

9. FOCUS ON: two-word phrasal verbs that require an additional particle when used with an object, 1

With some two-word verbs you must use a second particle when the verb has an object:

The criminal **broke out**.
~~The criminal **broke out** prison.~~
The criminal **broke out** of prison.

Tom and Jerry don't **get along**.
~~Tom and Jerry don't **get along** each other.~~
Tom and Jerry don't **get along** with each other.

Sometimes, as with **break out** and **break out of**, there is no change in meaning. Sometimes, as with **hang up** and **hang up on**, there is a small change in meaning. And sometimes, as with **hook up** and **hook up to**, the second particle is necessary not when there is one object but only when there are two:

I **hooked up** my new CD player.
~~I **hooked up** my new CD player my stereo.~~
I **hooked up** my new CD player to my stereo.

There is no good way to always know which second particle must be used or if and how it will change the meaning of the verb. The best thing to do is to simply memorize each case.

Throughout this book, two-word phrasal verbs that require an additional particle when used with an object are shown with the second particle in parentheses:

break out (of).

Do not confuse two-word phrasal verbs that require an additional particle when used with an object with three-word phrasal verbs. Three-word phrasal verbs always have three words — there is no two-word version, or if there is a phrasal verb with the same verb and first particle, it has a different meaning and is classified as a different verb. For example, **break out** and **break out** (of) are included in one definition because they have the same meaning, but **put up** and **put up with** have different meanings and are classified separately.

Infinitive	present tense	-ing form	past tense	past participle
break out	breakout & breaks	breaking out	broke out	broken out

1. **break out** (of) p.v. When you escape from a place where you are a prisoner, you **break out** or **break out** of that place.

Bubba **broke out** of prison last month.

The police have been looking for him ever since he **broke out**.

breakout n. An escape from prison is a **breakout**.

There hasn't been a successful **breakout** from the state prison in more than twenty-five years.

1. **breakout** p.v. When fighting begins suddenly, it **breaks out**.

Rioting **broke out** after the general canceled the election.

Millions will be killed if nuclear war **breaks out**.

catch up

catch up & catches

catching up

caught up

caught up

1. **catch up** (with) p.v. When you move faster and reach the same level or place as people who had been moving faster or doing better than you were, you **catch up** or **catch up** with them.

We left an hour before Luis, but he drove fast and quickly **caught up**.

After missing several weeks of class, Raquel is so far behind that she'll never **catch up**.

Pepsi has **caught up** with Coca-Cola in some markets.

The mugger was running so fast that the angry mob couldn't **catch up** with him.

caught up part.adj. After you have moved faster and reached the same level or place as people who had been moving faster or doing better than you are, you are **caught up**.

When I was sick, I missed a lot of schoolwork, but I worked hard and now

I'm **caught up**.

1. **catch up** (on) p.v. When you study or learn something you are interested in but have not had time for, you **catch up** on it.

I wonder what the latest gossip is. Let's call Michael so we can **catch up**. After I returned from vacation, I read the newspaper to **catch up** on the local news.

caught up part.adj. After you have studied or learned something you are interested in but have not had time for, you are **caught up**.

Now that I've read the newspapers I missed while I was on vacation, I'm **caught up**.

Infinitive

present tense

-ing form

past tense

past participle

chicken out

chicken out & chickens out

chickening out

chickened out

chickened out

1. **chicken out** (of) p.v. [informal] When you do not do something because you are afraid, you **chicken out** or **chicken out** of it.

I was going to ask Heather to go to the dance with me, but I **chickened out**. Miguel's mad at himself because he **chickened out** of asking his boss for a raise yesterday.

get along

get along & gets along

getting along

got along

gotten/got

1. **get along** (with) p.v. When you **get along** with people, you have peaceful, harmonious relations with them. **Get on** is similar to **get along**.

Jim and his cousin aren't good friends, but they **get along**.

I haven't gotten **along** with my neighbors for years.

2. get along p.v. When you are able to do some sort of work without any serious problems, you **get along**.

How are you **getting along** in your new job?

Oh, I'm **getting along** okay, thank you.

give up

give up & gives up giving up gave up given up

1. give up (on) p.v. When you stop trying to do something because you think you will never succeed, you **give up** or **give up** on it.

Forget it! This is impossible — I **give up**!

I've tried for years to have a nice looking lawn, but I've just **given up** on it.

