Shape up or Ship out.

TO PREPARE FOR THIS LESSON :
Youtube – watch the video. Now say what he does. Describe what he does in the film.
stop-motion IKEA furniture assembly

Activity One – Phrasal Verbs

The only way to use these verbs correctly is to chose the most useful ones, learn them and practice practice practice !

what is a phrasal verb.

Phrasal Verbs -
The use of prepositions is, without doubt, one of the most difficult areas of English grammar. Swan (Practical English Usage, Oxford University press 1977) comments:

<<It is difficult to learn to use prepositions correctly in a foreign language. Most English prepositions have several different functions (for instance, one-well known dictionary lists eighteen main uses of at), different prepositions can have very similar usues (in the morning, on Monday morning, at night). Many nouns, verbs and adjectives are normally used with particular prepositions: we say the reason for, arrive at, angry with somebody, on a bus. Often the correct preposition cannot be guessed, and one has to learn the expression as a whole. <<

Here are the most common prepositions in English :

Of	to	for	on	with	at	by	as	into	
about	like	between	after	through	over				
under	against	before	without	within	during				
towards	off	upon	among	around	across				
behind	in	out	up	off					

Sometimes they are used with a verb and change the meaning of that verb – these are called PHRASAL VERBS. For example : Use each of these verbs in a sentance.

To eat	**To get**
To eat into	**To get out**
To eat up	**To get off**

The only way to learn how to use prepositions correctly in English is by practicing ! Whenever you come across a new phrasal verb in your reading of the English language you should always write it down.

Let's look at the 'rules' see the phrasal verb sheet.

Activity Two – Explain how to assemble the furniture that you saw in the video when preparing for this lesson. (Or how to assemble any piece of furniture of your choice).

Activity Three- Practice
You are going to make three phone calls to department heads. Sales in their department have gone down. You need them to sort things out as soon as possible. You are calling to find a way to figure out what has happened and get them to shape up.

In all these departments there are problems that may expalin the loss in sales.

1. The sofa department where three sales people have recently been replaced.
2. The kitchen department where waiting times are very long and complaints have been made.
3. The lighting department where there has been a lot of lost and broken items through bad management.

You call the departmet head and tell him what you think. You must use as many phrasal verbs as possible in the conversation. These may be useful.

Find out
Sum up
Point out
Figure out
Rule out
Think over
Try out

Face up to
Settle on
Keep at
Add up
Fall behind on
Get ahead of

Activity Four : What do you think the invention on the poster does and how does it work? During this discussion let's note all the phrasal verbs that come up.

