

"Give" Phrasal Verbs: Definitions

give (x) away: 1) to give something for free
2) to reveal a secret (usually accidentally)

- *The coffee shop is giving away free coffee all morning! Let's go!*
 - *I could tell that Jane was lying to me. The look on her face gave it away.*
 - *Don't tell Bill that we're throwing him a surprise birthday party. I don't want to give it away!*
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give in: to finally agree to something that you didn't want to do

- *My son begged me for months to buy him a new video game. I couldn't take it anymore and finally gave in and bought it for him.*
 - *The baseball player was holding out for more money, but he finally gave in when he realized that the team would meet his demands.*
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give it up for: to cheer/applaud for someone (usually before/after a performance)

- *Ladies and gentlemen, give it up for Taylor Swift!*
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give out: to stop working because of old age or long-term use

give (x) out to produce light, heat, energy, odor, etc. (also: "give off")

- *My back gave out when I was helping my friend move his sofa, so I'm out of work for a few days.*
 - *The computer gives off heat, so you should shut it down if you are going to be gone for a long period of time.*
 - *I had that printer for 10 years, and it finally gave out last week when I tried to print a 200-page novel.*
 - *These new light bulbs give out brighter light for a longer period of time, and they cost less than the less efficient light bulbs!*
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"Give" Phrasal Verbs: Review

Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete these "give" phrasal verbs.

1. Michael always said that he would never use social media, but he finally _____ when all of his friends started using it to keep in touch.
2. The bakery is _____ free muffins with the purchase of a cake.
3. Announcer: Wow! What a great performance! Everyone _____ for the circus performers!
4. Deep in the ocean there is no sunlight, but some fish are able to _____ their own light due to a chemical reaction.
5. I didn't want to go to the bar last night, but my friend kept asking me to go and I finally _____.
6. Mandy told the doctor that she didn't want to know if her baby would be a boy or a girl, but the doctor accidentally _____ when he said "she" instead of "it".
7. The marathon runner's knee _____ when he had less than one mile to go, so he wasn't able to finish the race.