

Smash Mouth

Hang on

Look at the verbs and particles below, can you make any phrasal verbs from them?
for example: get up, go up, go down, turn around... etc.

Now try to put the verbs in the gaps in the song to make phrasal verbs, then listen to check.

verbs particles

be around
beat down
gather in
get on
go round
hang up
hold
keep
look
take
throw
tone
turn

Things are getting weird, things are getting tough
Nothing's making sense but you ¹ _____ on ² _____ * up
They tell you to be true, you're trying every day
To keep it on the real, still you gotta find a way
To make your mama happy, to make your papa proud
You wanna ³ _____ it up but all you hear is ⁴ _____ it down

So ⁵ _____ round I'm here to say
You'll never make everybody's day
But while you⁶ _____ around you might as well
catch the tiger by his tail

Chorus

And ⁷ _____ on ⁷ _____ on ⁷ _____ on
Everybody just ⁸ _____ on ⁸ _____ on ⁸ _____ on
Get started and ⁹ _____ on ⁹ _____ on ⁹ _____ on
Everybody just ¹⁰ _____ on

Sometimes I wanna cry and ¹¹ _____ the towel in
They try to ¹² _____ me down but I'll take it on the chin
And everywhere I go the people are the same
They just wanna know that everything will be OK
Things are getting rough, ¹³ _____ it back around
You gotta ¹⁴ _____ it up when they tell you ¹⁵ _____ it down

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** Careful! You need to put this verb in the gerund!*

Can you guess the meanings of the phrasal verbs in the song from their context?

Match the phrasal verbs with their definitions. Two of the phrasal verbs have the same meaning.

keep on (doing sth)	be present in a particular place
look up	be, act and stay positive
turn up	calm / lower your voice
turn down	capitulate / give up
gather round	come together in a group around one person
be around	continue doing something
hang on	criticise someone unfairly / denigrate / degrade
get on	decrease the volume
go on	go onto a form of transport
hold on	hold tightly / wait for a short time
throw in (the towel)	hold tightly / wait for a short time
beat sb down	increase the volume
turn sth back around	make progress / continue
tone down	recover from a negative position / return to the original status quo

Teacher's cheat sheet :)

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