



Phrasal verbs. Friendship

Nº	PHRASAL VERB	MEANING
1.	Get on/ along with somebody Get on well/ badly with somebody	To have a good relationship with someone To have a good/ bad relationship with someone
“Mark has always got on well with his classmates” “ Do you get along with your boss” “ I really get on badly with my neighbour”		
2.	Hit it off with sb	Immediate like and become friendly with them (informal)
“ It’s amazing. They hit it off immediately when they met”		
3.	Fall out (over/about sth) (with sb)	To have an argument
“ We have fallen out about the car we want to buy” “ It’s not worth falling out about this”		
4.	Grow apart / Drift apart	Gradually become less friendly and more distant
“When students finish school they tend to grow apart” “ We drifted apart ever since we fell out over the same girl”		
5.	To open up	To talk more about oneself and feelings
“ She finally opened up and told me everything that worried her”		
6.	To have it out (with sb)	To talk about sth that has made you angry to improve the situation.
“ Why don’t you have it out with her?”.- You will both feel much better “ If you have it out with Phil, things will get much better”		
7.	To work sth out	To solve things
“ Life is very short and there’s no time for fighting, my friend. We can work it out” (The Beatles)		
8.	To make (it) up	To be reconciled after a quarrel / argument
“Did you make up with your brother?”		
9.	To let sb down	To have a disappointing effect on someone
“ I won’t let you down” “ Don’t let me down”		

Pam: When did you first meet John?

Albert: I first met him at school. We were hardly 7 or 8 years old.

Pam: Wow!. It’s been quite a long time then.

Albert: You bet! We hit it off immediately and we got on very well from the start.

Pam. It looks like the perfect friendship story, right?

Albert: Well, it hasn’t been that easy all the time. We have fallen out about stupid things more than once, but we always made up after things calmed down, not long after.

Pam: Tell me something, Albert. What has been the key to this long-standing friendship?

Albert: I guess that it has lasted so long because whenever there was a problem between us, we opened up and talked clearly; this way we didn’t bottle it up and we could work it out right away.

Pam: Good thinking, and one more question if you don’t mind. Have you ever let him down? or the other way round?.

Albert: Sometimes, but we both knew it wasn’t deliberate, so it was easy for us to forgive each other. We have never meant to hurt each other.

Pam: I see. How often do you meet now?.

Albert: Not as often as we would like. You know, after we graduated at university, he moved to New York City and besides we’ve led very hectic, busy lives, so I guess we’ve grown a bit apart.

Pam: Yeah, that happens, but I’m sure you keep wonderful memories of each other, don’t you?

Albert: Absolutely, he’s still my best friend, no matter how long we haven’t known about each other.