

# Phrasal-prepositional Verbs

Phrasal-prepositional verbs are a small group of multi-word verbs made from a verb plus another word or words. Many people refer to all multi-word verbs as phrasal verbs. On these pages we make a distinction between three types of multi-word verbs: prepositional verbs, phrasal verbs and phrasal-prepositional verbs. On this page we look at **phrasal-prepositional verbs**.

Phrasal-prepositional verbs are made of:

verb + adverb + preposition

Look at these examples of phrasal-prepositional verbs:

phrasal-prepositional verbs	meaning	examples	
			direct object
<b>get on with</b>	have a friendly relationship with	He doesn't <b>get on with</b>	his wife.
<b>put up with</b>	tolerate	I won't <b>put up with</b>	your attitude.
<b>look forward to</b>	anticipate with pleasure	<b>I look forward to</b>	seeing you.
<b>run out of</b>	use up, exhaust	We have <b>run out of</b>	eggs.

Because phrasal-prepositional verbs end with a preposition, there is always a direct object. And, like prepositional verbs, phrasal-prepositional verbs cannot be separated. Look at these examples:

phrasal-prepositional verbs are <b>inseparable</b>		We	<b>ran out of</b>	fuel.
		We	<b>ran out of</b>	it.

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It is a good idea to write "something/somebody" in your vocabulary book when you learn a new phrasal-prepositional verb, like this:

- **get on with** somebody
- **put up with** sthg/sby
- **run out of** something

This reminds you that this verb needs a direct object (and where to put it).