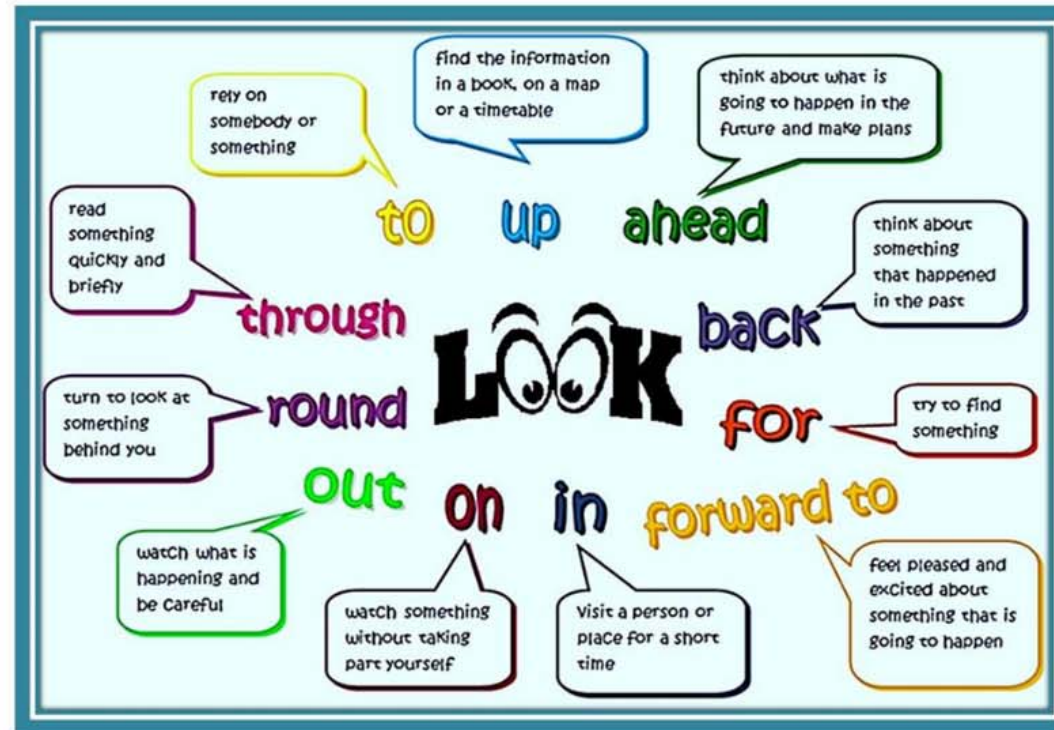


# Phrasal Verbs

Hello and welcome back, in this lesson we will be exploring phrasal verbs.

Phrasal verbs are verbs that are comprised of a main verb plus a particle, or preposition.

Some phrasal verbs have two particles after the main verb!



## Examples:

*She **gets up** at six o'clock every morning.*



*My grandmother lives with us and we **look after** her.*



*Turn **on** the television, that programme is starting now.*



*I will never **live up to** my mother's expectations of me.*



## Problem?

One of the problems with phrasal verbs is that they must be learnt individually like normal verbs.

She **sat down** on the sofa.



I am **looking for** my glasses.



But often there isn't any help in the main verb:

*I didn't want to speak to her,  
so I **hung up**.*



*We had to **put** our dog **down**.*





## Their meanings:

Once you learn the meaning of a phrasal verb, you then must learn how it can be used. Most importantly, you must learn if it is formal or informal English and if it can be separated or not.

Most phrasal verbs can be separated - that is, the main verb and the particle can have another word, usually the object, in between them.

*I got **John up** at seven o'clock as he had to leave early.*

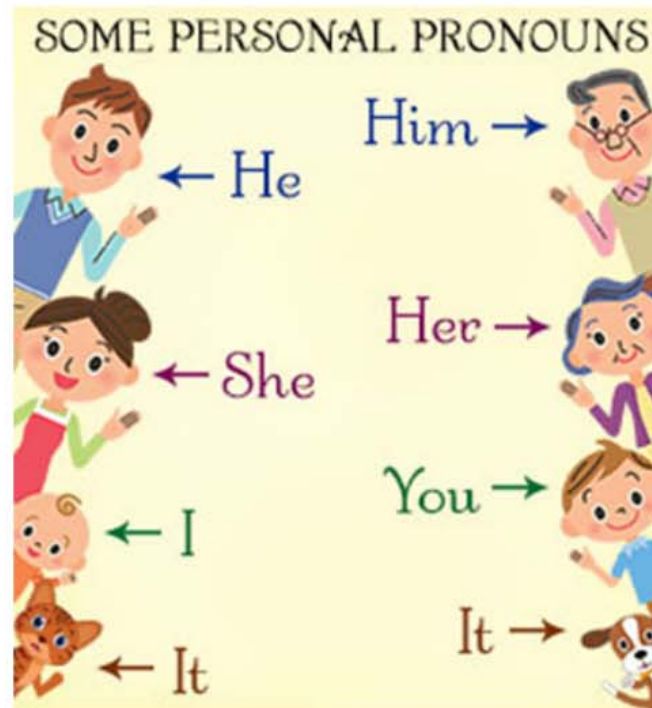


*They **picked their parents up** from the airport.*



## What is a pronoun?

A pronoun is a word that can function as a noun phrase used by itself and that refers either to the participants in the discourse (e.g. *I, you* ) or to someone or something mentioned elsewhere in the discourse (e.g. *she, it, this* ).



## Phrasal verbs with pronouns

Usually, if we use a pronoun such as **it**, **her**, **him**, etc, this **must** go between the main verb and the particle.

But you need to learn those that can't be separated:

*They got on the bus.*



**NOT** *They got the bus on.*

