

Phrasal

prepositional verbs

(three-word phrasal verbs)



Phrasal-prepositional verbs are made up of three parts: a verb, an adverb particle, and a preposition. These verbs are always transitive (have a direct object) and are often used in informal contexts. Although they are inseparable (the object always comes immediately after the preposition, and not in any other position), there are some exceptions to this rule and some of these verbs also take a direct object after the verb as well as an object of the preposition (examples written in red below).

Average out at sth	Do away with sb/sth	Go ahead with sth	Own up to sth
Add up to sth	Do sb out of sth	Go along with sth	Press on with sth
Back out of sth	Drop in on sb	Go back on sth	Push on with sth
Be on about sth	Drop out of sth	Go in for sth	Put sth down to sth
Be up for sth	Face up to sth	Grow out of sth	Put in for sth
Be up to sth	Fall back on sth	Hold out for sth	Put sb up to sth
Break out in sth	Fall behind with sth	Keep away from sb/sth	Put up with sb/sth
Break out of sw/h/sth	Fall out with sb	Keep up with sb/sth	Reach out to sb
Bring sb out in sth	(be) Fed up with sb/sth	Let sb in on sth	Run away from sb/sth
Burst in on sb/sth	Feel up to sth	Listen in on sb/sth	Run out of sth
Call out to sb	Fill in for sb	Listen out for sth	Send away for sth
Call sb out on sth	Fix sb up with sb/sth	Live up to sth	Shy away from sth
Cash in on sth	Hold back on sth	Load up on sth	Stand in for sb
Catch up on sth	Gang up against/on sb	Look down on sb	Stand up for sb/sth
Catch up with sb	Get away with sth	Look forward to sth	Stand up to sb/sth
Chalk sth up to sth	Get back to sb/sth	Look in on sb	Stick up for sb
Check up on sb/sth	Get back at sb	Look out for sb/sth	Take sth out on sb
Clamp down on sth	Get along with sb	Look up to sb	Take sb up on sth
Close in on sb	Get in on sth	Make off with sth	Talk sb out of sth
Come down with sth	Get on with sb/sth	Make out with sb	Talk back to sb
Come down on sb	Get out of sth	Make up for sth	Turn away from sth
Come forward with sth	Get sth over with	Make up to sb	Wake up to sth
Come up against sth	Get rid of sb/sth	Measure up to sb/sth	Walk away from sb/sth
Come up for sth	Get (a)round to sth	Miss out on sth	Walk away with sth
Come up with sth	Get through to sb	Move in on sb/sth	Walk out on sb/sth
Cut back on sth	Get through with sth	Move on to sth	Watch out for sb/sth
Cut down on sth	Get back to sb/sth	Open up to sb/sth	Zero in on sth