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## Phrasal Verbs

### The Things We Do



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# Phrasal Verbs



Phrasal verbs = verb + particle



The particle looks like a Preposition, but it doesn't function as a preposition.

He **woke up** at 6:30 a.m.

Strangers **woke** him **up**.

# Particles

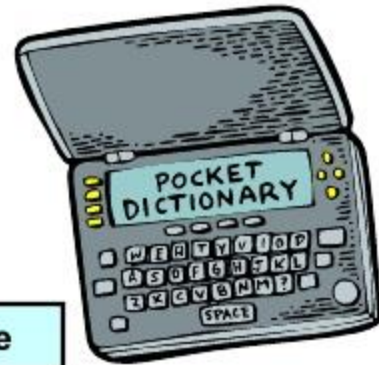


Particles are part of the verb phrase, and they often change the meaning of the verb.



preposition

He **looked up** at  
the skyscraper.



particle

She **looked up** a  
word in her dictionary.

# Using Phrasal Verbs



Many **phrasal verbs** and one-word verbs have similar meanings.



**wake up** = awaken

**go on** = continue

**take off** = remove

Phrasal verbs are less formal and more common in everyday speech.



# Transitive Phrasal Verbs

## 1



**Transitive phrasal verbs** have **objects**.  
Most transitive phrasal verbs are **separable**.



object

He **called up** his boss to  
tell him he had overslept.

object

He **called** his boss **up** to  
tell him he had overslept.

# Transitive Phrasal Verbs

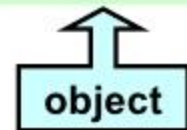
## 2



The object can come **after** the phrasal verb or **between** the verb and the particle.



At the last minute, the bride **called off** the wedding.



At the last minute, the bride **called** the wedding **off**.



# Be Careful!



When the object is a **pronoun**, it must come between the verb and the particle.

A friend **called up** ~~her~~ at work.



A friend **called her up** at work.



# Practice 1

Use each of the phrasal verbs to form three sentences about things that sometimes happen.

**Example:** wake up = awaken

The baby often **wakes up the parents.**

The baby often **wakes the parents up.** The baby often **wakes them up.**



1. pick out = select 2. figure out = solve 3. hand in = submit, give

4. take off = remove 5. make up = create 6. let down = disappoint



# Intransitive Phrasal Verbs 1



**Intransitive phrasal verbs** do not have objects.



no object

He **grew up** in Egypt.

no object

She will **hang up** before she gets into her car.



## Intransitive Phrasal Verbs 2



**Intransitive phrasal verbs** do not have objects.

no objects

First I **worked out** for an hour.



Then I **dressed up** and **dropped in** at the party.

No one **found out** that I didn't have an invitation!



# Be Careful!



Note the difference in meaning between *make*, *make up* (transitive), and *make up* (intransitive).



**make up**  
= reconcile  
(intransitive)

I ~~make up~~ **make up** dinner every night.

He **made up** a story  
about Jill and Joe.



**make up**  
= invent  
(transitive)



They **made up**. They  
were friends again.

## Practice 2

What happens before and during a party? Make sentences using the transitive and intransitive phrasal verbs.

**Example:**

dress up

intransitive

I **dress up** nicely.

1. ask over = invite

2. put on = use clothes

3. set up = prepare

4. straighten up = make neat

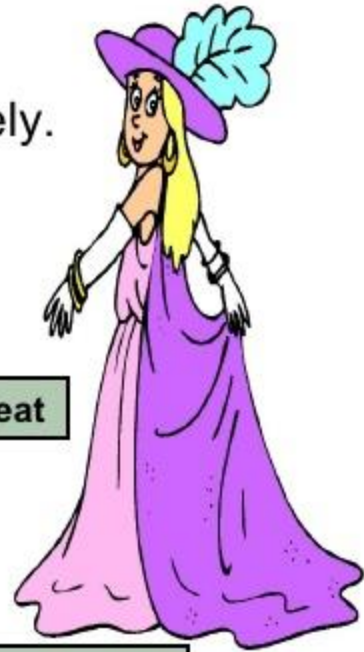
5. show up = appear

6. let in = allow to enter

intransitive

7. run out = not have enough

intransitive



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