

English

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HELP box

Phrasal verbs

- The meaning of some verbs with particle (often called phrasal verbs) can be easily understood from its two parts.

Look at the photos.

A network **consists of** two or more ...

Separate networks are **linked over** a public network, the Internet.

- However, many phrasal verbs have an idiomatic meaning, not predictable from the meaning of its parts.

carry (= transport); **carry out** (= execute)

Computers **carry out** the programs ...

- Certain particles have similar meanings, regardless of the verb (**on/off, in/out**, etc.).

turn on / switch on

(= start the operation of something)

turn off / switch off

(= stop the operation of something)

- Other common phrasal verbs in computing include:

plug into (= connect)

Plug one end of the phone cord **into** the phone jack.

set up (= establish)

What do I need to **set up** a wireless LAN?

sign up (= register, enrol in a service)

Once connected, you can **sign up** for RSS feeds, newsletters, etc.

try out (= test or use experimentally)

You can **try out** new software on their site.

find out (= learn, discover)

Search the Web to **find out** more information about WiMAX.

take up (= occupy)

Fibre optic cables **take up** less space than copper cables.

make up (= constitute, form)

Several LANs connected together **make up** a WAN.

fill in (= write the necessary information)

You need to **fill in** this online form.

- When the verb has a preposition associated with it, the preposition must precede the object:

You can **look for** information on the Web.

(~~not: look information for~~)

Hackers might **break into** your PC.

(~~not: break your PC into~~)

When the particle is an adverb, it can precede or follow the direct object:

You need to **type in** your username /

... **type** your username **in**.

You can **look up** words in a dictionary /

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Turn on the computer. /

Turn the computer **on**.

If the direct object is a pronoun, the particle must follow it

You need to **type it in**.

(~~not: type in it~~)

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