

MÓDULO 04 - CALL OFF

DEFINITION

CALL OFF = to cancel

CALL OFF is SEPARABLE.

CALL is a REGULAR verb

CALL – CALLED – CALLED

EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

1. Present tense

Call off the flight, there is a storm **on its way**!

- on (its/his/her/your/our/etc.) way = no caminho
 - o I'm on my way. = Estou no caminho.

2. Present continuous

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are *calling off* our **wedding**.

- “Due to...” means “Because of...” but it’s more formal.
 - o The show is cancelled due to the weather. (formal)
 - o The show is cancelled because of the weather. (informal)
- “unforeseen circumstances” are events that you didn’t foresee happening.

WEDDING X MARRIAGE

- wedding = the ceremony/party
 - o I had a wonderful time at your wedding last weekend. Everything was perfect!
- marriage = the union
 - o My parents didn’t have a happy marriage. After only a few years, they got divorced.

3. Past simple

Mom *called off* my camping trip because of my **grades**.

GRADES X NOTES

- In American English, we say “grades” to talk about your “score” in a class or on a test.
- “Notes” are what you write down while studying. You “take notes.”
 - o I got a bad grade on my biology test.
 - o Did you take any notes during the Chemistry lecture?

4. Past continuous + past simple

We were packing our bags when they *called off* the cruise.

5. Used to (be used to)

We are used to *calling off* school **in** the winter **due to** intense snowfall.

- in the winter – always use IN for bigger periods of time (seasons, months, decades, etc.)
- due to (formal) = because of (informal)

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6. Future (will) + present perfect

I'll *call off* the campaign for this year, we've **raised enough money** for now.

- to raise money = to gather money for a charity
- enough = a sufficient amount

RAISE X RISE – Both verbs are used to describe something “going up”

- We use “raise” with objects.
 - o You raise your hand. (your hand is the object)
 - o They raised the flag during the ceremony. (the flag is the object)
 - o Gas stations raised their prices during the pandemic. (prices = object)
- We use “rise” when there is no object.
 - o The sun rises at around 6:00 am
 - o Jesus rose from the dead.
 - o Please, rise. = Please, stand.

7. Present perfect + present simple

Have you *called off* the game? We can't play in this weather!

8. Past perfect

We *had called off* the strike, but by then, employees were already rioting.

RIOT X PROTEST X MANIFESTATION

- Riot - usually involves violence, looting, etc. (never peaceful)
- Protest - can be peaceful or violent.
- Manifestation - something that you want to manifest in your life (love, success, happiness, etc.) The word “manifestation” is not typically used to describe a protest.

9. Conditionals

If the critics continue **to bash** our movie, we'll have *to call off* the premiere.

- to bash = to criticize; to say terrible things

10. Modals (could)

Could you *call off* our poker night? I have **to work overtime**.

- To work overtime = to work later than normal

PRACTICE

Have you ever had to call off an important event? Maybe a trip, a party, a wedding or another event. What happened? Why did you have to call it off?