

PHRASAL VERBS

Phrasal verbs are mainly used in spoken English and informal texts (the more formal a conversation or text, the less phrasal verbs are found).

Phrasal verbs consist of a verb plus a particle (preposition, adverb). The particle can change the meaning of the verb completely, e.g.:

- Look up - consult a reference book (look a word up in a dictionary).
- Look for - seek (look for her ring).
- Look forward - anticipate with pleasure (look forward to meeting someone).

There are no rules that might explain how phrasal verbs are formed correctly - all you can do is look them up in a good dictionary and study their meanings. In our lists, you will find some frequently used phrasal verbs and their meanings.

Frequently Used Phrasal Verbs with:

- break, bring, call, carry, come, do, fall, get, go, keep, look, make, put, run, set, take, turn

Position of the Particle

The particle is placed either after the verb or after the object.

Example:

Write *down* the word. / Write the word *down*.

If the object is a pronoun, however, the particle has to be placed after the pronoun (object).

Example:

Write it *down*.

Reference:

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