

Phrasal Verbs

Phrasal verbs are comprised of a verb and a 'particle' The particle is more often than not a preposition or an adverb.

We use phrasal verbs to express certain meanings, different to the combination of the verb and the preposition/adverb.

They are often grouped by verb.

Get

Get along (with) = To have a good relationship with someone.

Get over = to recover from something (illness or bad news).

Get up = get out of bed.

Get back at = To take revenge or retaliate.

Get away (with) To do something wrong and not be discovered.



Go

Go back = Return

Go out = Leave your house for a while.

Go off = to not like anymore/ to explode/ to ring/ to go bad.

Go after (something) = try to achieve something.

Go over = To inspect/ check/review.



Look

Look down on = To think someone is inferior.

Look over = To check/inspect/review.

Look into = to investigate.

Look out (for) to take care of someone.

Look up (someone) To go and visit someone.

Look up (something) To search for information.



Separable phrasal verbs.

These are phrasal verbs which can be separated with no change in meaning.

Ex.

To put on

She **put on** her coat to go out.

She **put** her coat **on** to go out.

Turn off

Please **turn off** the TV when you go to bed.

Please **turn** the TV **off** when you go to bed.



Inseparable phrasal verbs.

These are phrasal verbs which cannot be separated.

Come across

I **came across** some old photos while I was cleaning.

Look after.

Please **look after** the children while we are away.

Using pronouns.

When using pronouns with separable phrasal verbs, the must come between the verb and the particle.

Ex

Please turn off the **TV**

Please turn **it** off.

Please turn off **it**. (incorrect).

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