## Phrasal verbs

in the Lyrics of Imagine Dragons

# The phrasal verb is a <u>phrase</u> that consists of a verb and a <u>preposition</u>.

- 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".

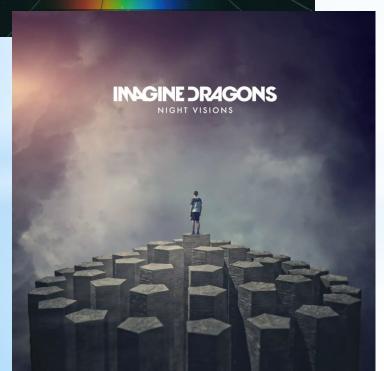
The newness of the work is the choice of the object, as the lyrics of the "Imagine Dragons" haven't been analyzed earlier in the connection with learning phrasal verbs.

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.

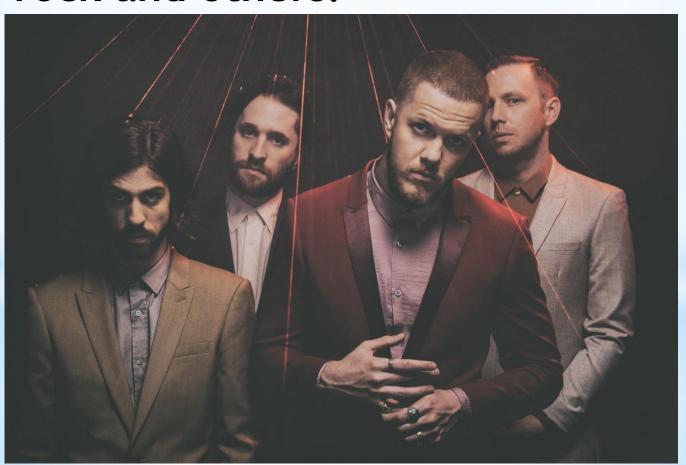








Their songs are very different and are of various genres, such as pop, rock, alternative, indie rock and others.





## 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:

<u>Look down</u> ('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' <u>Look up</u> ('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')

Oh what a mess('Release')

'But look at me

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')

<u>Give in ('Natural')</u>

'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.