

Separable Transitive Phrasal Verb

A separable Phrasal verb means that it can be separated by another word that goes in between the verb and the particle.

This word is usually the subject that the phrasal verb is referring to.

For example: 'I need to put my jacket on' -> In this case, 'jacket' is in between the phrasal verb.

Note:

The phrasal verb must be separated **when you use a pronoun such as him, he, it, them or any other pronoun in the sentence.**

Example:

turn (something/ someone) down - (idiom) to issue a refusal to someone

*She **turned him down** after a long time of courting.*

add up - add (mathematics)

back up - cause to move backwards; support; make a digital copy

blow up - cause to explode; destroy by explosives; enlarge a photograph

break down - analyze; list the parts of something separately

bring about - cause something to happen

bring off - accomplish something

bring on - cause something to happen

bring out - publish; emphasize

bring over - bring (something/somebody here)

bring to - revive somebody

bring up - raise; care for a child during childhood

brush out - brush the inside of

burn down - destroy by burning

burn up - consume by fire

buy out - buy the other person's share of a business

buy up - buy the whole supply of something

call off - cancel (an event or meeting)

call up - telephone; summon for military service

calm down - become calm

carry on - continue doing something

carry out - fulfill; complete; accomplish; perform (usually orders or instructions)

carry over - carry; financial/numerical – move a value from one period to another

cheer up - cause somebody to become cheerful

chew up - chew thoroughly; to destroy or tear something with the teeth of machinery

chop up - chop into small pieces

clean off - clear the surface of

clean out - clean the inside of

clean up - tidy

clear out - clear the inside of; remove people from a place

clear up - clarify; clear the inside of

close down - shut or close permanently
close up - close temporarily
count in - include somebody in something (usually a list of participants)
count out - exclude something or somebody
count up - calculate; count; add to a total
cross out - eliminate; delete text manually
cut off - interrupt; sever; amputate
cut out - eliminate; delete; stop doing something (as an imperative)
cut down - reduce in quantity
draw up - write; compose (a formal document)
dress up - put clothes on; adorn; dress for a special occasion
dress down - dress casually
eat up - eat completely
figure out - interpret; understand
fill in - complete; compile (a printed form)
fill out - complete; compile (a printed form)
fill up - fill completely (a container)
find out - discover
fix up - repair; arrange in a suitable manner
get across - cause to be understood
give back - return something
give out - distribute; announce
give up - surrender something
hand down - deliver; pronounce formally; leave as an inheritance
hand over - surrender control of something
hang up - end a phone call; put clothes on a hanger for storage
have on - be dressed in (clothes)
have over - entertain someone informally at your home
hold off - delay; restrain
hold up - delay; rob; threaten with a weapon
keep up - continue; maintain the same pace
leave out - omit somebody or something
let down - disappoint somebody
let out - release from confinement; make larger (in sewing)
light up - light; illuminate thoroughly
live down - live in such a way as to cause something to be forgotten
pass out - distribute
pass up - not take advantage of (as an opportunity)
pass on - transmit
pay back - repay
pay off - discharge a debt completely; give someone his final pay
pick up - collect somebody from a place; lift with hands or fingers
play down - minimize the importance of something
play up - emphasize the importance of something
point out - indicate something
pull down - pull in a downward direction; demolish something
put off - postpone an event or meeting

