

Common Phrasal Verbs Which Make Sense!

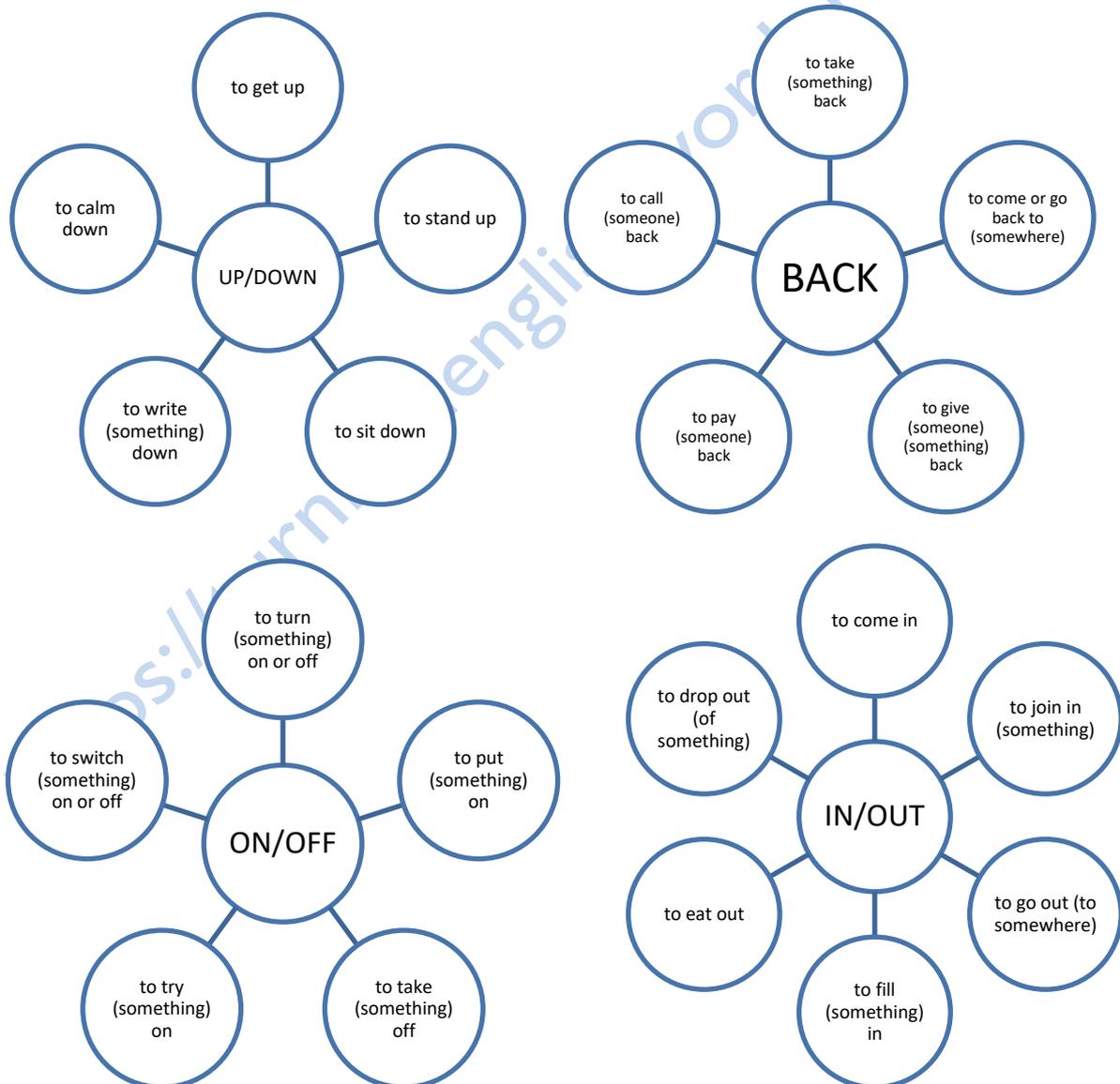
Phrasal Verbs

Phrasal verbs usually contain a normal verb which can be conjugated (I will **sit** down, yesterday I **sat** down *etc.*) and a particle (up, down, on, off *etc.*).

These verbs are special to English and can be very difficult to learn.

Some phrasal verbs seem to make no sense considering the meaning of the individual parts. For example, *to give up*, means to stop a hobby or habit, "I want to give up smoking", but this is not obvious if we understand *give* and *up*.

Luckily, there are lots of very common phrasal verbs which do make sense! Look at the examples below and discuss the context in which they can be used.



Speaking Activity

Now look at the following questions which need phrasal verbs from this sheet to complete them. Decide which phrasal verb is best for the question (more than one may be possible) and discuss your answers with a partner.

How often do you _____ at the weekend?

Do you always _____ at a restaurant on your birthday?

What time do you usually _____ in the morning?

Do you usually _____ to places you have already been to on holiday?

Have you ever borrowed something from somebody and forgotten to _____ it _____?

If you get angry, what do you usually do to _____?

When was the last time you had to _____ a form _____?

Do you always _____ the lights _____ when you leave a room?

If someone leaves you a voicemail do you prefer to send them a message or _____ them _____?

Do you prefer to _____ clothes _____ before buying them?

What's the first thing you do when you _____ to the classroom?