

Verbs

Phrasal Verb

Often, we come across phrases that are a combination of a simple verb with an adverb and/or a preposition. This phrase becomes a new verb with a meaning different from that of the simple verb. Such phrases are called **Phrasal verbs**.

A phrasal verb is formed in the following three ways:

1. Verb + preposition
2. Verb + adverb
3. Verb + adverb + preposition

Study the following examples:

1. Let's **get on** with the presentation now. (verb + preposition)
2. I will **look after** the baby. (verb + adverb)
3. I cannot **put up with** such misbehaviour. (verb + adverb + preposition)

Many words can be used as both adverb particles and prepositions.

1. The principal adverb particles are:

in	round	past beyond	between
inside	through	by	across
off	under	down	along
on	up	downward(s)	around
out	upward(s)) about	away
outside	before	above	back
over	behind		backward(s)
forward(s)	below		

2. The following particles have the same meaning as their corresponding prepositions. These are exceptional.

out, away, back, backwards, downwards and forwards

3. When used with verbs of movement, with or without objects, there is generally no difficulty in understanding the meaning of the phrasal verb if the meaning of the adverb particles is known.

They	come jump walk hurry run swing go	out away back up off down in	I	put bring throw push lay carry turn	out back off up on away in	something
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Some Phrasal Verbs with Meaning

1. **ask after** : ask for the news of somebody
2. **ask in** : invite somebody into the room or house
3. **ask out** : invite somebody to an entertainment or a meal
4. **back up** : support
5. **back out** : withdraw
6. **back away** : step away
7. **bail out** : save; rescue
8. **be out** : be away from
9. **be back** : return from
10. **blow up** : explode
11. **call on** : visit
12. **calm down** : relax after being angry
13. **call out** : call someone; summon
14. **call up** : telephone
15. **call off** : cancel something
16. **care about** : take interest
17. **carry on** : continue
18. **carry out** : perform; obey
19. **clean out** : clean the inside of something carefully and completely
20. **clean up** : clean up something that has spilled
21. **deal in** : trade
22. **deal with** : tackle a person
23. **drop in** : pay a short visit
24. **drop out** : withdraw
25. **fade away** : disappear
26. **fall in** : get into line
27. **fall off** : decrease
28. **hand down** : pass on
29. **hand in** : give by hand
30. **hand out** : distribute
31. **pay back** : repay money borrowed
32. **pay for** : purchase
33. **pick up** : improve
34. **pick out** : choose; select



35. rub up : refresh one's knowledge
36. rub out : erase
37. run away : flee
38. run out : consume all
39. run into : meet by chance
40. run over : drive over
41. run down : criticize
42. see off : accompany someone to a train, bus or plane
43. see over : visit and look at a place carefully
44. see to : make arrangements
45. throw up : puke; vomit
46. throw away : discard
47. take down : write
48. take back : withdraw
49. wink at : pretend that you have not noticed something
50. wind up : come to an end

