

## Transitive Phrasal Verbs

Transitive phrasal verbs **require an object** to complete their meaning. The object is the thing or person that receives the action of the verb. For example, when we say “**turn off** the TV,” ‘turn off’ is the phrasal verb, and ‘the TV’ is the object being acted upon (i.e., we are stopping the TV from working.)

1. **Ask out** = invite on a date (*He decided to **ask her out** to dinner.*)
2. **Back up** = support (*Can you **back up** your claim?*)
3. **Blow out** = extinguish (*Please **blow out** the candles.*)
4. **Break down** = cause to collapse (*The car **broke down** on the highway.*)
5. **Bring up** = mention or raise a topic (*She **brought up** an interesting point.*)
6. **Call off** = cancel (*The meeting was **called off**.*)
7. **Carry out** = execute or perform (*The scientist **carried out** the experiment.*)
8. **Check in** = register upon arrival (*Please **check in** at the front desk.*)
9. **Cheer up** = make happier (*A joke can **cheer up** anyone.*)
10. **Clean up** = tidy or clean (*It's time to **clean up** the room.*)
11. **Close down** = shut permanently (*The store was **closed down** for renovations.*)
12. **Cross out** = draw a line through (*Just **cross out** any errors.*)
13. **Cut off** = remove by cutting (*They had to **cut off** the damaged part.*)
14. **Drop off** = deliver by vehicle (*I'll **drop off** the package soon.*)
15. **Fill out** = complete (a form) (*Please **fill out** this application.*)
16. **Find out** = discover information (*We need to **find out** the truth.*)
17. **Give back** = return an item (*Don't forget to **give back** the books.*)
18. **Hand in** = submit (homework, etc.) (*It's time to **hand in** the reports.*)
19. **Hang up** = end a phone call (*She **hung up** before I could answer.*)
20. **Hold on** = wait (usually on the phone) (*Just **hold on** a moment.*)
21. **Kick out** = expel or eject (*The club **kicked out** the unruly member.*)
22. **Knock out** = defeat or make unconscious (*He **knocked out** the competition.*)
23. **Lay off** = dismiss from employment (*Many were **laid off** during the cutbacks.*)

24. **Let down** = disappoint (*I hope I don't **let down** my team.*)
25. **Look after** = take care of (*Can you **look after** my dog?*)
26. **Make up** = invent (a story, excuse) (*He **made up** a story about the trip.*)
27. **Mix up** = confuse two items or people (*It's easy to **mix up** the twins.*)
28. **Pass down** = transmit (traditions, knowledge) (*Such traditions are **passed down** through generations.*)
29. **Pay back** = repay money (*I still need to **pay back** the loan.*)
30. **Pick up** = lift; also learn (*Can you **pick up** some milk?*)
31. **Point out** = indicate or mention (*Let me **point out** the main issue.*)
32. **Put away** = store or save (*Please **put away** your toys.*)
33. **Put off** = postpone (*I had to **put off** the meeting.*)
34. **Put on** = dress oneself with (*She **put on** her best dress.*)
35. **Put out** = extinguish or inconvenience (*The fire was quickly **put out**.*)
36. **Read out** = say aloud from written material (*He **read out** the names loudly.*)
37. **Set up** = establish or arrange (*They **set up** the new software.*)
38. **Shut off** = stop a machine or light (*Remember to **shut off** the lights.*)
39. **Take back** = retract statement or return an item (*She **took back** her statement.*)
40. **Take down** = dismantle or note down (*The team **took down** the old banner.*)
41. **Take off** = remove clothing or depart (*It's hot, so I **took off** my jacket.*)
42. **Throw away** = discard (*Please **throw away** the trash.*)
43. **Try on** = wear to test the fit (*She **tried on** several outfits.*)
44. **Turn down** = refuse or decrease (*They **turned down** the offer.*)
45. **Turn off** = stop a device (*Don't forget to **turn off** the oven.*)
46. **Use up** = consume completely (*I **used up** all the ink.*)
47. **Warm up** = prepare body for exercise (*He **warmed up** before the race.*)
48. **Wear out** = exhaust or become unusable (*This job has **worn out** its welcome.*)
49. **Work out** = exercise or solve (problems) (*She **works out** every morning.*)
50. **Write down** = record on paper (*Could you **write down** the number?*)