

Phrasal Verbs: What are they?

Phrasal verbs are verbs of more than one word.

We make phrasal verbs by using the forms:

Verb + Adverb

E.g. give up

(Verb)(Adverb)

To give up (to stop doing something - usually because you don't like it or it's too difficult)

E.g. I want to **give up** smoking because it's bad for my health.

How many kinds of phrasal verbs are there?

There are four types of phrasal verbs. Phrasal verbs can be **separable** or **inseparable** and they can take an **object** or not.

Phrasal verbs which can't take an object are **intransitive**.

These phrasal verbs are **always inseparable**.

E.g. Stand up 'He **stands up** during the lesson.'

Phrasal verbs which can take an object are **transitive**.

Verbs which can take an object can be **separable** or **inseparable**.