

PHRASAL VERBS

A phrasal verb is a verb that consists of two (or three) parts. The first part is always a verb. The next part is called a particle, and is a word that we often consider to be a preposition, such as " across," " after," " away," " back," " down," " in," " into," " off," " on," " out," " over," or " up."

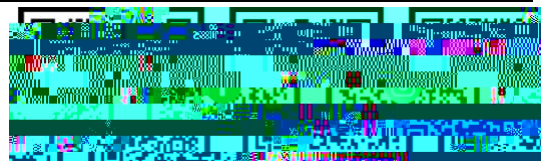
When I clean my sofa cushions, I come across dog hair. (come across = find)

Due to the bad weather, the school called off the game. (called off = canceled)

Note: Phrasal verbs present a vocabulary challenge to ESL writers because most phrasal verbs are idioms. The meaning of a phrasal verb is usually very different from the meanings of the individual verb and particle. In the first example,

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Non-separable Phrasal Verbs

Non-separable phrasal verbs cannot be separated, regardless of whether the object is a noun or a pronoun. Common particles for non-separable phrasal verbs include: " across," " after," " into," or " with."

Call on (ask a question)	Call on the student	Call on him
Check into (register at a hotel, investigate)	Check into the hotel	Check into it

Get along with (be friends with) - 1(h)-ref5 4 2 5.5e2f5 4 2 7(k)-9ee4 7B 4 3 9 5 2 Fy=@