

## Vocabulary: Phrasal verb particles

It can be difficult to guess the meaning of phrasal verbs and difficult to learn them. Learning about some general meanings of the particles will help you.

| Particle | Meaning                       | Examples                                    |
|----------|-------------------------------|---|
| up       | increase                      | build up, grow up                           |
| down     | decrease<br>record in writing | calm down, cut down<br>write down, jot down |
| on       | start<br>continue             | turn on, log on<br>carry on, stay on        |
| off      | end<br>depart                 | ring off, turn off<br>set off, blast off    |
| in       | put into<br>stay inside       | plug in, stir in<br>stay in, lie in         |
| out      | be outside                    | go out, get out                             |
| away     | avoid                         | keep away, look away                        |

Note that there are more meanings for each particle, and also more particles. If you find this approach helpful, consult a book on phrasal verbs for more information.

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Using the meanings outlined in the table on page 50, complete sentences 1–11 with the correct particle.

- 1 Can you log \_\_\_\_\_? I'd like to use the computer now.
- 2 Step \_\_\_\_\_ from the edge of the platform! It's dangerous.
- 3 Note this \_\_\_\_\_. You won't remember it otherwise.
- 4 We're going to eat \_\_\_\_\_ tonight. I might cook my speciality!
- 5 Slow \_\_\_\_\_. The speed limit's 30mph, not 40mph.
- 6 It's been lovely to see you, but I must rush \_\_\_\_\_ now or I'll be late.
- 7 They've failed twice already, but vow they're going to keep \_\_\_\_\_ trying.
- 8 If I read out the data will you key it \_\_\_\_\_?
- 9 Too much exercise can bring \_\_\_\_\_ an asthma attack.
- 10 I can't hear you. Please speak \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 I've been locked \_\_\_\_\_ again. I've forgotten my keys and there's no one at home.