

## Phrasal verbs

A phrasal verb is a phrase formed by a verb + an adverb or a preposition whose meaning cannot be deduced by knowing the meaning of its parts.

look after – take care of someone or something

look for – try to find someone or something

make up – I invent II use paint and powder on the face to improve appearance III become friends again after a quarrel

take off – I (as with a plane) rise into the air at the beginning of a flight II remove clothes

**Task 1: Complete the sentences with one of the phrasal verbs above.**

1. The plane \_\_\_\_\_ two hours late.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ a story so that his parents did not punish him.
3. I can't find my keys. Can you help \_\_\_\_\_ them?

**Task 2: Use the phrasal verbs in the box to complete the sentences below.**

wiped out   take in   came across   dates back

1. My interest in science \_\_\_\_\_ to my years in high school.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ this watch when I was cleaning the house. Is it yours?
3. A meteor crashing into the planet \_\_\_\_\_ all the dinosaurs.
4. I did not \_\_\_\_\_ much of what the scientist said.

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A phrasal verb is a verb plus a preposition or adverb that creates a meaning different from the original verb. For example: *look for*, *look after*, etc.

Some phrasal verbs are separable. The object can be placed between the verb and the preposition or adverb. She **looked** the word **up** in a dictionary.

Some phrasal verbs are inseparable. The object is placed after the preposition. They are **looking into** the problem.

In some cases the object can be placed in both positions.

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If the noun object is replaced by a pronoun, it's always placed between the verb and the adverb or preposition.

She **looked it up** in the dictionary.

**Task 1: Complete the sentences with the correct preposition from the box. Use a dictionary if necessary.**

in      back      down      out

1. Our car broke \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway.
2. We will get the hotel keys when we check \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I need to figure \_\_\_\_\_ how to put all these pieces of furniture in the room.
4. Give it \_\_\_\_\_ to me! It's mine.

**Task 2: Read the following phrasal verbs and their meanings. Then use them in the correct tense to complete the sentences.**

bring up: raise / educate

fill in: complete

call off: cancel

give up: stop doing

carry on: continue

look after: take care of

come across: find by chance

take off: leave the ground

1. The plane \_\_\_\_\_ at 6:25.
2. I'm going on vacation for a week. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ my dog?
3. Pat's grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_ because her parents were always traveling.
4. Rita \_\_\_\_\_ the wedding, she decided she didn't love him.
5. Sorry I interrupted, \_\_\_\_\_ talking!
6. Julia \_\_\_\_\_ her father's medals in an old suitcase.
7. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ this form, please?
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ skiing after he broke his leg.