



ENGLISH CLASS LEVEL 6

Phrasal Verbs

GRAMMAR

Phrasal verbs.

- A phrasal verb is a combination of words (verb + preposition) that when used together, usually take on a different meaning to that of the original verb.

Example: turn + on = start (a machine).

- Many phrasal verbs are separable. This means that a direct object noun can come before or after the preposition. For example: "Turn on", "turn off", "pick up", "drop off" and "fill up" are separable.

direct object

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- Be careful! With a separable phrasal verb, if the direct object is a pronoun, it must come before the particle.

Example: I'll drop it off. NOT I'll drop off it.

Example: Where will they pick us up? NOT Where they will pick up us?

Example: Did you feel them up? NOT did you feel up them?

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Separable Phrasal Verbs

The following list contains separable phrasal verbs, which means that the object may come after the phrasal verb or it may separate the two parts.

Example: You have to do this paint job over.

Verb	Meaning	Example
blow up	explode	The terrorists tried to blow up the railroad station.
bring up	mention a topic	My mother brought up that little matter of my prison record again.
bring up	raise children	It isn't easy to bring up children nowadays.
call off	cancel	They called off this afternoon's meeting
do over	repeat a job	Do this homework over.
fill out	complete a form	Fill out this application form and mail it in.
fill up	fill to capacity	She filled up the grocery cart with free food.
find out	discover	My sister found out that her husband had been planning a surprise party for her.
give away	give something to someone else for free	The filling station was giving away free gas.
give back	return an object	My brother borrowed my car. I have a feeling he's not about to give it back.
hand in	submit something	The students handed in their papers and left the room.
hang up	put something on hook or receiver	She hung up the phone before she hung up her clothes.

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look over	examine, check	The lawyers looked over the papers carefully before questioning the witness. (They looked them over carefully.)
look up	search in a list	You've misspelled this word again. You'd better look it up.
make up	invent a story or lie	She knew she was in trouble, so she made up a story about going to the movies with her friends.
pick out	choose	There were three men in the line-up. She picked out the guy she thought had stolen her purse.
point out	call attention to	As we drove through Paris, Francoise pointed out the major historical
put away	save or store	We put away money for our retirement. She put away the cereal boxes.
put off	postpone	We asked the boss to put off the meeting until tomorrow.
put on	put clothing on the body	I put on a sweater and a jacket.
put out	extinguish	The firefighters put out the house fire before it could spread. (They put it out quickly.)
read over	read carefully	I read over the homework, but couldn't make any sense of it.
set up	to arrange, begin	My wife set up the living room exactly the way she wanted it. She set it up.
take off	remove clothing	It was so hot that I had to take off my shirt.

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talk over

discuss

We have serious problems here. Let's talk them over like adults.

throw away

discard

That's a lot of money! Don't just throw it away.

try on

put clothing on

She tried on fifteen dresses before she found one she liked.

to see if it fits

try out

test

I tried out four cars before I could find one that pleased me.

turn down

lower volume

Your radio is driving me crazy! Please turn it down.

turn down (2)

reject

He applied for a promotion twice this year, but he was turned down both times.

turn up

raise the volume

Grandpa couldn't hear, so he turned up his hearing aid.

turn off

switch off

We turned off the lights before anyone could see us.

electricity

turn on

switch on electricity

Turn on the CD player so we can dance.

use up

exhaust, use

The gang members used up all the money and went out to rob some more banks.

completely

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Inseparable Phrasal Verbs

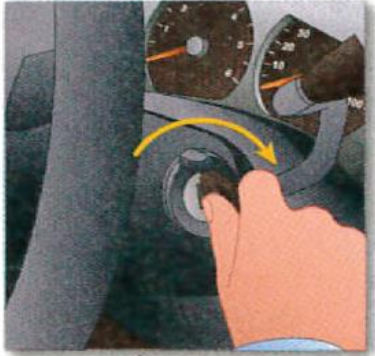
With the following phrasal verbs, the lexical part of the verb (the part of the phrasal verb that carries the "verb-meaning") cannot be separated from the prepositions (or other parts) that accompany it.

Example: Who will look after my estate when I'm gone?

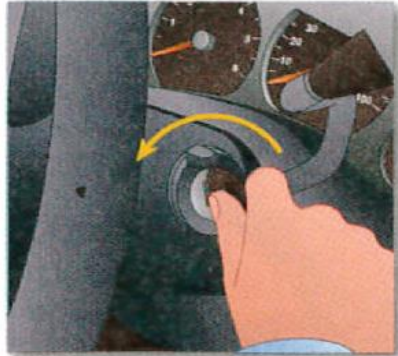
Verb	Meaning	Example
call on	visit	The old minister continued to call on his sick parishioners.
get over	recover from sickness or disappointment	I got over the flu, but I don't know if I'll ever get over my broken heart.
go over	review	The students went over the material before the exam. They should have gone over it twice.
look after	take care of	My mother promised to look after my dog while I was gone.
look into	investigate	The police will look into the possibilities of embezzlement.
run across	find by chance	I ran across my old roommate at the college reunion.
run into	meet	Carlos ran into his English professor in the hallway.
take after	resemble	My second son seems to take after his mother.

Note! These are just some of the phrasal verbs that exist. There are many, many more like three-word phrasal verbs (get rid of). Example: I began to suspect they were trying to get rid of me.

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turn on



turn off



pick up



fill up



drop off

Turn on – Encender

Turn Off – Apagar

Pick up – Recoger

Fill up – Llenar

Drop off - Dejar



1 a full-size sedan



2 a compact car



3 a convertible



4 a sports car



5 a station wagon



6 a minivan / a van



7 an SUV



8 a luxury car

A full-size sedan – Auto con cajuela

A compact car – Auto compacto sin cajuela

A convertible – Convertible

A sport car – Auto deportivo

A station wagon – Auto familiar

A minivan / a van – Camioneta van

A SUV – Camioneta familiar

A luxury car – Carro de lujo



Complet Word Weekly Activity #3