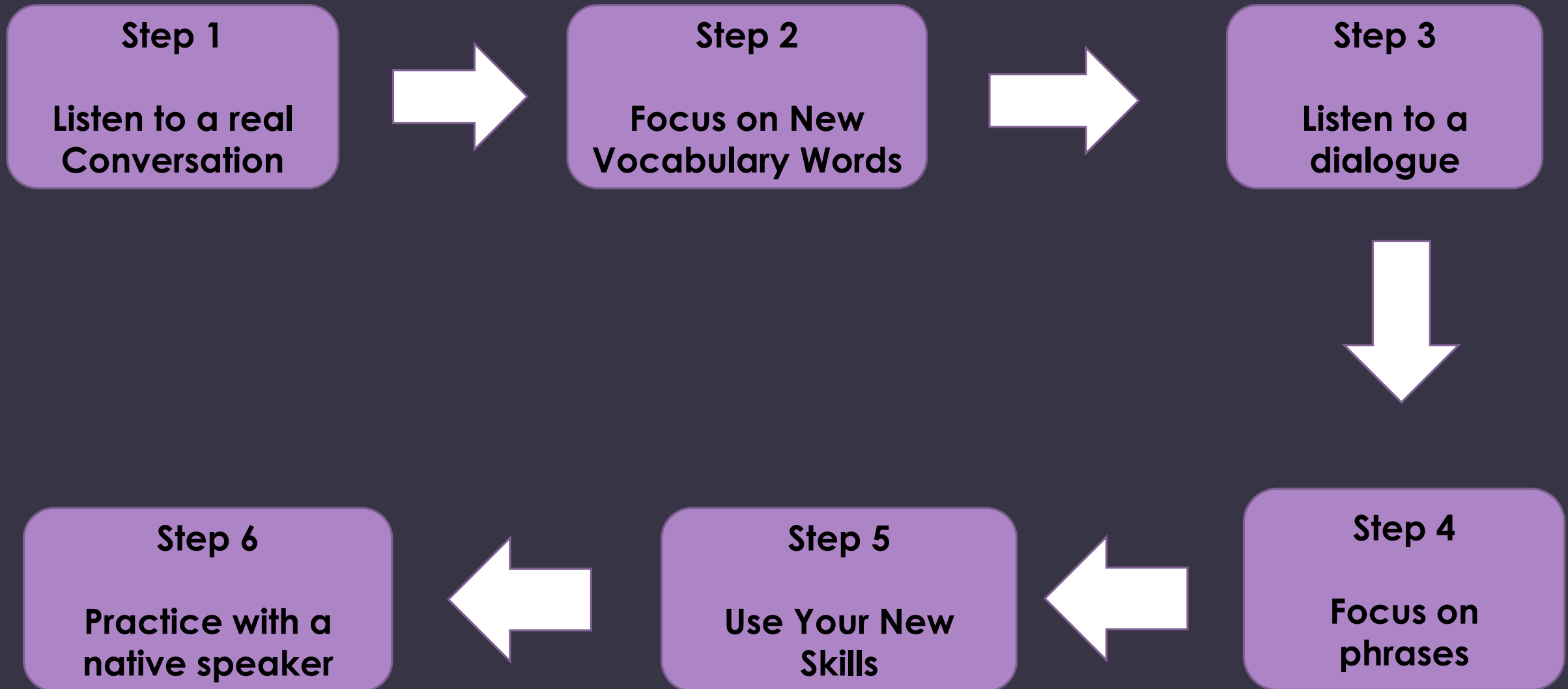




Are You a Spontaneous Person?

A Phrasal Verb Lesson

Our Method



Step 1: What Is the Most Spontaneous Thing You Have Ever Done?



Please listen to Audio Step 1-What Is the Most Spontaneous Thing You Have Ever Done?

Do you like to do spontaneous things? What is the most spontaneous thing you have ever done?

In this conversation, Denise and Lindsay will talk about doing crazy and spontaneous things in their twenties.

Please view Transcript Step 1-What Is the Most Spontaneous Thing You Have Ever Done

Step 2: Focus on New Vocabulary Words

To finish up

To work out

**To look
back on**

To move on

To go on

**To give
something
up**

To finish up

(phrasal verb)



Meaning: To complete something, a more casual way to say “finish”

When I finish up my degree, I am going to live abroad for a while.

To move on

(phrasal verb)



Meaning: To stop the current activity and continue to another activity or job, to progress

When Obama campaigned, he encouraged voters to move on from old ways of thinking and try some new ideas.

