

Phrasal verbs with “pass”

The verb “to pass” (pass/passed/passed) means “passar” in Portuguese. Here are some phrasal verbs using the verb ‘pass’.

1) **to pass away** – to die

Example: John is very sad. His grandfather **passed away** last week.

2a) **to pass by** – to temporarily make a stop on a journey

Example: When you return, can you **pass by** the supermarket and buy some milk?

2b) **to pass by** – to go past something or someone

Example: I think she likes me! She waved to me as I **passed by** her house.

3) **to pass down** – to pass something to the next generation

Example: This watch was **passed down** to me by my father. I will never sell it.

4) **to pass for** – to be accepted as something or someone different

Example: In order to infiltrate the gang, the detective **passed for** a drug addict.

5) **to pass off** – to pretend something is different or to make something seem real

Example: He tried to **pass off** his Rolex as real, but I knew it was a fake.

6a) **to pass on** – to give something to someone else

Example: Suzy **passed on** the message to her husband for me.

6b) **to pass on** – to refuse something

Example: I'll **pass on** dessert, thanks. I'm really full!

7) **to pass out** – to faint

Example: Jane **passed out** while walking to the shops. It was over 40 degrees out!

8) **to pass over** – to ignore or overlook someone or something

Example: Jack was very upset. He was **passed over** for promotion again.

9) **to pass through** – to go through a specific place or area

Examples: To get to the car park, you must **pass through** the shoe shop.

The bullet **passed through** his leg without hitting a bone.

10) **to pass up** – to reject an opportunity

Example: Simon is crazy! He **passed up** the chance to go to Europe.

Exercise. Complete the following with a phrasal verb from above, conjugating as necessary.

1. Last night my mum thought that she saw a ghost. She _____ on the sofa in front of the TV!

2. My daughter can't stop crying. Our dog was hit by a car and _____ yesterday.

3. “Hello! Is that Mary? Can you please _____ a message to Bob?”

4. Our house is really old. It has been _____ to us through four generations.

5. “Dad – mum has a headache and she needs paracetamol.” “OK. I'll _____ the pharmacy on my way home.”