

Phrasal verbs

What are phrasal verbs?

Phrasal verbs are mainly used in spoken English and informal texts. (The more formal a conversation or text, the less phrasal verbs are found.) Phrasal verbs consist of a verb and a particle (preposition, adverb). The particle can change the meaning of the verb completely. For example::

- look up - consult a reference book (look a word up in a dictionary)
- look for - seek (look for her ring)
- look forward - anticipate with pleasure (look forward to meeting someone)



There are no rules that might explain the meaning of phrasal verbs. All you can do is look them up in a good dictionary and study their meanings.

Position of the Particle:

In some cases the particle is placed either after the verb or after the object.

Example:

- Write down the word
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