

Phrasal Verbs for House Chores

Phrasal verbs are verbs made of a verb + a particle (a preposition or adverb). Together, they create a new meaning that is often different from the verb alone.

Example:

Clean = make something clean

Clean up = make a place tidy

WORD ORDER RULES:

With nouns: the noun can be placed **after** the particle or **between** the verb and the particle

- Turn off the TV / Turn the TV off
- Put away your clothes / Put your clothes away.

With pronouns: The pronoun must go **in the middle**.

Turn **it** off. (NOT: Turn off **it**.)
Put **them** away. (NOT: Put away **them**.)

COMMON PHRASAL VERBS FOR HOUSE CHORES:

- clean up – make clean
- pick up – lift or collect
- put away – put in the correct place
- take out – remove
- turn on – start a device
- turn off – stop a device
- wash up – wash dishes
- sweep up – clean the floor



Exercise 1 – Match the phrasal verb:

1. clean up
2. put away
3. take out
4. turn off

- a. remove the trash
- b. stop a device
- c. make clean
- d. put in the correct place

Exercise 2 – Choose the correct option:

1. Turn ___ the lights. (on / away)
2. Please put ___ your clothes. (off / away)
3. Take ___ the trash, please. (out / up)
4. Clean ___ your room. (on / up)

Exercise 3 – Rewrite using a pronoun:

1. Turn off the TV. → Turn _____.
2. Put away the books. → Put _____.
3. Take out the trash. → Take _____.
4. Clean up your room. → Clean _____.
5. Turn off the lights. → Turn _____.
6. Put away the dishes. → Put _____.
7. Take out the trash. → Take _____.
8. Clean up your room. → Clean _____.
9. Turn off the lights. → Turn _____.
10. Put away the dishes. → Put _____.

Exercise 4 – Complete the responses:

1. Please clean up your room. → OK, I'll _____.
2. Can you turn off the lights? → Sure, I'll _____.
3. Please put away the dishes. → All right, I'll _____.