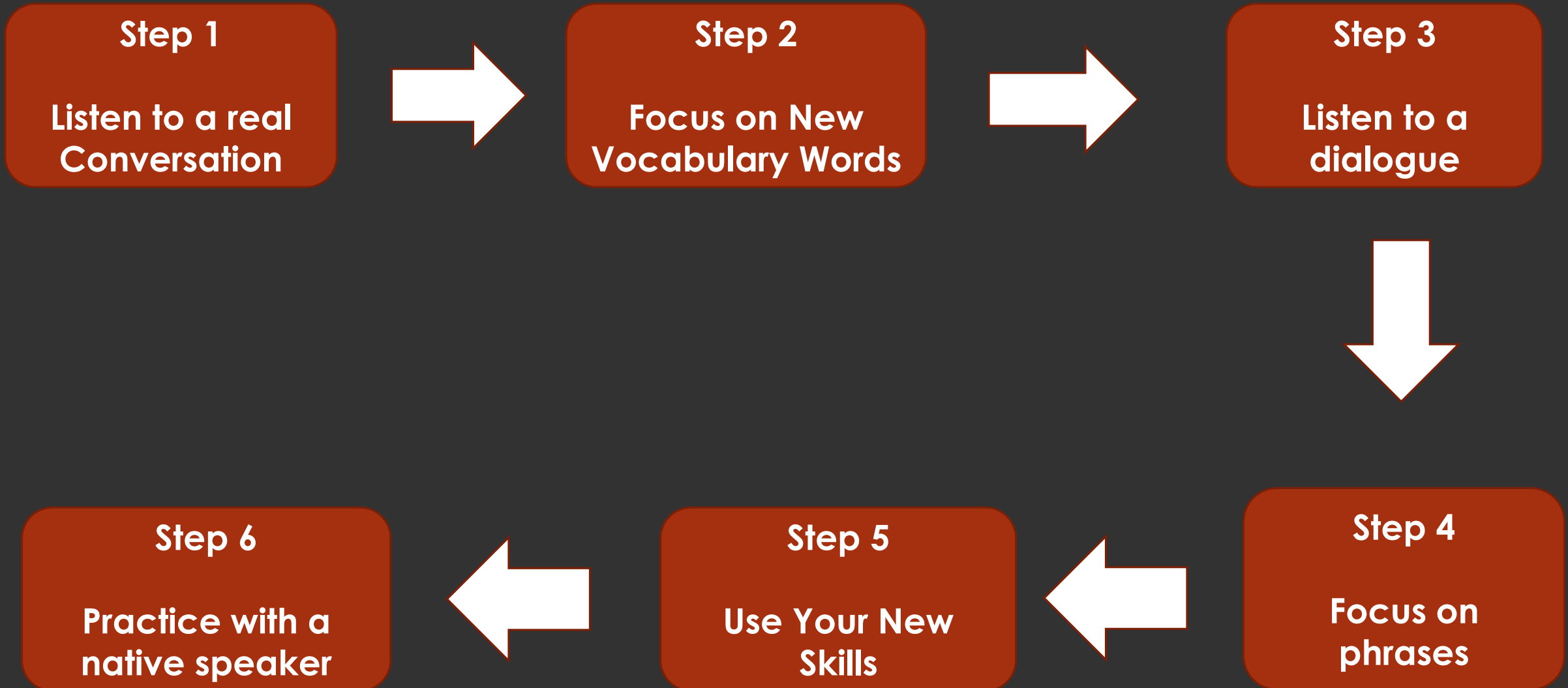




What Do Americans Teach Their Kids?

A Phrasal Verb Lesson

Our Method



Step 1: What Did You Learn as an American Kid?



Please listen to Audio Step 1- “What Did You Learn as an American Kid?”

**We learn our cultural norms when we are kids. What cultural norms do American kids learn? How are they different from your cultural norms?
Find out in this conversation.**

**Please view Transcript Step 1-
“What Did You Learn as an American Kid?”**

Step 2: Focus on New Vocabulary Expressions

To grow up

To get used to

To throw around

To come down to

To put someone down

To come along

To grow up

Phrasal verb



This means to get older and bigger, this can only be used when you talk about children and teenagers, usually under age 18

“Wow your daughter has grown up so fast!”

To get used to

Phrasal verb



To become accustomed to something

“We have gotten used to running every morning before work.”

To come
down to

Phrasal verb



To be equivalent to, to be reduced to, the bottom line

“Success in football comes down to hard work and a little luck.”

**To put
someone
down**

Phrasal verb



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To insult someone, to make someone feel bad

“My friends put me down when they saw my Halloween costume.”

