

Phrasal verbs

HS Grammar Workshop
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1. What are phrasal verbs?

- words consisting of a verb and a particle (preposition or adverb)

→ prepositions: in, on, from, for, into, up etc.

→ adverbs: ahead, away, back

- the meaning of a phrasal verb is different from the meaning of each word if it was considered separately

ex. The scientists carried out an experiment.

vs.

I carried out some chairs in the garden.

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exercise:

1. He suddenly showed up.
2. She walked past the supermarket.
3. I took the box in.
4. He called up his friends.
5. The boy fell off his bike.
6. Lucy carried out the chairs in the garden.
7. Just do as you're told and do not answer back!
8. They always look back on their past.
9. Do you want me to cut out the ad from the newspaper?
10. My parents went through a very bad time during their divorce.

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2. types of phrasal verbs

1. intransitive phrasal verb (pv that does not take an object)

ex. We need to be careful and plan ahead.

2. transitive phrasal verbs (pv that takes an object)

a) separable → object can come either before the particle or after it
→ object must come before the particle

b) inseparable → object must come after the particle

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Separable

A

I chewed over the problem for a few days. or

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→ But if the object is a pronoun (him, her etc.), it always comes before the particle.

I chewed it over for a few days.

B

If I miss the meeting, I'll feel I've let everybody down.

Not: ~~let down everybody~~

Inseparable

I ran into an old friend yesterday.

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exercise:

1. I look forward to seeing you.
2. She looked the phone number up.
3. I'm afraid I've left out the most important part.
4. I'll look into the problem as soon as I have time.
5. You must hand in your application by the 15th April.
6. I'm not going to put up with this much longer.
7. He suddenly showed up.
8. Could you send the letter away, please?
9. Turn on the radio, please!
10. As we are too exhausted to cook we decided to eat out.

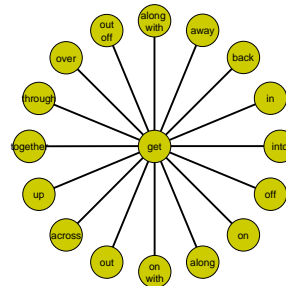
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3. The most common PV

- break
- bring
- call
- come
- cut
- get
- give
- go
- keep
- look
- make
- pass
- pick
- pull
- put
- run
- set
- take
- turn

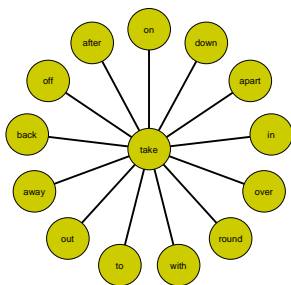
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4. The phrasal verb “get”



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5. The phrasal verb “take”



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6. The particle “on”

- consists of 3 main meanings:
 - the literal meaning of movement or place
 - I got on the train.
 - Put your shoes on.
 - I've been stuck on this exercise for 30 minutes.
 - continuing or progressing
 - I carried on hovering until my room was clean.
 - Keep on ringing her!
 - the idea of starting sth.
 - Switch on the TV, please!
 - Could you turn on the radio? I hate that silence.

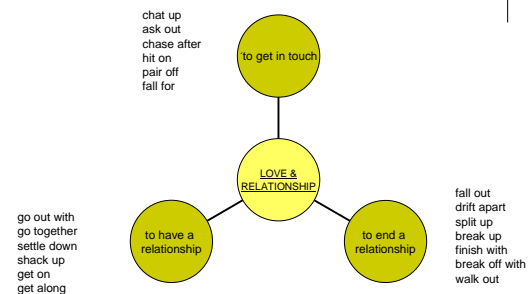
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7. The particle “in”

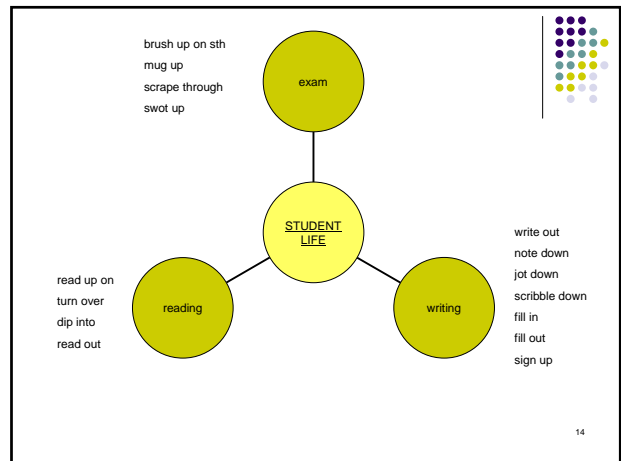
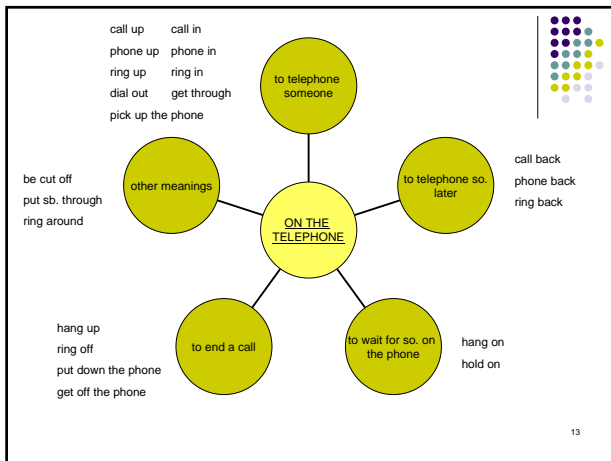
- meaning:
 - being inside or entering a container (containers can also be situations, circumstances or psychological/physical states)
 - Be patient. It'll take a long time for the terrible news to sink in. (C= psyche, body)
 - Please drop in at any time. (C= house)
 - My last bag needs to fit in as well. (C= trunk)
 - We should have taken the motorway, now we may be jammed in for hours. (C= state/situation of being unable to move)

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8. Phrasal verbs in daily situations



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