

Group 5 - Other Particles

go through	The railway goes through lots of tunnels.	_____
go round	There are bulls in the field. Lets go round it.	_____
go across	We went across the river by boat.	_____
go over	The road goes over the top of the mountain.	_____
go under	The river goes under the house.	_____
go past	The railway goes past lots of beautiful places.	_____
go by	Time goes by so fast!	_____
go forwards	Go forwards a little bit more and you'll be in the parking space.	_____
go backwards	When I'm driving I prefer not to go backwards .	_____
go along	The path goes along the river for 3km.	_____
come across	Yesterday I came across someone's wallet in the street.	_____
run after	I ran after the man who took my wallet but I couldn't catch him.	_____
look after	Who will look after the cats while you are on holiday?	_____
name after	This building is named after the founder of the university.	_____
be apart	When we are apart we call every day.	_____
take __ apart	I like taking apart computers and putting them back together again.	_____
fall apart	My car is really old - I'm worried it might fall apart !	_____
look forward to	I am looking forward to my holiday next week.	_____
fall over	My son has just started to walk, but he falls over all the time.	_____
get over	It took him three years to get over his divorce. He was really upset.	_____
go over	I have gone over this topic three times. I don't want to do it again.	_____
hand __ over	They finally handed over the money after hours of negotiation.	_____
knock __ over	Be careful - don't knock over any of the glasses.	_____
roll over	He rolled over and kissed her on the cheek.	_____
stop over	We stopped over in Singapore on our way to Australia.	_____
take over	Trump took over from Obama in January 2017.	_____
think __ over	I'll think it over and get back to you in a few days.	_____
turn __ over	Please do not turn over your tests until I say so.	_____
turn over	The boat turned over in the storm.	_____
look around	On the first day we looked around the town.	_____
get around	I think the subway is the best way to get around the city.	_____
mess around	Our teacher gets angry when we mess around during lessons.	_____
turn __ around	It takes a long time to turn a big ship around .	_____
turn round	I think we are going the wrong way. We should turn round .	_____
get through to	I called her three times but I didn't get through .	_____
go through	I went through a lot of pain and suffering to get this far.	_____
be together	They have been together for three years.	_____
get together	My family gets together every Christmas.	_____
put __ together	I took my phone apart but I couldn't put it together again!	_____
get along	My colleagues and I get along very well.	_____

Phrasal Verbs

How they work and how to learn them

Phrasal verbs aren't random. However, often English course books present them in a completely random way which makes them very difficult to learn.

Don't try to learn "Phrasal verbs with take" or "Phrasal verbs with get" or "Phrasal verbs with go". I used to teach them like this. It's a waste of time!

To understand phrasal verbs you have to understand the little words - we call them particles. The most frequently used are up/down, in/out, on/off and back/away.

Little kids learn this words very early. My son is 16 months old. We practice these words all the time!

We take a car and pick it UP and put it DOWN. Up, down, up, down, up, down.

We sit ON the stool and get OFF the stool. ON and OFF. On, off, on off, on, off.

We sit by the toy box and put the blocks IN and take them OUT. In, out, in, out.

These directional meanings are in **GROUP 1**.

Each particle also has some special meanings. You can find these in **GROUP 2**.

Sometimes we use the directional meaning in a metaphorical way. These are in **GROUP 3**.

Some phrasal verbs really are random. These are in **GROUP 4**.

There are some other directions that we use less often, including after, through, over, across, around, past, together and apart. You can find these in **GROUP 5**.

Group 1 - Directions

breathe in	Air goes into your lungs when you breathe in .	_____
come in	The President came in and everyone stood up.	_____
fall in *	The dog slipped and fell into the river.	_____
get in *	He got in the car and drove away.	_____
go in	I'm scared. I don't want to go in .	_____
move in	We will move into our new flat next week.	_____
break in	Someone broke into my flat and stole my TV and my wife's jewellery.	_____
get in	Russians can't get into Europe without a Schengen visa.	_____
check in	You can check in any time after 14:00.	_____
log in	I can't log into my account because I have forgotten my password.	_____
sign in	We have to sign in when get to work.	_____
let __ in	The security guard didn't let me in because I didn't have any ID.	_____
put __ in *	Please put the cups in the cupboard.	_____

* you don't need to use 'to' in these cases. Get in the car. Put it in the box. He fell in the pool.