**To throw
around (an
idea)**

Phrasal verb



To casually talk about an idea

“Let’s get together later and throw some ideas around for the new project”

**To come
along**

**(this is one of a few
meanings)**

Phrasal verb



To arrive, to show up, to appear

“Our second child came along two years after our first child.”

Step 3: Your Baby Is Almost Here

In this conversation you will hear a discussion between two American mothers about what they want to teach their kids.

Please see the “Audio Steps 3 and 4-Your Baby Is Almost Here”



Step 4: Focus on the Vocabulary Phrases

Learn the new vocabulary in context!

Please open the file called "Transcript Steps 3 and 4- Your Baby Is Almost Here"

- "I guess they grow up so fast"
- "I guess it comes down to the examples that you set for them"
- "You'll get used to it"
- "...we had to be careful about the words that we threw around"
- "I really want to teach my daughter not to put anyone down"
- "...by the time your next child comes along"

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

Grow up

**Come down
to**

Get used to

**Put someone
down**

Throw around

Come along

A: So what did your parents teach you when you were __1__ (getting older)

B: They taught me to never __2__ (disrespect) other kids or adults.

A: That's a great lesson. When your little brother __3__ (arrived) what did you teach him?

B: I taught him to __4__ (become accustomed to) sharing his toys with me!

Answers to Quiz Step 5

- 1) Growing up
- 2) put down other kids or adults
- 3) Came along
- 4) Get used to

Grow up



Prepare Your Vocabulary Cards



Come down to

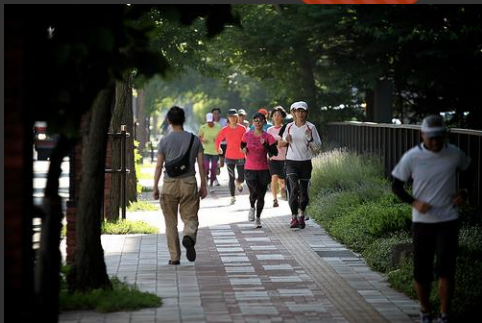
Come along

Put someone down

Throw around



Get used to



Step 6: Practice with a Native Conversation 1

- What lessons did your parents teach you when you were **growing up**? Are those typical lessons for a kid to learn in your home culture? Did they teach the same lessons to your brother or sister when he or she **came along**?
- Did your parents teach you not **to put people down**? If so, has that been a valuable lesson for your throughout your life?

Bonus Conversation 1: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way (A= friend, B= friend)

A: (student): So what did your parents teach you when you were ____ (growing up)?

B: They taught me not to ____ (put people down) and to respect everyone.

A: And when your sister ____ (arrived) did she learn the same lessons?

B: More or less, yes she did.

Answers to Bonus Conversation 1

Bonus Conversation 1: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way(A= friend, B= friend)

A: *(student): So what did your parents teach you when you were getting older?*

B: They taught me not to disrespect anyone.

A: *And when your sister came along did she learn the same lessons?*

B: More or less, yes she did.

Step 6: Practice with a Native Conversation 1

- Finish this sentence: Good parenting **comes down to** _____ (your idea)_____ and _____ (your idea)_____ Explain why you answered the question the way you did. What experiences caused you to have this perspective?
- When you were a kid, was it hard for you to **get used to** any changes that happened around the house or were you an adaptable kid?
- Did you grow up in a house where insults and bad words were **thrown around** a lot? How did that affect your personality?

Bonus Conversation 2 Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way(A= friend, B= friend)

A: (student): What does good parenting_____ (come down to)?

B: Good parenting comes down to staying calm and having a great sense of humor.

A: I suppose it also means that you have to _____ (get used to) constant uncertainty.

B: Yes, that's for sure.

A: It sounds like a tough job.

B: (continue the conversation)

Answers to Bonus Question 2

Bonus Conversation 2 Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way(A= friend, B= friend)

A: *(student): What is the most important thing about good parenting?*

B: Good parenting comes down to staying calm and having a great sense of humor.

A: *I suppose it also means that you have to get accustomed to constant uncertainty.*

B: Yes, that's for sure.

A: *It sounds like a tough job.*

B: (continue the conversation)

Practice with a Native

- Below is a list of lessons that a lot of American kids learn in school and at home (these are generalizations). How do these lessons shape US culture? Discuss each one and say whether or not kids in your culture learn that lesson also:
 - “If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all”
 - The Golden Rule: “Treat others the way that you would like them to treat you”
 - Be fair, do not cut in line, everyone should wait their turn
 - Sports are a good way to learn about teamwork, competition, and goal-setting
 - If you have a unique idea, speak up and share it with the group
 - You can do anything you set your mind to

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