

# Phrasal verbs and Prepositional verbs

## Part 1



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**Phrasal verbs** are made up of a verb and a particle.

This particle can either be an adverb or a preposition; sometimes a phrasal verb can have more than one particle.

**A prepositional verb** is made up of a verb and a preposition.

The main difference between phrasal verbs and prepositional verbs is that phrasal verbs are separable whereas prepositional verbs are inseparable.



# Phrasal verbs

Phrasal verbs often have meanings which we cannot easily guess from their individual parts

- **The book first *came out* in 1997.** (was published)
- **The plane *took off* an hour late.** (flew into the air)
- **The lecture *went on* till 6.30.** (continued)
- **It's difficult to *make out* what she's saying.** (understand)

Many phrasal verbs take an object

Examples

- **She brought up three kids all alone.**
- **I brought my children up to be polite.**

In most cases, the particle may come before or after the object if the object is not a personal pronoun

## Examples

- **Do you want me to take off my shoes?**
- **Come in. Take your coat off.**



# Prepositional verbs

Prepositional verbs have two parts: a verb and a preposition which cannot be separated from each other

- Did you **search for** the missing piece yet?
- Grace is **listening to** music in her room.
- What do you **know about** physics?
- It's not easy to **cope with** failure.



Prepositional verbs always have an object, which comes immediately after the preposition.

- **Somebody broke into his car and stole his radio.**
- **Getting to the final depends on winning the semi-final!**
- **Somebody is knocking at the door**






Some prepositional verbs take a direct object after the verb followed by the prepositional phrase

- She **reminds me of** a girlfriend of mine.
- How can we **protect children from** dangerous things?
- I'd like to **thank everyone for** their kindness.



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- Not all **phrasal** verbs need an object.
  - **Prepositional** verbs always have an object after the preposition
  - With **phrasal** verbs the object can come before or after the particle if the object is not a pronoun.
  - With **prepositional** verbs, the object is always immediately after the preposition

# Any questions?

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