breathe out	Air goes out of your lungs when you breathe out .	_____
fall out	We have window bars so that the children don't fall out of the window.	_____
get out	They took the photo when she was getting out of the car.	_____
go out	Do you mind if I go out for a cigarette?	_____
keep out	You should keep out of the forest. It is dangerous.	_____
move out	I want to move out of my parents house when I get a job.	_____
check out	You must check out before 11:00.	_____
sign out	We have to sign out when we leave the office.	_____
cut __ out	Draw three circles and cut them out .	_____
get __ out	My leg is stuck and I can't get it out!	_____
let __ out	Who let the dogs out ?	_____
take __ out	It's my job to take out the rubbish.	_____
take __ out	Please take everything out of your bag.	_____
take __ out	Where's the bank? I need to take out some money.	_____
throw __ out	We don't need this anymore. Let's throw it out .	_____

get up	I usually get up at 8am on weekdays.	_____
go up	I am lazy so I prefer to go up to the third floor in the lift.	_____
go up	I think prices will go up next year, so it is better to buy it now.	_____
hurry up	We will miss the train if you don't hurry up .	_____
fill up	I need to go to the petrol station to fill up .	_____
speed up	You can speed up now - we are on a fast road.	_____
stand up	Everyone should stand up when the President enters the room.	_____
warm up	We sat by the fire to warm up .	_____
fill __ up	Pass me your cup and I will fill it up .	_____
heat __ up	If it is too cold you can heat it up in the microwave.	_____
pick __ up	Please pick up all the toys and put them in the box.	_____
put __ up	We usually put up our Christmas decorations on the 24th.	_____
speed __ up	I deleted lots of programmes to speed up my computer.	_____
turn __ up	I can't hear the music. Please turn it up .	_____

Group 4 - Random Particles

believe in	I believed in Santa until I was 9.	_____
turn into	It's hard to believe that a caterpillar can turn into a butterfly.	_____
turn __ into	She is a great cook. She can turn simple ingredients into great food.	_____
go off	The chicken has gone off . We can't eat it.	_____
pay off	I worked hard all year and it paid off - I did very well in the exam.	_____
print __ off	I need to get to school early today to print off some worksheets.	_____
show off	I can't stand people who show off all the time.	_____
tell __ off	I was a naughty child. My teachers used to tell me off all the time.	_____
work on	I am working on a couple of projects at the moment.	_____
check __ out	I want to check out the new cafe - I've heard that the food is great!	_____
chill out	I like to chill out and do nothing on Sundays.	_____
fall out	I've fallen out with my friend. We aren't talking at the moment.	_____
catch up	Look how far ahead they are. We will never catch up .	_____
catch up with	It was hard for me to catch up with my class after I missed 3 lessons.	_____
come up	I have to work hard because my exams are coming up .	_____
come up to	I don't like it when people come up to me in the street.	_____
end up	I only went into the shop to have a look and I ended up spending £90.	_____
look __ up	If you don't know a word you can look it up in the dictionary.	_____
make __ up	My children are brilliant at making up stories	_____
meet up	I'm coming to London next week. Let's meet up!	_____
mix __ up	I always mix up two of the boys in my class. They look really similar.	_____
save up	I am saving up to buy a new laptop.	_____
set __ up	I've decided to set up a meeting between my sister and my colleague.	_____
sign up for	Lots of people have signed up for the free English course.	_____
take up	We had to throw out the old TV because it took up too much space.	_____
put up with	I don't like my room but I'll put up with it. It's only for a week.	_____

