



## SCHOOL DAYS - Part 1

to get ahead, to get on, to mess around

### Part 1 conversation:

**VICKI:** We're going to go back to school.

**CALLUM:** Because if you want **to get ahead**, you need a good education!

**VICKI:** That's right. Well one way **to get ahead** with English is to use more phrasal verbs. For example:

**CALLUM:** '**get ahead**' Yes.. my education certainly helped me get ahead – it helped me to become more successful than other people.

**VICKI:** It must have done Callum because now you're working with me!

**CALLUM:** And that really is **getting ahead**!

**VICKI:** So what were your school days like, Callum?

**CALLUM:** Well..I suppose I **got on** okay.

**VICKI:** So you were quite successful.

**CALLUM:** **I got on** okay, yeah. Sometimes **I messed around**.

**VICKI:** Ah, you were sometimes naughty, and just played when you should've been working?

**CALLUM:** Yes, **I messed around** sometimes, just like most kids.

### Part 1 examples:

1. To get ahead. When I first started working here I put in lots of extra hours and did lots of training to try to get ahead.
2. To get on. How did you get on at the interview? Well, I'm not really sure, but I think I got on OK.
3. To mess around. We weren't taking the badminton game very seriously – we were just messing around really.