

INTRODUCTION TO PHRASAL VERBS

A phrasal verb is a phrase consisting of a verb and either/both a preposition/particle or/and an adverb which often has an idiomatic meaning. They are extremely common in colloquial English, and can often be replaced by more formal single Latin verbs.

Some phrasal verbs are literal.

1. Put.....something warm. It's cold today.
2. There's some ice cream in the freezer. Can you get it.....?
3. Why are your clothes on the floor? Can you pick them.....?
4. I'm going to take the dogfor a walk.
5. When are you going.....to your country?

Some phrasal verbs are idiomatic.

1. Can you pop down to the supermarket? We've run.....of milk
2. I'll have to take the bus. My car has broken.....
3. Sometimes I have to look.....the meaning of words in a dictionary.
4. The plane took.....despite the bad weather.
5. I'm going out. Can you look.....the baby, please?

If the verb is followed by a direct object (transitive verb), the object is usually placed between the verb and the preposition/particle/adverb, but not usually when the verb is intransitive

For example: Your shoes are dirty. Please **take them off**.

1. Where's my tea? Sorry, I threw..... It was cold.
2. You shouldn't smoke in here. Please put.....
3. We don't need all these lights on. Turn.....
4. I can't find your sweater. Can you look....., please?
5. I haven't got time to fill in this form. I'll fill.....later.

Complete these sentences with a phrasal verb in the correct form.

1. How do you get.....your parents?
2. Do you ever fall.....your brothers and sisters?
3. What are you looking.....doing on your holiday?
4. Are you going.....anyone at the moment?
5. Where did you grow.....?