Group 3 - Metaphorical Directions

pass away	My Grandfather passed away last week. The funeral is today.	_____
get away with	I can't believe you got away with cheating in your exam!	_____
get back to	I'll get back to you as soon as I have an answer.	_____
let __ down	I put my trust in you and you let me down . I can't forgive you.	_____
write __ down	Please can you write down everything he says.	_____
look down on	I don't like it when people look down on others because they are rich.	_____
fill __ in	Please fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verb.	_____
take __ in	There was too much information for me to take in .	_____
hand __ in	Please hand in your homework at the end of the lesson.	_____
get into	If you get into difficulty at sea you should call the coastguard.	_____
run into	You'll never guess who I ran into today in town - my old piano teacher!	_____
drop __ off	You have to pay £2 to drop off passengers outside the airport.	_____
hold on	I can't hold on much longer. I'm going to fall!	_____
put __ on	If you eat a lot of cakes you'll put on weight quickly.	_____
ask __ out	I was really shy at school and I didn't dare to ask any girls out .	_____
bring __ out	I can't wait for them to bring out the new Pokemon game.	_____
come out	The first Harry Potter book came out in 1997.	_____
carry __ out	I want you to carry out all my instructions very carefully..	_____
cross __ out	If you make a mistake, cross it out and write the answer below.	_____
drop out	I had to drop out of university because the course was too difficult.	_____
eat out	I like eating out with my friends.	_____
give __ out	I always feel sorry for people who give out leaflets in the street.	_____
go out	I like to go out at weekends with my friends.	_____
go out with	When I was at school I went out with lots of girls.	_____
hang out	At the weekends my son's friends often hang out at my house.	_____
read __ out	The teacher asked me to read out what I had written.	_____
stand out	I like to wear unusual clothes so that I stand out from the crowd.	_____
stick out	Be careful - your wallet is sticking out of your pocket!	_____
freak out	I freaked out when the airplane started shaking violently.	_____
freak __ out	Spiders freak me out . I'm so scared of them.	_____
hang up	He hung up before I had time to explain. He was clearly very angry.	_____
pick __ up	I need to go to the post office to pick up a parcel.	_____
pick __ up	I'll pick you up from outside your house at 18:30 tomorrow.	_____
pick __ up	I called three times but nobody picked up the phone.	_____
take __ up	I realised that I was putting on weight so I took up Yoga to get fit.	_____
throw up	I was really ill yesterday. I threw up three times.	_____
look up to	I really look up to my dad. He is an inspiration to me.	_____
warm up	It's important to warm up before you do sports.	_____

Group 1 - Directions (continued)

fall down	After they were hit on 9/11 both of the Twin Towers fell down .	_____
go down	I want to buy one but I am waiting for the price to go down .	_____
go down	I went down to open the door because our intercom wasn't working.	_____
lie down	I want to lie down . I don't feel well.	_____
sit down	Let's sit down . The food is almost ready.	_____
calm down	When someone gets less angry, stressed or scared they calm down .	_____
cool down	I need to go outside to cool down .	_____
slow down	Everyone slowed down to look at the accident.	_____
calm __ down	His teammates tried to calm him down before he did something stupid.	_____
cool __ down	I'm so hot! I need a drink to cool me down .	_____
knock __ down	The government wants to knock down my house to build a new road.	_____
put __ down	Put me down! I don't want you to carry me any more.	_____
slow __ down	Please slow down the video - I want to look more closely.	_____
take __ down	We usually take down our Christmas decorations at the end of January.	_____
turn __ down	The music is too loud. Please turn it down .	_____
get on	I usually get on the bus at this stop.	_____
step on	Be careful - don't step on any dog poo.	_____
hang __ on	Can you hang these lights on the tree	_____
have __ on	When I saw him he didn't have any shoes on .	_____
put __ on	He put on his coat and walked out.	_____
put __ on	Please put the glasses on the table.	_____
try __ on	I always try on clothes before I buy them.	_____
fall off	I broke my arm when I fell off my bicycle.	_____
get off	Get ready! We need to get off at the next stop.	_____
jump off	I was too scared to jump off the bridge with my friends.	_____
take __ off	He took off his coat and sat down.	_____
knock __ off	The cat knocked the books off the shelf.	_____
get away	The rabbit didn't get away from the wolf.	_____
go away	I want to go away for a couple of days. I'm tired of this city.	_____
run away	The children ran away when the dog started barking.	_____
give __ away	I want to give away this furniture.	_____
put __ away	I always put away my winter clothes in April.	_____
take __ away	The police grabbed the man and took him away .	_____
throw __ away	I had to throw away the tomatoes because they were rotten.	_____
come back	We'll miss you. Come back soon!	_____
get back	What time will you get back ?	_____
go back	I will never go back there. It's a terrible place!	_____
bring __ back	You can take it home but you must bring it back tomorrow.	_____
call __ back	I'm busy now. Can you call me back later?	_____
get __ back	My car has been stolen and I don't expect to get it back .	_____
give __ back	You can borrow this pen if you give it back at the end of the lesson.	_____
pay __ back	When will you pay back the money I lent you last week?	_____
put __ back	When you've finished reading put the book back where you found it.	_____
take __ back	I need to take these books back to the library.	_____

Group 2 - Special Meanings

OUT = all gone

be out of	I'm sorry. We are out of time.	_____
run out	My battery is running out . I need a charger.	_____
run out of	We ran out of time so we couldn't do all the tasks.	_____
sell out	The tickets sold out within 30 minutes.	_____
die out	Mammoths died out more than 10 000 years ago.	_____
go out	The fire will go out if you don't add some wood.	_____
put out	The firefighters worked hard to put the fire out .	_____

