

## PREPOSITIONS

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INGLÊS

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### Phrasal verbs

- We use phrasal verbs in everyday language rather than formal language.
- We cannot usually guess the meaning from the combination of words.
- Some of them have more than one meaning.

### Two part verbs: unsplittable

We cannot put the object between the verb and preposition. We can sometimes guess the meaning

- *I came across this word in a magazine. (find by chance)*
- *What are you getting at exactly? (suggest)*
- *I won't stand for this behaviour any longer! (tolerate)*

*It took me a long time to get over my illness. (recover from)*

- *The police are looking into the robbery (investigate)*
- *Will you look after the baby? (take care of)*
- *Anna takes after her mother. (looks or behave like)*
- *I ran into Tom the other day (meet by accident)*
- *Tom is heading for trouble. (go in the direction of)*
- *When I laughed, everyone joined in. (do the same activity)*
- *Let's run through the details. (explain)*

### Two part verbs: splittable

We can put the object between the verb and particle, or after the particle. If the object is a large number of words we put it after the particle. If the object is a pronoun e.g. me, it, him, we put it between the verb and the particle. We can sometimes guess the meaning.

- *Try to carry out a 'task analysis'.*
- *Can you give in your homework now*
- *Can you fill in this form?*

- *You can leave out / miss out the next exercise.*
- *We're trying to sort out the problem.*
- *You can work out the answer for homework.*
- *Don 't forget to turn off the lights.*

#### *Meanings*

- *(do a piece of work)*
- *(give it to the teacher)*
- *(write information on it)*
- *(don't do it)*
- *(deal with)*
- *(find the solution)*
- *(stop using)*
  
- *We have put off the match until next week.*
- *The bus dropped off the students outside the school.*
- *Our teacher told us off because we were noisy*
- *Don't let down the team, will you!*
- *We'll come and pick up the others at 6.00.*
- *Susan brought up three orphan children.*
- *People say it's hard to give up smoking.*
- *You have to look up these words.*

#### *Meanings*

- *(postponed)*
- *(take to a place)*
- *(criticize angrily)*
- *(disappoint by not doing what was promised)*
- *(collect in a car)*
- *(look after a child until it becomes an adult)*
- *(stop doing something)*
- *(find in a dictionary)*

*These verbs do not have an object (intransitive).*

- *The traffic builds up here every day*
- *My car has broken down again.*
- *It's important to speak out.*
- *What exactly is going on?*
- *The feeling of shock gradually wore off.*
- *Stop showing off!*
- *Jim always turns up late.*
- *Everything turned out all right in the end.*

*Meanings*

- *(increase)*
- *(stop working)*
- *(be frank, give an opinion)*
- *(happen)*
- *(go away)*
- *(behave to attract attention)*
- *(arrive, often unexpectedly)*
- *(have a particular result)*

*Three-part verbs: unsplittable*

- *Have you come up with any ideas yet?*
- *When are you going to get round to your work?*
- *We've come up against a problem.*
- *She didn't get away with cheating in the exam.*
- *Maria has gone down with a bad cold.*
- *I can't put up with Alan! He annoys me!*
- *We want to do away with school uniform.*
- *I'm really looking forward to seeing you.*

### *Meanings*

- *(think of)*
- *(finally do something)*
- *(met a difficulty)*
- *(escape capture or detection)*
- *(become ill with a disease etc)*
- *(accept something / someone unpleasant)*
- *(abolish)*
- *(think with pleasure about the future)*

*verb + adverb particle + preposition + object or verb + particle (no object)*

- *We've run out of milk again. The milk has run out.*

*(have none left)*

- *I'll catch up with you later. Anna can't catch up.*

*(go faster to reach someone)*

- *Do you get on with / along with David? Do you two get along?*

*(have a good relationship with)*

- *I can't keep up with the class. I'm finding it hard to keep up.*

*(go at the same speed as)*