

Phrasal Verbs

Phrasal verbs are verbs that are followed by prepositions or adverbs (particles). Their meaning can change depending on the particle. For example:

- **Turn up** the volume. (increase)
- **Turn in** the final paper. (submit)

They can look exactly the same but have different meanings. For example:

- The plane **took off** at 6 PM. (depart)
- He is **taking off** his coat. (unclotbe)

There are four different types of phrasal verbs:

1. Intransitive

- no direct object

- The plane **took off**.
- The two girls **get along** famously.

2. Transitive and separable

- direct object
- the preposition can be separate from the verb
- if the object is a noun, it can go before or after the preposition
- if the object if a pronoun, it must go before the preposition

- The grandmother **told off** the children.
- The grandmother **told** the children **off**.
- The grandmother **told** them **off**.
- ~~The grandmother **told off** them.~~

3. Transitive and inseparable

- direct object
- preposition is not separate from the verb

- I **look after** my child.
- I **look after** her.
- ~~I **look** my child **after**.~~
- ~~I **look** her **after**.~~

4. Verbs with two particles

- transitive and inseparable

- We **ran out of** milk.
- We have **run out of** it.
- ~~We have **run** it **out of**.~~