

## phrasal verbs

## Type 1 – phrasal verbs with no object

I **get up** at 6.00. 7.6  
 I'm going to **be away** for three days next week.  
 What time are you **coming back** tonight?  
 They **set off** early in the morning.  
 The plane **took off** late, but we still arrived on time.

- Some phrasal verbs have no object. The verb and the particle can't be separated. **NOT** *I get at 6.00 up.*

## Type 2 – phrasal verbs with an object – separable

1 Can you **fill** this bank form **in**? 7.7  
 Can you **fill in** this bank form?  
 Please **put** your clothes **away**.  
 Please **put away** your clothes.  
 Did you **switch** the computer **off**?  
 Did you **switch off** the computer?  
 2 Can you **fill** it **in**?  
 Please **put** them **away**.  
 Did you **switch** it **off**?

- Some phrasal verbs have an object and can be separated – we can put the object before or after the particle.
- If the object is a pronoun (*it, them, etc.*), it always goes between the verb and the particle.  
*I switched it off. NOT I-switched-off-it.*

## Type 3 – phrasal verbs with an object – inseparable

1 My sister and I both **take after** our father. 7.8  
 A Where's your phone?  
 B I don't know. I'm **looking for** it.  
 A How are you managing until you find a job?  
 B We're **living on** my wife's salary.  
 2 My boyfriend doesn't **get on with** his parents.  
 Jane's **looking forward to** her holiday.



- Some phrasal verbs have an object but can't be separated – the verb and the particle must stay together, even if the object is a pronoun.  
*We take after our father. We take after him.*  
**NOT** *We take our father after. We take him after.*
- Some phrasal verbs have two particles – they are never separated.

## a Circle the correct form. Tick (✓) if both are possible.

- Shall I **switch on** the air conditioning / **switch the air conditioning on**? ✓
- I went to the cashpoint and **took out** €100 / **took** €100 out.
  - The pasta was cold, so I **sent back it** / **sent it back**.
  - Could you **turn down the music** / **turn the music down**? It's very loud.
  - They **live off their parents** / **live their parents off**.
  - I decided I didn't like my new coat, so I **took back it** / **took it back** to the shop.
  - I **picked up the man's wallet** / **picked the man's wallet up** for him.
  - My sister lent me some money, but I haven't **paid back her** / **paid her back** yet.
  - I **set up our new computer** / **set our new computer up** at the weekend.
  - I **grew up in Wales** / **grew in Wales up**.
  - I'm afraid **we're out of these trousers** / **out these trousers of**.

## b Complete the sentences using a pronoun and the correct form of the phrasal verb in brackets.

- Your phone's ringing. Quick, **turn it off**. (turn off)
- My parents are arriving at 11.15. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport? (pick up)
  - A When do you leave on your trip to China?  
B Next Saturday. I'm really \_\_\_\_\_. (look forward to)
  - A Do they still have their website?  
B No, they \_\_\_\_\_ a month ago. (close down)
  - A Excuse me madam, have you finished your steak?  
B Yes, I can't eat any more. Please \_\_\_\_\_. (take away)
  - A Have you found your glasses yet?  
B No, and I've been \_\_\_\_\_ for half an hour! (look for)
  - A What did you do with your old computer?  
B I \_\_\_\_\_. (give away)
  - This cheese is past its sell-by date. I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_. (throw away)
  - She was with her husband for 20 years, and she \_\_\_\_\_ during his final illness. (look after)
  - A Have they brought the bill?  
B No, but I've \_\_\_\_\_. (ask for)
  - A Is the TV loud enough?  
B No. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ a bit? (turn up)

## verb patterns

## Revise the basics

## infinitive with to

- It's very difficult to read his writing.  
**NOT** *It's very difficult read...*
- I need to go to the supermarket.  
**NOT** *I need go...*
- I went to the cinema to see the new James Bond film.  
**NOT** *I went to the cinema for to see...*
- Be careful not to stay in the sun too long.  
**NOT** *Be careful to not stay...*

## infinitive without to

- He can speak five languages.  
**NOT** *He can to speak...*
- We mustn't be late.  
**NOT** *We mustn't to be late.*

## gerund (verb + -ing)

- Watching TV helps me to relax in the evening.  
**NOT** *Watch TV helps me...*
- I'm not very good at remembering names.  
**NOT** *I'm not very good at remember...*
- I love getting up early in the summer.  
**NOT** *I love get...*
- I hate not seeing the children at bedtime.  
**NOT** *I hate not see the children...*

- For a list of verb patterns, see p.164.

## verbs + infinitive (with or without to)

- Mandy agreed to come with me.  
They decided to go home early.  
We wanted to visit the Tate Gallery. 7.20
- We can't buy the tickets till tomorrow.  
There's a lot of traffic – we might be a bit late.  
You shouldn't drink so much coffee.

- We use the infinitive with to after many verbs. See p.164 for examples.
- We use the infinitive without to after all modal verbs (except ought).

## verbs + gerund (verb + -ing)

- They enjoy watching films at home.  
I've finished reading the paper if you want it. 7.21
- She's given up working on Saturdays.  
I'm looking forward to hearing from you.  
Are you going to carry on studying English next year?

- We use the gerund after some verbs, e.g. *enjoy, finish, hate*.
- We use the gerund after phrasal verbs.

## verbs + object + infinitive (with or without to)

- They want us to go on holiday with them.  
Liam told me not to tell anyone his news.  
My parents don't allow me to wear make-up. 7.22
- His parents let him go to the concert.  
Our boss makes us work late on Fridays.

