

# **Phrasal verbs**

in the Lyrics of Imagine Dragons

The phrasal verb is a phrase that consists of a verb and a preposition.

But why are phrasal verbs so important?

- make speech more interesting
- easier to understand natives and even songs
- they are prevalent in informal speech

**The aim of my work is ground studying of the phrasal verbs in the lyrics of “Imagine Dragons” and making up practical application based on these lyrics .**



The subject of my  
work is phrasal  
verbs.

The objects of my  
work are the lyrics  
of “Imagine  
Dragons”.

**The newness of the work is the choice of the object, as the lyrics of the “Imagine Dragons” haven’t been analyzed earlier in the connection with learning phrasal verbs.**

**I have generalized and  
systematized the  
researched materials in  
the following directions:**

***-top of more frequently  
used phrasal verbs in the  
lyrics of my favourite  
band***

***-phrasal verbs with the  
verb “to look”, “get”,  
“give” and others.***



I have studied the  
context of 66 songs of 4  
albums of my favourite  
band.

So while researching I  
came across  
146 phrasal verbs.





**Their songs are very different and are of various genres, such as pop, rock, alternative, indie rock and others.**







# TOP-3 more frequently used phrasal verbs:

## *-open up(6 songs)*

“Summer”, “Second chances”, “Rise up”, “Smoke and mirrors” and others.

## *-let down(4 songs)*

“Polaroid”, “Second chances”, “Release” and others.

## *-give up(4 songs)*

“Walking the Wire”, “Natural”, “West Coast”, “Burn out”.

## **OPEN UP**

*when new opportunities or situations become available or possible.*

“Summer”, “Second chances”, “Rise up”, “Smoke and mirrors” and others.





**Most popular phrasal  
verbs with:**

- 1. Look**
- 2. Give**
- 3. Get**
- 4. Go**

## Phrasal verbs with LOOK:

Look down ('Walking the wire', 'Birds')

'If you're afraid of falling then don't **look down**

'Look out('Walking the wire')

'**Look out** down below

Walking the wire'

Look up ('Rise up', 'West coast')

'Always **looking up** at higher floors'('Rise up')

'Lay your eyes, **look up** upon me for the better'

('West Coast')

Look through (Natural)

'**Lookin' through** the glass find the wrong within the past

knowing' ('Natural')

Look for ('Zero', 'Shots')

'I'm **looking for** a way out'('Zero')

'When I keep saying that I'm **looking for** an empty space'

('Shots')

Look at ('Cool out', 'Release')

'You were **lookin' at** me wild'('Cool out')

'But **look at** me

Oh what a mess('Release')



## Phrasal verbs with TURN:

turn off (“Real life”)

‘Turn your phone off, only  
look me in my eye’



turn away (“Warriors”)

‘Here we are, don't  
turn away now,  
We are the warriors that  
built this town’



## Phrasal verbs with GIVE:

Give up ('Walking the wire', 'Natural',  
'West Coast', 'Burn out')

'We could turn around or we could **give it up**'  
(Walking the wire)

'When every one of them has **giving up** or  
giving in'  
( 'Natural' )

'But my love, I won't **give up**  
Spend my days cursin' my soul' ( 'West coast' )  
'Don't burn out, don't burn out on me'  
( 'Burn out' )

Give in ( 'Natural' )

'When every one of them has giving up or  
**giving in**'

Give to ( 'Start over' )

'What I'd, **give to**, find my way back into you'





## Phrasal verbs with GO:

### Go down ('Whatever it takes')

'At least I **go down** to the grave and I  
happily'

### Go away (West coast)

'All your tears that you have cried  
would  
**go away**'

### Go under ('Mouth of the river')

'And I am **going under**  
Oh, I am going under'

### Go off (Boomerang)

'How many times, that false alarm  
**goes off**'



**Needless to say,  
the practical significance of  
the research is in possible  
application of its results in  
practice by people who are  
interested in learning phrasal  
verbs with the help of  
modern songs, especially for  
the fans of Imagine Dragons.**