



Phrasal Verbs for Languages

When learning a language, I find it really hard to **take in** grammar rules and **pick up** new vocabulary. It takes such a long time for me to **figure the language out**. There are so many language skills I can't **narrow down** which one is causing me the most problems. I could probably **get by in** French but I certainly wouldn't **pass for** a native speaker. I really need to **brush up on** my idioms.

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to take in

transitive - separable

To understand

I find it hard to take in your instructions.

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to pick up

transitive - separable

To learn

I picked up German really easily.

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to figure out

transitive - separable

To solve and understand why

I can't figure out the pronunciation in English.

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to narrow down

transitive - separable

To reduce the possibilities

Let's narrow down the number of words we're learning this week.

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to get by in

transitive - inseparable

To manage

I could easily get by in Spanish.

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to pass for

transitive - inseparable

To be accepted as

She passes for a Brit with her high level of language.

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to brush up on

transitive - inseparable

To improve

Let's brush up on our speaking skills.