

## Phrasal Verbs

Phrasal Verb = Two-Word Verb

### Point:

A phrasal verb has got two parts: the main verb and the particle.  
The particle is a preposition such as “up”, “in”, “to”, “at”, “of”, etc.

### Types of Phrasal Verbs:

#### ➤ Intransitive Phrasal Verbs

Intransitive = not requiring an object

Examples:

**come back, catch on, fall off, lie down**

He **came back** at 10 o'clock.

His idea **caught on**.

catch on = become popular

His license plate **fell off**.

fall off = get detached

He **lay down** on the couch.

lie down = recline

#### ➤ Transitive Phrasal Verbs

Transitive = requiring an object

#### ❖ Inseparable Transitive Phrasal Verbs

Examples:

**call on, insist on, listen to, look forward to**

I **called on** my parents.

I **called on** them.

call on sb = visit sb

The teacher **insisted on** being on time.

The teacher **insisted on** it.

They **listened to** the radio program carefully.

They **listened to** it carefully.

I **look forward to** hearing from you.

I **look forward to** it.

## ❖ Separable Transitive Phrasal Verbs

Examples:

**put sth on, bring sb up, call sb up, turn sth in, call sth off**

I **put on** the shirt.

I **put** the shirt **on**.

I **put** it **on**.

They **brought up** the children.

They **brought** the children **up**.

They **brought** them **up**.

bring up = raise

She **called up** her parents.

She **called** her parents **up**.

She **called** them **up**.

call up = phone

Ted **turned in** the reports.

Ted **turned** the reports **in**.

Ted **turned** them **in**.

turn sth in = submit

Mr. Roberts **called off** the meeting.

Mr. Roberts **called** the meeting **off**.

Mr. Roberts **called** it **off**.

call sth off = cancel

### **Point:**

Whenever a transitive phrasal verb is separable, we have to use the object pronoun between the main verb and the particle. But when it is inseparable, we have to use the object pronoun after the particle.

**Don't Say:** He **talked over it**.

**Say:** He **talked it over**.

talk sth over = discuss sth

talk sth over => a separable transitive phrasal verb

**Don't Say:** We **looked them for**.

**Say:** We **looked for them**.

look for = search for

look for => an inseparable transitive phrasal verb

### **Point:**

Some phrasal verbs are sometimes intransitive and sometimes transitive depending on the meaning.

Examples:

*I woke up at 6 o'clock today.* => wake up: intransitive phrasal verb

*Mary's mom woke her up this morning.* => wake sb up: separable transitive phrasal verb

*The airplane took off at the expected time.* => take off: intransitive phrasal verb

*I took off my shirt.* => take sth off: separable transitive phrasal verb

**Point:**

At the end of the student's book, there is a list of intransitive phrasal verbs, a list of inseparable transitive phrasal verbs, and a list of separable transitive phrasal verbs.