2. give... up p.v. When you are running from or fighting with the police or enemy soldiers and you surrender, you **give up** or **give** yourself **up**.

When the bank robbers realized they were surrounded by police, they **gave up**.

The suspect got tired of hiding from the police, and he **gave** himself up.

3. give ...up p.v. When you stop doing something you do regularly, such as a sport or a job, you **give it up**.

My father didn't **give** sky diving **up** until he was eighty-two.

I had to **give up** my second job because I was so exhausted all the time.

hang up

hang up & hangs hanging up hung up hung up

1. hang up (on) p.v. When you stop talking on the telephone and put down the receiver, you **hang up** the telephone. When you are angry and **hang up** the telephone without saying good-bye to someone, you **hang up** on the person you are talking to.

After I finished talking to her, I said good-bye and **hung up**.

When he called me a moron, I got so mad I **hung up** on him.

2. hang ... up p.v. When you hang something in a high place so that it cannot touch the ground, you **hang it up**.

When I get home, the first thing I do is **hang** my coat **up**.

Timmy never **hangs** anything **up**; he just leaves it on the floor.

hung up part.adj. After you have hung something in a high place so that it cannot touch the ground, it is **hung up**.

Timmy, why are your clothes on the floor and not **hung up**?

Infinitive

	present tense	-ing form	past tense	past participle
hook up	hook up & hooks up	hooking up	hooked up	hooked up

1. hook... up (to) p.v. When you connect one electronic device to another, you **hook it up** or **hook it up** to something.

/ bought a new printer, but I haven't **hooked it up** yet.

I **hooked** my sound system **up** to my TV, and now the TV is in stereo.

hooked up *part.adj.* After one electronic device has been connected to another, it is **hooked up**.

There's a VCR on my TV, but don't try to use it because it's not **hooked up**.

hookup *n.* A **hookup** is an electrical connection.

The cable TV **hookup** usually costs \$20, but it's free this month.

1. hook up (with) *p.v. [informal]* When you meet people somewhere, usually after you have done some things separately, you **hook up** or **hook up** with them.

You do your shopping, I'll go to the post office, and we'll **hook up** around 2:30, okay?

I'll **hook up** with you at 12:00 at the corner of State and Madison, and we'll have lunch.

work

work up & works up

working up

worked up

worked up

1. work up (to) *p.v.* When you gradually improve at something difficult that you do regularly, you **work up** to that improvement.

You can't lift 200 pounds on your first day of weight training. You have to **work up** to it.

When I started running, I couldn't go more than a mile, but now I've **worked up** to five miles.

2. work up *p.v.* When you gradually develop the energy, confidence, courage, and so on, to do something difficult or something you do not want to do, you **work up** the

energy, confidence, courage, and so on. When you gradually develop a feeling, you **work up** the feeling.

It took me a long time to **work up** the nerve to ask my boss for a raise.

If I **work up** some energy, I'll wash the car.

I really **worked up** a sweat in the gym today.

Raking leaves all day sure **works up** an appetite.

worked up *part.adj. [informal]* When you are anxious, worried, or upset about something, you are **worked up** or **worked up** about it.

Mark has been acting nervous all day. What's he all **worked up** about?

Relax, we're only a few minutes late. It's nothing to get **worked up** about.

EXERCISE 9a — Complete the sentences with phrasal verbs from this section. Be sure the phrasal verbs are in the correct tense.

1. My elbow has gotten so bad that I think I might have to _____ tennis.

2. After several years of tension between the two countries, war _____ in 1972.

3. Maria, how are you _____ at your new job?

4. I am so lazy today. I just can't _____ the energy to finish my school project.
5. The murderer was tired of running from the police, and he _____ himself _____.
6. The other runners were so far ahead that I couldn't _____.
7. Susie, _____ your clothes right now!
8. For a long time I could type only around twenty-five words per minute, but I've slowly _____
_____ to sixty.
9. I'm really behind in my work. If I don't take work home with me, I'll never _____.
10. Lydia is a nice, easygoing person. You won't have any trouble _____ her.
11. I tried and tried to learn to speak Japanese, but I finally _____.
12. Hello Mark? I'm really angry, and I've got some things to tell you, and don't you dare
_____ on me!
13. Dan is so shy. He was supposed to give a speech today at school, but he _____.
14. Okay, here's the plan: You go to the bookstore, I'll get my laundry, and we'll _____
around 11:00.
15. I wonder what's been happening while we were on vacation. I think I'll read the newspaper so I can
_____.
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16. This is a maximum security prison. No one has ever _____.
17. Bob tried to _____ my new dishwasher, but he didn't do it right, and he flooded the kitchen.