To work out

(phrasal verb)



Meaning: When something produces desired results

I tried dating someone new, but it didn't work out

To go on

(phrasal verb)



Meaning: To happen, to occur

How long has this race been going on?

To look back
on

(phrasal verb)

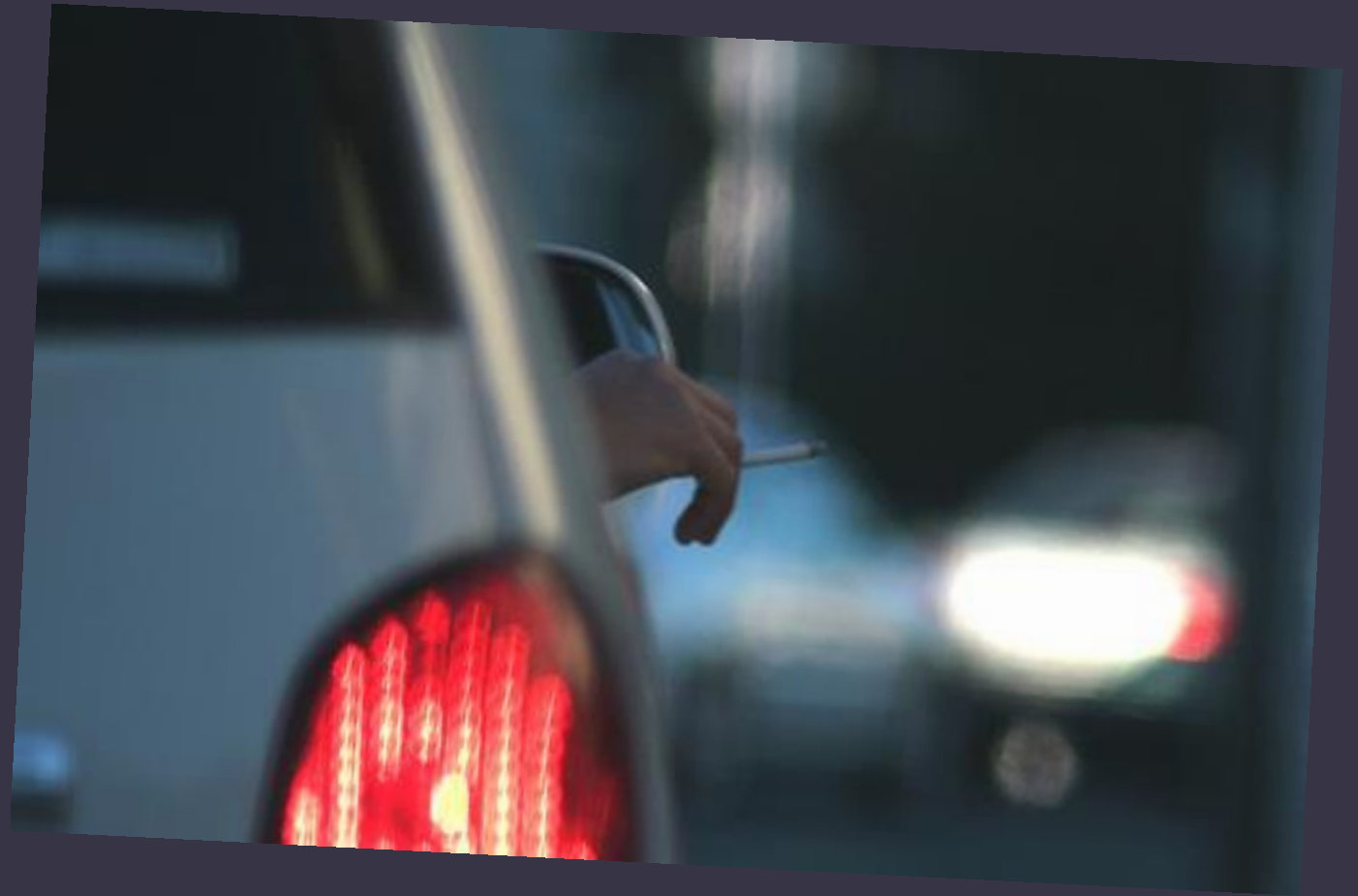


Meaning: To think about something that occurred in the past

When I look back on my twenties, I feel happy because I had some great adventures.

To give
something up

(phrasal verb)



Meaning: To let go of something, to stop using it or to stop doing it

How hard is it to give up smoking?

