the phrasal verb “look forward to” and have a slightly different translation: “I look forward to hearing from you” is similar to “N'hésitez pas à prendre contact avec nous” and “I look forward to seeing you” is similar to “Nous espérons vous voir”!

*Et si tu as une question à propos d'autres “phrasal verbs”, pose-la sur ma page Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SpeakEnglishWithChristina](https://www.facebook.com/SpeakEnglishWithChristina). Je t'y répondrai, I promise !*