put on - dress in
put up - provide overnight accommodation for somebody
ring up - call somebody on the telephone
rule out - eliminate something from consideration
run down - trace; disparage somebody; hit with a vehicle
run off - reproduce something mechanically (often in printed media or manufacturing)
save up - accumulate money
see through - continue with a task until completion (often in spite of difficulties)
see off - accompany someone to the beginning of a trip
send back - send to a place where formerly located
send over - send something or somebody to the place where someone else is
set up - arrange something; cause the police to incorrectly believe somebody is guilty of a crime
show off - exhibit ostentatiously
shut off - cause to cease functioning
slow up - cause to move more slowly
spell out - state something in detail or simple terms
stand up - fail to keep an appointment with somebody (usually romantic appointments)
sweep out - sweep the inside of
take back - return; retract a statement
take down - remove from a high position; write from dictation
take in - understood; fool; deceive; make smaller (in sewing)
take over - take; assume command of something
tear down - destroy something
tear up - tear into small pieces
tell off - scold; reprimand
think over - consider something
think through - consider something from beginning to end
think up - create; invent
throw away - discard
tie up - tie securely or tight
tire out - cause somebody to be exhausted
touch up - repair something (usually a minor repair)
try on - put on a garment to see if it is the correct size and appearance
try out - test something
turn down - refuse an offer; lower the volume of something (TV, radio, music)
turn out - produce; extinguish (a light)
wear out - use until no longer usable; become tired through an activity
wind up - finish, tighten a spring (of a watch), make a person angry (sometimes as a joke)
wipe out - decimate (usually a form of life – people, animals)
work out - solve a puzzle
write down - record something in writing
write up - compose; prepare (a formal document)

Inseparable Transitive Phrasal Verb

Some transitive phrasal verbs (phrasal verbs which require an object) do not allow an object to be placed between the verb and particle. The object **MUST** follow the complete verb. These verbs are called Inseparable phrasal Verbs.

Some examples with definitions:

back out of - fail to keep a promise; break an agreement to do something
bear down on - lean on; browbeat, approach
bear up under - endure
break in on - interrupt somebody
break into - interrupt a conversation; enter a building by forcing entry
call for - come to collect somebody; require something
care for - like something; to take care of somebody
carry on with - continue with an activity
catch up with - to reach the same place or the same level of performance or achievement as someone ahead of you
check up on - examine; verify something
come across - find accidentally (person or thing)
come along with - accompany; make progress
come by - find something accidentally
come down with - become ill with
come out with - say something
come up with - say or propose something, have an idea
count on - rely on somebody or something
disagree with - cause illness or discomfort to somebody
do away with - abolish
do without - deprive yourself of something
drop in at/on - visit casually without planning
drop out of - leave; quit (usually education)
face up to - acknowledge something
fall behind in - lag; not progress at the required pace
fall back on - use for emergency purpose
fall out with - quarrel with somebody and damage a relationship
fill in for - temporarily act as a substitute for somebody
get ahead of - overtake; beat
get around - evade somebody; avoid doing something, manipulate somebody into accepting something
get away with - do something without being caught or punished
get by with - manage with a minimum of effort
get down to - become serious about
get in - enter (a vehicle)
get off - descend from; leave (a bus, train, aircraft, horse, motorbike etc)
get on - enter (a vehicle); mount a horse, bicycle, motorbike
get on with - proceed with doing something
get through with - terminate, finish

go back on - fail to keep (a promise)
go for - like something a lot (informal), choose something
go in for - be interested in; participate in
go on with - continue doing something
go over - review
go with - harmonize with; look pleasing together
go without - not have something
hang around - remain in a place without doing anything
hear from - receive a communication from
hear of - learn about (sometimes accidentally)
hit on - discover accidentally (usually an idea)
hold on to - grasp tightly
hold out against - resist a form of pressure
keep at - persevere with doing something
keep up with - maintain the pace of somebody else
live on - support or sustain yourself (usually with food or money)
live up to - maintain a standard or reputation
look after - take care of
look back on - remember nostalgically
look down on - feel superior to
look forward to - anticipate with pleasure
look up to - respect; admire
make up for - compensate for
pass on - transmit something
pick on - tease; bully
put up with - tolerate something or somebody
read up on - search out information on
run against - compete against somebody in an election
run away with - leave; escape from
run for - campaign for an election
see about - consider; arrange for something to be done
see to - arrange; supervise
settle on - decide on; choose
stand for - represent; permit; tolerate
stand up for - support or defend something or somebody (often your rights)
stand up to - resist (usually a form of pressure)
stick to - persist with an activity
stick up for - support; defend
take after - resemble (usually another person)
talk back to - answer impolitely
talk over - discuss
tell on - report misbehavior to authority
touch on - mention briefly
turn into - become
wait on - serve
wait up for - not go to bed because you are waiting for another person or thing
watch out for - be careful; pay attention to