

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 record in writing	calm down, cut down write down, jot down
on	start continue	turn on, log on carry on, stay on
off	end depart	ring off, turn off set off, blast off
in	put into stay inside	plug in, stir in 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.