

The Phrasal verbs are certain verbs which are followed by certain prepositions or Adverbs, which give a new significance to them. For instance ;

- She *backed up* my claims.
- She *backed out* the contract.

In the first sentence the meaning of phrasal verb is supported. While in the second sentence, the meaning of 'backed out of' means withdrew from.

Hence, by adding prepositions or Adverbs to the verbs, different meanings are achieved. Phrasal verbs are a significant part of English language. They are primarily used in spoken and informal text. In formal and academic writing, phrasal verbs are better avoided.

### Transitive Phrasal Verbs:

In transitive phrasal verb, there is always an object. These phrasal verbs have three words. For example;

My sister *dropped out of* school before she could graduate.

### Intransitive Phrasal Verbs:

In the intransitive phrasal verb, there is no object in the sentence. These phrasal verbs are not followed by an object. For example;

Once you leave prison, you can always *go back* again.

Phrasal Verb	It's Meaning	An Example
<b>ask around</b>	ask multiple people the same question	I <b>asked around</b> but nobody has seen my car.
<b>add up to</b> xyz	equals to xyz	Your purchases <b>add up to</b> \$3200.
<b>back</b> abc <b>up</b>	to support	My mother <b>backed me up</b> over my decision to quit my job.
<b>blow</b> xyz <b>up</b>	add air	We have to <b>blow</b> 90 balloons <b>up</b> for the party.
<b>break down</b>	stop functioning (vehicle, machine)	Our car <b>broke down</b> at the side of the freeway in the snowstorm.
<b>call</b> someone <b>back</b>	return a phone call	I <b>called</b> the company <b>back</b> but the offices were closed for the holiday.
<b>call</b> xyz <b>off</b>	cancel	Jack <b>called</b> the wedding <b>off</b> because he wasn't in love with his fiancé.
<b>calm down</b>	relax after being angry	You are still mad. You need to <b>calm down</b> before you drive the truck.
<b>cut</b> xyz <b>off</b>	stop providing	The company <b>cut off</b> our phone because we didn't pay the bill.

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<b>cut someone off</b>	take out of a will	My grandparents <b>cut</b> my mother <b>off</b> when she remarried.
<b>drop back</b>	move back in a position/group	Andrew <b>dropped back</b> to third place when he fell off his bike.
<b>drop in/by/over</b>	come without an appointment	I might <b>drop in/by/over</b> for coffee sometime this week.
<b>drop out</b>	quit a class, school etc	I <b>dropped out</b> of Arts because it was too difficult.
<b>eat out</b>	eat at a restaurant	I don't feel like cooking dinner. Let's <b>eat out</b> .
<b>end up</b>	eventually reach/do/decide	We <b>ended up</b> renting a film instead of going to the theatre.
<b>fall apart</b>	break into pieces	My new dress <b>fell apart</b> in the washing machine today.
<b>fall down</b>	fall to the ground	The picture that you hung up last night <b>fell down</b> today.
<b>fall out</b>	separate from an interior	The money must have <b>fallen out</b> of her pocket.
<b>find xyz out</b>	discover	We tried to keep the time of the party a secret, but Sam <b>found it out</b> .
<b>get xyz across/over</b>	communicate, make understandable	I tried to <b>get</b> my point <b>across/over</b> to the judge but he wouldn't listen.
<b>get around</b>	have mobility	My grandmother can <b>get around</b> fine in her new wheelchair.
<b>get away</b>	go on a vacation	We worked so hard this month that we had to <b>get away</b> for a week.
<b>get away with xyz</b>	do without being noticed or punished	Jack always <b>gets away with</b> cheating in his maths tests.
<b>get back</b>	return	We <b>got back</b> from our vacation last weekend.
<b>get xyz back</b>	receive xyz you had before	Sara finally <b>got</b> her Science notes <b>back</b> from my room-mate.
<b>get together</b>	meet (usually for social reasons)	Let's <b>get together</b> for a movie this weekend.
<b>get up</b>	stand	You should <b>get up</b> and give the elderly woman your seat.
<b>give someone away</b>	reveal hidden information about someone	His boss <b>gave</b> him <b>away</b> to the police.

