

"Grow" Phrasal Verbs: Definitions

grow apart: when friends gradually become distant and less close, we say they "grow apart"

- *After I went to college, my best friend and I gradually grew apart. Now we rarely even talk to each other.*
 - *We were happily married for nearly 20 years, but over time we started to grow apart, and we eventually separated.*
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grow into: to grow up and fit into large clothes (for example, an older sibling's clothes)

grow out of: to grow too big to wear clothes

- *You don't need to buy new clothes! You can just wear your older brother's clothes! I know they're a little too big now, but you'll grow into them soon!*
 - *Jake grew out of all of his old shirts, so he gave them to his little brother to wear.*
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grow on: to gradually like something that you didn't like at first

- *I used to hate this song, but it's grown on me lately.*
 - *I always hated dogs, but ever since I got a job in a pet store, they have grown on me.*
 - *That movie starts a little slow, but if you stick with it, it will grow on you.*
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grow up on: to do something often as a child (an experience or activity that influenced or affected you as a child)

- *Cartoons nowadays are terrible. The cartoons that we grew up on were much better.*
 - *My brother and I grew up on comic books, and we have collected them ever since.*
 - *I grew up on sugary cereals. I would eat them every day for breakfast. It's amazing that I managed to stay healthy.*
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"Grow" Phrasal Verbs: Review

Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete these "grow" phrasal verbs.

1. I didn't like living in Japan at first, but after I met my girlfriend and got a nice apartment, it started to _____ me.
2. My son is growing so fast! At the beginning of the year, his brother's clothes were too big for him, and by the end of the year he had already _____ them!
3. Chris and his brother _____ on sports, so it's no wonder that they both got basketball scholarships from the university.
4. I accidentally bought shoes that are two sizes too big, but my mother says I'll _____ them, so she won't buy me a new pair.
5. Initially, Jason and Diane thought they could have a long-distance relationship, even though their friends warned them that it wouldn't work. He lived in New York; she lived in LA. At first, they kept in touch, but eventually they _____ and broke up.
6. When I first tasted beer, I thought it was disgusting. However, after a few years it _____ me, and now I love the taste!