EXERCISE 9b — Complete the sentences with the correct second particles.

1. I called my girlfriend to apologize for forgetting her birthday, but she **hung up** _____ me.
2. When I started lifting weights, I could lift only thirty kilograms, but little by little I **worked up**
_____ fifty.
3. He's very sick, but the doctors haven't **given up** _____ him yet.
4. Sofia was going to bleach her hair, but she **chickened out** _____ it.
5. Don't invite Carmen to Rosa's birthday party. They don't **get along** _____ each other.
6. The bank robber was carrying 2,000 quarters, so it was easy for the police **catch up** _____
him.

7. No prisoner has ever **broken out** _____ this prison.
8. I need a different cable to **hook** my monitor **up** _____ my computer.
9. You've been gone a long time, and you have to **catch up** _____ a lot of things.

EXERCISE 9c — Write three sentences using the objects in parentheses. Be sure to put the objects in the right place.

1. Tonight I'm going to try to **hook up**. (my fax machine, it)
2. After my accident, I had to **give up**. (scuba diving, it) _____
3. You can **hang up** in the closet, (your coat, it) _____

EXERCISE 9d — Write answers to the questions using phrasal verbs, participle adjectives, and nouns from this section. Be sure the phrasal verbs are in the correct tense.

1. When I went on vacation three weeks ago, my sister and her husband were talking about getting a divorce. Now that I'm back from vacation, I want to know what happened while I was gone. What do I want to do?
2. Lydia has to stop driving because her eyesight is so bad. What does Lydia have to do?
3. Susie was walking with us, but she stopped to look in a store window, and we continued walking. What does Susie need to do now?
4. I spilled wine on your white carpet, and you became angry and upset. How would you describe yourself?
5. Connecting a printer to a computer is easy. What is easy?
6. In Question 5, how would you describe the printer after it is connected to a computer?
7. Several prisoners are going to try to escape from the state prison tonight. What are the prisoners going to try to do tonight?
8. In Question 7, if the prisoners are successful, what would their escape be called?
9. Linda and Nicole don't like each other, and they argue sometimes. What don't Linda and Nicole do?

10. We argued with our daughter for months, but we stopped trying to get her to stop smoking. What did we do?
11. Fights start in that bar all the time. What happens in that bar all the time?
12. Paul slowly developed the courage to ask his boss for a raise. What did Paul do?
13. In Question 12, what didn't Paul do?
14. The police told the robber to surrender. What did the police tell the robber?
15. Karen is trying to gradually be able to lift 100 pounds. What is Karen doing?
16. Betty was so angry with her boyfriend that she put the telephone receiver down without saying good-bye. What did Betty do to her boyfriend?

EXERCISE 9e, Review — Complete the sentences with these phrasal verbs from previous sections. Be sure the phrasal verbs are in the correct tense. To check their meanings, review the section number given after each one.

burn out, 8	find out, 5	pick out, 8	ring up, 8
cheat on, 4	hand back, 5	pile up, 5	run into, 1
fall over, 8	hear of, 8	point to, 4	tear down, 8
fight back, 8	look at, 5	put to, 4	work in, 8

1. Who is he? I've never _____ him before, and I don't know anything about him.
2. My mail _____ while I was on vacation.
3. Thanks for all your help. I'm sorry to _____ you _____ so much trouble.
4. That dead tree is rotten. I'm surprised it hasn't _____ yet.
5. I _____ several cars last weekend, but I can't decide which one to buy,
6. Can you help me _____ a tie _____ to wear with this shirt?
7. What a surprise! I _____ my fifth grade teacher at the mall today.
8. Charles _____ a beautiful Mercedes-Benz across the street and said it was his.
9. Okay, class, you've got until the bell rings. When you're finished with your tests, _____ them _____ to me.

10. Everyone in town knows that Jake has been _____ his wife for years.

11. I'm not sure if there will be time to meet with you today, but I'll try to _____ it

12. The invasion was so sudden that there was no way to _____.

13. The cashier _____ our stuff and said, "That comes to \$142.56."

14. Bob's not in a good mood today. He just _____ that he needs surgery.

15. It was fun to visit my hometown, but I was sad to see that my old house was being

16. I need to buy a new 100-watt bulb; this one _____ yesterday.