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<b>give someone away</b>	take the bride to the altar	My father <b>gave</b> me <b>away</b> at my wedding.
<b>give xyz away</b>	ruin a secret	My little brother <b>gave</b> the surprise party <b>away</b> by accident.
<b>give xyz away</b>	give xyz to someone for free	The library was <b>giving away</b> old books on Thursday.
<b>go after someone</b>	follow someone	My sister tried to <b>go after</b> the thief in her car.
<b>go after xyz</b>	try to achieve xyz	I <b>went after</b> my dream and now I am a published writer and scholar.
<b>go against someone</b>	compete, oppose	We are <b>going against</b> the best soccer team in the league tonight.
<b>grow apart</b>	stop being friends over time	My best friend and I <b>grew apart</b> after he changed schools.
<b>hand xyz down</b>	give xyz used to someone else	I <b>handed</b> my old comic books <b>down</b> to my little cousin sister.
<b>hang in</b>	stay positive (N.Amer., informal)	<b>Hang in</b> there. I'm sure you'll find a vacancy very soon.
<b>hold someone/xyz back</b>	prevent from doing/going	I had to <b>hold</b> my dog <b>back</b> because there was a dog in the park.
<b>hold someone/xyz up</b>	rob	A man in a black mask <b>held</b> the bank <b>up</b> this evening.
<b>keep on doing xyz</b>	continue doing	<b>Keep on</b> stirring until the syrup comes to a boil.
<b>let someone down</b>	fail to support or help, disappoint	I need you to finish the project. Don't <b>let</b> me <b>down</b> this time.
<b>let someone in</b>	allow to enter	Can you <b>let</b> the dog <b>in</b> before you go to work?
<b>look after someone/xyz</b>	take care of	I have to <b>look after</b> my sick grandfather.
<b>look down on someone</b>	think less of, consider inferior	Ever since we stole that car your dad has <b>looked down on</b> me.
<b>look for someone/xyz</b>	try to find	I'm <b>looking for</b> a white dress for the wedding.
<b>look xyz up</b>	search and find information in a reference book or database	We can <b>look</b> her phone number <b>up</b> in the directory.
<b>look up to someone</b>	have a lot of respect for	My little brother has always <b>looked up</b> to me.

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<b>mix xyz up</b>	confuse two or more things	I <b>mixed up</b> the twins' names yet again!
<b>pass away</b>	die	His uncle <b>passed away</b> last evening after a long illness.
<b>put xyz down</b>	put what you are holding on a surface or floor	You can <b>put</b> the groceries <b>down</b> on the counter.
<b>put someone down</b>	insult, make someone feel stupid	The students <b>put</b> the substitute teacher <b>down</b> because her skirt were too short.
<b>put up with someone/xyz</b>	tolerate	I don't think I can <b>put up with</b> three young children in the car.
<b>put xyz on</b>	put clothing/accessories on your body	Don't forget to <b>put on</b> your new stockings for the party.
<b>run into someone/xyz</b>	meet unexpectedly	I <b>ran into</b> an old friend at the new mall.
<b>run over someone/xyz</b>	drive a vehicle over a person or thing	I accidentally <b>ran over</b> your bike in the driveway.
<b>run out</b>	have none left	We <b>ran out</b> of detergent so I had to wash my clothes with soap.
<b>set someone up</b>	trick, trap	The police <b>set up</b> the car thief by using a bait.
<b>shop around</b>	compare prices	I want to <b>shop around</b> a little before I decide on these pants.
<b>stick to xyz</b>	continue doing xyz, limit yourself to one particular thing	You will lose weight if you <b>stick to</b> the diet regime.
<b>switch xyz off</b>	stop the energy flow, turn off	This light's too bright. Could you <b>switch</b> it <b>off</b> .
<b>take xyz back</b>	return an item	I have to <b>take</b> our new Dishwasher <b>back</b> because it doesn't work.
<b>take off</b>	start to fly	My plane <b>takes off</b> in five hours and two minutes.
<b>tear xyz up</b>	rip into pieces	I <b>tore up</b> my husband's letters and gave them back to him.
<b>throw xyz away</b>	dispose of	We <b>threw</b> our old computer <b>away</b> when we won the lottery.
<b>try xyz on</b>	sample clothing	I'm going to <b>try</b> these pants <b>on</b> , but I don't think they will fit.
<b>try xyz out</b>	test	I am going to <b>try</b> this new brand of soap <b>out</b> .

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<b>use xyz up</b>	finish the supply	The kids <b>used</b> all of the flour <b>up</b> so we need to buy some more.
<b>wake up</b>	stop sleeping	We have to <b>wake up</b> early for work on Sunday.
<b>wear off</b>	fade away	Most of her make-up <b>wore off</b> before she got to the party.
<b>work out</b>	be successful	Their plan <b>worked out</b> fine.

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