OUT = known, clear, understood, organised

find out	Yesterday I found out that my friend is going to get married.	_____
turn out	The test turned out to be easier than I expected.	_____
find __ out	I want to find out more about it.	_____
sort __ out	My life is a mess! I need to sort it out !	_____
sort __ out	I have to sort out a lot of things for the wedding.	_____
figure __ out	I have figured out a way to fix it.	_____
point __ out	The guide pointed out lots of interesting things.	_____
make __ out	I can just make out the shape of a building in the distance.	_____

OFF = start moving

be off	I need to be off now. I can't stay any longer.	_____
run off	The children ran off when they saw the guard.	_____
set off	We set off as soon as it got light.	_____
take off	I am always a bit scared when the plane takes off .	_____
kick off	The match kicked off at 15:00.	_____
go off	The fire alarm went off so we had to stop the lesson.	_____
set __ off	If you smoke in the toilet it will set off the fire alarm.	_____
see __ off	My parents came to the station to see me off .	_____

ON = working/happening, OFF = not working/not happening

be on	The lights are still on in the office.	_____
be off	All the lights were off when I got there.	_____
be on	Is the meeting on tomorrow?	_____
be off	The game is off because the pitch is frozen.	_____
go on	There's always something going on in my town.	_____
switch __ on	Oh no! I forgot to switch on the washing machine!	_____
switch __ off	Don't forget to switch off the lights when you leave.	_____
put __ on	We want to put on a great show!	_____
call __ off	We had to call off the festival because not enough tickets were sold.	_____
put __ off	When I don't want to do something I put it off until the last minute.	_____

ON = forward (onward)

go on	The man looked up and then went on reading his book.	_____
get on	My parents don't get on with my boyfriend.	_____
carry on	Keep calm and carry on working.	_____
keep on	I keep on forgetting that word!	_____
move on	Let's move on to the next task.	_____
come on	Come on!!! You can do it!	_____
pass __ on	Can you pass on a message for me?	_____

Group 2 - Special Meanings (continued)

UP = in pieces

break up	My friend is depressed because his girlfriend broke up with him.	_____
split up	The Beatles split up in 1970.	_____
blow up	Move away from the vehicle. It might blow up .	_____
cut __ up	Take a piece of paper and cut it up .	_____
chop __ up	Take a tomato and chop it up .	_____
tear __ up	He said he was not interested and tore up the contract	_____
rip __ up	She ripped up the letter and dropped it into the fire.	_____
split __ up	If students can't work together it is better to split them up .	_____
blow __ up	Guy Fawkes wanted to blow up the Houses of Parliament.	_____

UP = not asleep

be up	I was surprised that the kids were still up when I came home.	_____
wake up	Wake up! Breakfast is ready!	_____
stay up	I often stay up late at the weekend watching films.	_____
wait up	The boy's parents waited up until he came home.	_____
wake __ up	My cat woke me up at 6am this morning!	_____
keep __ up	My neighbours had a party yesterday and they kept me up until 2am	_____

UP = in order

tidy up	Let's go to bed. We can tidy up in the morning.	_____
clean up	It took us three hours to clean up after the party.	_____
wash up	I cooked so you should wash up .	_____
make up	We can't make up until I believe that you are really sorry.	_____
clear up	We always spend the last 5 minutes of the lesson clearing up .	_____
tidy __ up	I spend all my time tidying up mess that my kids make!	_____
clean __ up	Nobody can leave until this mess is cleaned up .	_____
wash __ up	I washed up the pans last time.	_____
pack __ up	In the morning we packed up our tents and continued our journey.	_____
wipe __ up	Oops! I spilt some milk. Can you give me something to wipe it up ?	_____

UP = completely gone

be up	Our time is up .	_____
shut up	Shut up and do your work.	_____
give up	I give up . I can't do it.	_____
take up	The sofa takes up half the room!	_____
mess up	I know that I messed up . Can you forgive me?	_____
screw up	I got fired because I screwed up too many times.	_____
use __ up	I gave you three chances and you have used them up .	_____
give __ up	I used to smoke but I gave it up last year.	_____
mess __ up	I had a test yesterday and I messed it up completely.	_____
screw __ up	I gave you a chance but you screwed it up .	_____

DOWN = not working, UP = working

be down	The computer system is down so we can't do any work.	_____
break down	We were late because our car broke down .	_____
close down	The shop is closing down so they are selling everything for low prices.	_____
shut __ down	Remember to shut down the computers before you leave.	_____
set __ up	Can you help me to set up a wifi network?	_____
start __ up	I want to start up my own business one day.	_____