

## “Put” Phrasal Verbs - Definitions

**put (x) down:** 1) to kill an animal that is sick or injured  
2) to insult someone

- We had to put down our pet dog because it was very old and suffering from cancer.
  - My girlfriend always puts me down in front of my friends. I don't think she respects me.
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**put (x) off:** to postpone; to do something at a later time instead of doing it now

- I should do some work now, but I guess I can put it off until tomorrow morning.
  - Do we need to go to the grocery store right now? Can't we put it off for another day or two?
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**put (x) out:** 1) to disturb or ask a big favor of someone  
2) to extinguish a fire (to put water on a fire until it is “out”)

- I hope I'm not putting you out, but could I borrow your car this weekend?
  - If it's a problem to help me paint my house, don't worry about it. I don't want to put you out.
  - Luckily, my neighbor helped me put out the small fire, so my house didn't burn down.
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**put (x) up:** to let someone stay in your house for a short period of time

- Could you put me up for a couple days when I come visit you? Are you sure? I don't want to put you out...
  - James put me up in his spare bedroom while I was looking for an apartment that I could afford.
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**put up with:** to tolerate something or someone that you don't really like

- I don't know why you put up with your boyfriend. He treats you like you're his servant!
  - I can't put up with this stupid job anymore. I quit!
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## “Put” Phrasal Verbs - Worksheet

Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete these “put” phrasal verbs.

- Patrick: I’m coming to visit you in Boston next month. Do you think you could \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ for a few days? I can’t really afford a hotel.

Zack: Of course! That’s what friends are for!

Patrick: Are you sure I won’t be \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_?

Zack: It’s no problem at all.
- Craig’s brothers always make fun of him and \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_, so he has low self-esteem.
- I don’t know how my parents \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ me when I was a teenager. I was always yelling at them and sneaking out of the house. I must have driven them crazy!
- Luckily, the firefighters were able to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ the fire before it got too big and completely destroyed the house.
- We can’t afford the surgery that our pet dog needs, so we might have to \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_.
- I’m too tired to finish my math homework tonight. I’ll have to \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ until tomorrow before school.