

Catch Word #4 – **Put****Transcript**

Robin: Hello everyone, this is Robin

Maura: And Maura at Culips.com bringing you **Catch Word**.

Robin: Each podcast we take one word and talk about its different meanings. We talk about verbs, and nouns, and even slang.

Maura: We look closely at one word. Today's word is
...(Music)...
Put

Robin: OK so, you know this morning I woke up and I **put on** clothes, so that could be I got dressed, right?

Maura: Right, so did you **put on** a lot of clothes because it was kind of cold today?

Robin: Actually, you know, I didn't, you know what I did? I **put on** a little bathing suit and walked up St. Laurent! Haha!

Maura: Haha, I don't believe you.

Robin: No seriously.

Maura: Ah, you're **putting me on**.

Robin: That's another expression, I guess. **Putting me on**. To **put** someone **on**. What does that mean?

Maura: Well, it means you were fooling me. You were trying to play a joke on me but I figured it out. I was smart.

Robin: Indeed... indeed...in a sense you **put up with** me.

Maura: Yes.

Robin: **Put up with** me.

Maura: So to **put up with**, we're talking about tolerating or allowing for some strange behaviour.

- Robin: Yeah. To tell you the truth, honestly, how do I **put up with** her? Haha!
- Maura: Haha. Anyway...
- Robin: That's not true. We love you here at Culips.
- Maura: Another way we can talk about **put up** in a kind of more literal way is to just **put** something **up** on a wall like a painting or a poster.
- Robin: Actually, you know, one time there was a typhoon when I was in Japan and my area got flooded but before it got flooded I **put** all my electronics **up** on my shelves.
- Maura: OK, perfect, another way.
- Robin: Another example.
- Maura: OK cool, how about **put down**?
- Robin: **Put down**, I know this one really well.
- Maura: Why is that?
- Robin: Especially with working with you. She's always **putting** me **down**. Every time I say something, it's wrong.
- Maura: No, it's not true. To **put** someone **down** is to insult or speak negatively about something they've done.
- Robin: It's something I have to **put up with** a lot.
- Maura: To **put** something **down**.
- Robin: There is also another meaning. Like for animals, and it's not a very happy meaning. It can mean to **put** an end to an animal's life. To kill an animal.
- Maura: Right, but only once they're very sick and there's no way to cure them. Then, right, it's the kind of polite way that we talk about ending their lives, to **put down** an animal.
- Robin: That's true, let's move on to a happier one.
- Maura: Yeah the last one: **put away**.

- Robin: To **put away**. Did you have a lot of toys when you were younger?
- Maura: Yes, but I was always leaving a mess and my mother was always telling me to **put** them **away**.
- Robin: So, I guess simply speaking to **put away** would be to clean up.
- Maura: Right! To **put** them in the proper place.
- Robin: Yes, to arrange them properly.
- Maura: Yeah.
- Robin: And I guess that is it for this week's podcast and as usual we try to keep this podcast short so that is all the time we have for this word this time. If you want to quiz yourself check out our transcripts or read our notes and explanations on the Culips website. That's CULIPS.com C-U-L-I-P-S.com
- Maura: Thanks for listening. This has been Maura
- Robin: And Robin with **Catch Word** at culips.com.
- Maura: See you later!
- Robin: Bye-bye!

Detailed Explanation

Here are some **Put** definitions for you

Put

Put is one of those words that has so many meanings. We use it often too. The most basic meaning is to place something in a specific location.

I **put** this definition at the beginning of our Detailed Explanation!

Put on

We use this one a lot to talk about clothes. It means the same as to dress or to clothe oneself. Both of those sound formal and so it is much more natural to use **put on**.

In this episode Robin joked that he **put on** a bathing suit. A bathing suit is the clothing you wear to go swimming. You can **put on** a hat or coat or shoes or any other piece of clothing.

Buttons and Zippers

If we **put on** clothes with buttons or zippers, there is also a special verb we use to talk about that. We can say, to **do up** buttons or zippers. We can also say, to **button up** for buttons and to **zip up** for zippers. To **do up** also works for tying your shoe laces.

Example: Wait for me! I am just **doing up** my shoelaces.

We can also say to **tie up** for shoelaces too. When I put on my shoes, I like to **tie them up** tight.

More Put on

After Robin told Maura that he **put on** a bathing suit and went outside, Maura said that he was **putting her on**. That means that he must have been joking with her. She didn't believe that Robin **put on** a bathing suit, so she thought that he must have been fooling her.

Here are some more expressions just like **Are you putting me on?** (That means you think the person is joking.)

Are you serious?

Are you kidding me?

Are you joking?

Are you pulling my leg?

Put up with

Like we said in the episode, to **put up with** is to tolerate. Robin told Maura that he **put on** a bathing suit. Then he joked that Maura **put up with** his funny little jokes. So Maura tolerates his little jokes.

We usually use to **put up with** in expressions like these:

How do you **put up with** it?
I can't **put up with** it anymore!

We can **put up with** people or things.

Put up/Put down

This one is more literal. To **put up** is the more basic definition. To **put** something **up** on a shelf, in a high place.

To **put down** can also be literal. To **put** something **down**, means to put something in a low place, like on the ground. For example: Please **put** your bags **down** over there. This means please place your bags on the floor.

Put someone down

Robin made another joke! This time he said that Maura is always **putting** him **down**. To **put down** a person is to insult them or say that a person is not good at doing something. **Putting someone down** is not a nice thing to do obviously, so Robin was making a joke. He was **putting** you **on**!

Put down (an animal)

As we mentioned in this episode, to **put down** an animal is to end its life in a peaceful way. We can also say to **put an animal to sleep**. This also means that an animal is killed, usually because they are unhealthy. This is actually done by giving the animals a lethal injection while they are sleeping.

Put away

This one also is close to the original definition of **put**: to place something in a specific location. To **put away**, we put something in its own place. A good example is the groceries. After we buy food, we **put** the groceries **away**. In this case, we put the food in the proper places, like milk in the fridge or canned food in the cupboards.

In this episode, we used the example of **putting** your toys **away**. So, we **put** the toys in the proper place, maybe in a toy box.

You can also **put away** something but placing it in a box, or some kind of container. I can say, "**Put away** your money." I mean **put** your money in your wallet or pocket. When you **put away** something, you don't see it anymore.

Quiz (see the answers at the bottom of this lipservice)

1. **What things can you put on?**
 - a) a dress
 - b) a pair of pants
 - c) a hat
 - d) all of the above
2. **What was Robin putting Maura on about?**
 - a) walking up St. Laurent
 - b) wearing a bathing suit
 - c) wearing a lot of clothes
 - d) the cold weather
3. **What was Maura putting up with?**
 - a) the cold weather
 - b) the warm weather
 - c) Robin's joke
 - d) Robin in a bathing suit
4. **To put down can mean**
 - a) to speak negatively of someone or something
 - b) to speak positively of someone or something
 - c) to speak of someone
 - d) to be negative
5. **What joke does Robin make about putting down?**
 - a) he puts down everyone
 - b) Harp puts Robin down
 - c) Maura puts Robin down
 - d) everyone puts Robin down
6. **What things were used as an example with put away?**
 - a) animals
 - b) kids
 - c) mothers
 - d) toys

Answers: 1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. d