Step 3: I'm Off to Kenya Next Week

In this conversation, two former classmates run into each other and talk about upcoming travel plans.

Listen to Audio Steps 3 and 4-
I'm Off to Kenya Next Week



Step 4: Focus on the Vocabulary Phrases

Learn the new vocabulary in context!

Please open Transcript Steps 3 and 4 – I'm Off to Kenya Next Week

- "...what's going on in your life these days?"
- "...it wasn't hard to give that up"
- "I need to finish up the semester"
- "You don't want to look back on your twenties..."
- "I am ready to move on from that"
- "...this experience is going to work out well for you"

Bonus! Say It Another Way!

Learn how to say the phrases in a different way!

Click on the file “Say It Another Way”

Step 5: Use Your New Skills

To finish up

To work out

To move on

**To give
something up**

To go on

**To look back
on**

1. When do you plan to _____ (complete) your graduate degree?
2. Do you plan to _____ (stop) drinking?
3. When I _____ (think about) my childhood, I feel happy.
4. I tried to move to LA, but it didn't _____ (succeed) because I couldn't find a job.
5. If things don't work out with your boyfriend, you have to _____ (continue, do something new).
6. What is _____ (happening)? Why is it so noisy in here?

Step 5 answers

- 1- finish up
- 2- give up
- 3- look back on
- 4- work out
- 5- move on
- 6- going on

To move on



Prepare Your Vocabulary Cards

To finish up



To go on



To give something up



To work out



To look back on



Step 6: Practice with a Native

- How do you know when it's time to **move on** from a job or a relationship? When was the last time you felt that you wanted to move on from something but couldn't?
- What was the last spontaneous decision that you made? How did it **work out**? Name one possession that would be hard to **give up** if you quickly decided to move abroad and couldn't take it with you?

- **Bonus: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way- Dialogue 1**

(A= friend, B= friend) (* see answers at the end of the module)

A: (student) So I am thinking about ___1___ (move on) to a new career field. I'm going to be a travel photographer.

B: Wow, that's a surprise. When did you decide to do that?

A: It was a pretty spontaneous decision. I am leaving next week. I hope everything ___2___ (works out)

B: You mean you are going to ___3___ (give up) your corner office to travel by bus to dangerous countries?

A: Yeah, pretty much. Wish me luck!

Step 6: Practice with a Native

- What current projects are you working on (at work or personal projects)? When do you plan to **finish them up**?
- When you **look back on** the last 3 big decisions that you have made, do you feel a sense of happiness or regret or somewhere in between? What decisions did you make and why did you make them?
- What is the most interesting thing that is **going on** in your life right now?

○ Bonus: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way-Dialogue 2

(A= father, B= son) (* see answers at the end of the module)

A: Congratulations on__1__(finishing up) your college degree. I am proud of you!

B: Thanks. When I __2__ (look back on) the last four years, some great memories come to mind.

A: I bet. So what's__3__ (going on) with your job search?

B: Oh I'm still working on it.

More conversation practice

- Do you think that it's important to have spontaneous experiences in life? Why or why not?
- How do you feel when you make a spontaneous decision? How does the feeling show up in your body?
- Is spontaneity important in a romantic relationship or a marriage? Do you look for partners who do spontaneous things? Why or why not?
- Why do you think that kids have an easier time being spontaneous than adults?
- Do you have a very spontaneous friend who has made you more spontaneous because you have spent time with the person?

More conversation practice

- Could spontaneity be a bad thing? If so, in what situations? Have you ever made a spontaneous decision that turned out to be a huge mistake? Please explain.
- In general, do you want to become more or less spontaneous in the next year?
- Which is the opposite of “spontaneous”? Do you know someone that displays those characteristics? How do you feel around that person? Do you feel bored? Uninspired? Comfortable?

Bonus dialogue answers

Dialogue 1:

1- *So I am thinking about (trying), (switching to) a new career field. I'm going to be a travel photographer.*

2- *It was a pretty spontaneous decision. I am leaving next week. I hope everything (goes well) (is a success), (turns out ok)*

B: *You mean you are going to (let go of) your corner office to travel by bus to dangerous countries?*

Dialogue 2:

1- *Congratulations on (completing), (finishing), (getting through) your college degree. I am proud of you!*

2- *Thanks. When I (think back on) the last four years, some great memories come to mind.*

3- *I bet. So what's (happening) with your job search?*

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