- We use an object + the infinitive with to after some verbs.  
**NOT** *They want that we go with them.* See p.164 for examples.
- We use an object + the infinitive without to after *let* and *make*.

## a Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- We really enjoy *going* to concerts. (go)
- We went to the box office \_\_\_\_\_ the tickets. (pick up)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to a live sporting event is much more exciting than \_\_\_\_\_ it on TV. (go, watch)
- I hate \_\_\_\_\_ to visit my family more often, but they live so far away. (not be able)
- I tried \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the concert, but I didn't manage \_\_\_\_\_ any. (buy, get)
- Nowadays, it's cheaper \_\_\_\_\_ to the theatre than to a football match. (go)
- She moved from London to a small village and she really misses \_\_\_\_\_ to plays and exhibitions. (go)
- They told me \_\_\_\_\_ in the front row. (not sit)
- We needn't \_\_\_\_\_. Amy's always late. (hurry)
- I can't afford \_\_\_\_\_ in the city centre. (live)
- Now it's difficult \_\_\_\_\_ a mobile phone. (imagine, not have)

## b Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- I didn't remember to turn my phone off.  
I forgot *to turn my phone off*.
- They asked me to go to the cinema, and I agreed.  
They persuaded \_\_\_\_\_.
  - He said he wouldn't help her.  
He refused \_\_\_\_\_ her.
  - Karen's teacher allowed her to leave school early.  
Karen's teacher let \_\_\_\_\_ school early.
  - My husband said, 'You should go to the dentist's.'  
My husband wants \_\_\_\_\_ to the dentist's.
  - The police ordered him to move his car.  
The police made \_\_\_\_\_ his car.
  - I practise the piano for 20 minutes a day.  
I spend 20 minutes a day \_\_\_\_\_ the piano.
  - They asked if we wanted to have dinner with them.  
They invited \_\_\_\_\_ with them.
  - We don't go to concerts any more.  
We've given up \_\_\_\_\_ concerts.

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## Phrasal verbs revision

**Type 1** – phrasal verbs with no object

The verb and particle are never separated:

**be on TV, grow up on a farm, move back to the city, settle down to start a family, turn over to another channel**

**Type 2** – phrasal verbs with an object – separable

The verb and particle can be separated:

**back up a file, close down a shop, put together a piece of furniture, put up shelves, send back something you bought online, set up a wi-fi network, switch off a computer, take out the rubbish, throw away leftover food, try on clothes, turn up / down / on / off the TV, keep away insects**

**Type 3** – phrasal verbs with an object – inseparable

The verb and particle(s) are never separated:

**ask for the bill, be out of a new product, look for a cash machine, look round a shop, sell out of a size, zoom in on sth you want to photograph**

## 1 PHRASAL VERBS TO DO WITH MONEY

a Match phrasal verbs 1–6 to definitions a–f.

- 1  If I lend you the money, can you **pay me back** next week?
- 2  I need to **take out** some money. Where's the nearest cash machine?
- 3  I won't be able to **pay off** my student loan until I'm 45.
- 4  He's so generous. When he won the lottery, he **gave** nearly all the money **away**.
- 5  Nowadays it's difficult for couples to **live on** only one salary.
- 6  I had to **live off** my parents while I was at university.

- a depend financially on
- b finish paying for something
- c give as a present
- d have enough money for what you need
- e return money you have borrowed
- f remove something from somewhere

b 7.3 Listen and check.

## 2 PHRASAL VERBS WITH AWAY AND BACK

### The meaning of the particle

With some phrasal verbs, the meaning of the particle (the preposition or adverb after the verb) can help you to understand the phrasal verb, e.g. *away* often means to a *different place*, *out of sight*, and *back* often means to *return* an action, e.g. *go back*.

a Complete the sentences with a verb from the list.

be (x2) call get give put run take

### away

- 1 Don't \_\_\_\_\_ **away!** I won't hurt you.
- 2 The boss will \_\_\_\_\_ **away** until the end of next week. He's at a conference in Mexico.
- 3 Please \_\_\_\_\_ your toys **away**. They're all over the floor.
- 4 If you take a paracetamol, it'll \_\_\_\_\_ the pain **away!**

### back

- 5 I'm sorry, but I'm confiscating your phone. You'll \_\_\_\_\_ it **back** at the end of the day.
- 6 He's out, I'm afraid. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ **back** in about half an hour?
- 7 **A** Where are you going?  
**B** Just to the shops. I'll \_\_\_\_\_ **back** in ten minutes.
- 8 That's my book! \_\_\_\_\_ it **back**.

b 7.4 Listen and check.

## 3 MORE PHRASAL VERBS WITH TAKE

a Complete the gaps with a particle from the list.

after apart on off (x2) out over up

- 1 Sorry, I can't come tonight. I'm **taking** my girlfriend \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner.
- 2 They're **taking** \_\_\_\_\_ ten new interns at Radio London. Why don't we apply?
- 3 I **take** \_\_\_\_\_ my mother. We're both very outgoing.
- 4 The plane **took** \_\_\_\_\_ twenty minutes late.
- 5 Unfortunately, my company was **taken** \_\_\_\_\_ by a multinational firm, and I lost my job.
- 6 **Take** \_\_\_\_\_ your shoes, please. I've just cleaned the floor.
- 7 You need to **take** the keyboard \_\_\_\_\_ to clean it properly.
- 8 I need to do more exercise. I think I'll **take** \_\_\_\_\_ cycling.

b 7.5 Listen and check.

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