

Phrasal Verbs

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Phrasal Verbs are verbs that consist of a verb plus one or two particles which, when added, change the verb's meaning. These particles can be adverbs or prepositions. Some Phrasal Verbs contain both. Together these words form a short phrase, so we call them Phrasal Verbs.

Adverbial Phrasal Verbs can be transitive (with object) or intransitive (no object). Prepositions always have an object, so all **Prepositional Phrasal Verbs** and **Phrasal-Prepositional Verbs** (Phrasal Verbs containing adverb and preposition) are transitive.

A. Complete the sentences using the Phrasal Verbs below, writing 'T' for transitive or 'I' for intransitive next to each sentence.

break down eat out take care of wait for get on with get up look for

1. I'm taking a book to read while I the bus.
2. The car is making a strange noise. I hope it doesn't
3. The sofa was so comfortable that I didn't want to
4. I don't my brother, we argue all the time.
5. I've lost my keys. Can you help me them?
6. I don't have time to cook, so I often
7. Whenever my neighbour goes away, I her cat.

Some Phrasal Verbs with an object are "separable". With these you can put the object *before* or *after* the particle. However, if the object is a pronoun, it always comes *before* the particle.

Turn on the light . <i>or</i> Turn the light on.	Turn it on. <i>not</i> Turn on it .
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Some Phrasal Verbs with an object are "inseparable", so the object always comes *after* the particle (even if it's a pronoun).

I looked for Joe . <i>not</i> I looked Joe for.	I looked for him . <i>not</i> I looked him for.
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B. Write 'S' next to the separable Phrasal Verbs and 'I' next to the inseparable ones.

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| 1. call back | 6. wait for | 11. take off |
| 2. fill in | 7. throw away | 12. look forward to |
| 3. take care of | 8. pay back | 13. heat up |
| 4. pick up | 9. write down | 14. look up |
| 5. get on with | 10. look after | 15. try on |

C. Tick the correct Phrasal Verb sentence(s) in each row below. In some cases, more than one sentence is correct.

- 1. a. I get on him with. b. I get with him on. c. I get on with him.
- 2. a. He picked up his toys. b. He picked them up. c. He picked up them.
- 3. a. I'll call back him. b. I'll call him back. c. I'll call Jim back.
- 4. a. I tried on it. b. I tried on the hat. c. I tried it on.
- 5. a. She waited for John. b. She waited him for. c. She waited for him.
- 6. a. He filled in it. b. He filled it in. c. He filled in the form.
- 7. a. She looks the kids after. b. She looks them after. c. She looks after them.
- 8. a. I paid back him. b. I paid him back. c. I paid Tom back.
- 9. a. I'm looking forward to it. b. I'm looking forward it to. c. I'm looking it forward to.
- 10. a. Don't throw away it. b. Don't throw it away. c. Don't it throw away.

D. Complete the questions using the Phrasal Verbs below, replacing the object with a suitable pronoun in the correct position.

turn off not pay back throw away try on pick up
 heat up look up take off write down wait for

- 1. If food in your fridge has expired, do you eat it or do you
- 2. When you don't know the meaning of a word, do you or guess its meaning?
- 3. If your husband was late for a special meal, would you or start eating alone?
- 4. At school or work, do you keep your phone on or do you
- 5. When you enter your house, do you keep your shoes on or do you
- 6. If you lent money to a friend and he, would you say anything or keep quiet?
- 7. When someone gives you their number, do you or type it into your phone?
- 8. If your phone rings during a family meal, do you ignore it or do you
- 9. If you're having leftovers for lunch, do you eat them cold, or do you
- 10. When shopping for clothes, do you buy them immediately, or do you

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