

Introduction to Phrasal Verbs

◆ What is a Phrasal Verb ?

A phrasal verb is a verb combined with a preposition or an adverb (or both) that creates a new meaning.

For example:

"Give up" = to stop trying

→ She gave up smoking.

The meaning of a phrasal verb is often different from the original verb.

◆ Types of Phrasal Verbs

There are three main types:

1. Transitive (with an object)

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

2. Intransitive (no object)

He woke up at 7 a.m.

3. Separable vs Inseparable

Separable: You can split the verb and particle.

She **turned off** the light. ✓

She **turned** the light **off**. ✓

Inseparable: You cannot split them.

He ran into an old friend. ✓

He ran an old friend into. ✗

◆ Common Phrasal Verbs

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example
look after	take care of	I look after my little brother.
turn off	deactivate	Please turn off the TV.
give up	stop trying	Don't give up! Keep going.
run into	meet by chance	I ran into an old friend yesterday.
put off	postpone	They put off the meeting.
break down	stop working	My car broke down.
take off	remove / depart	He took off his shoes. The plane took off.

◆ Practice Time!

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verb (look after, give up, turn off, put off):

Don't _____. You can do it!

Can you _____ the lights before leaving?

I have to _____ my dog while my parents are away.

They decided to _____ the trip until next month.

✓ **Answers:**

give up

turn off

look after

put off