



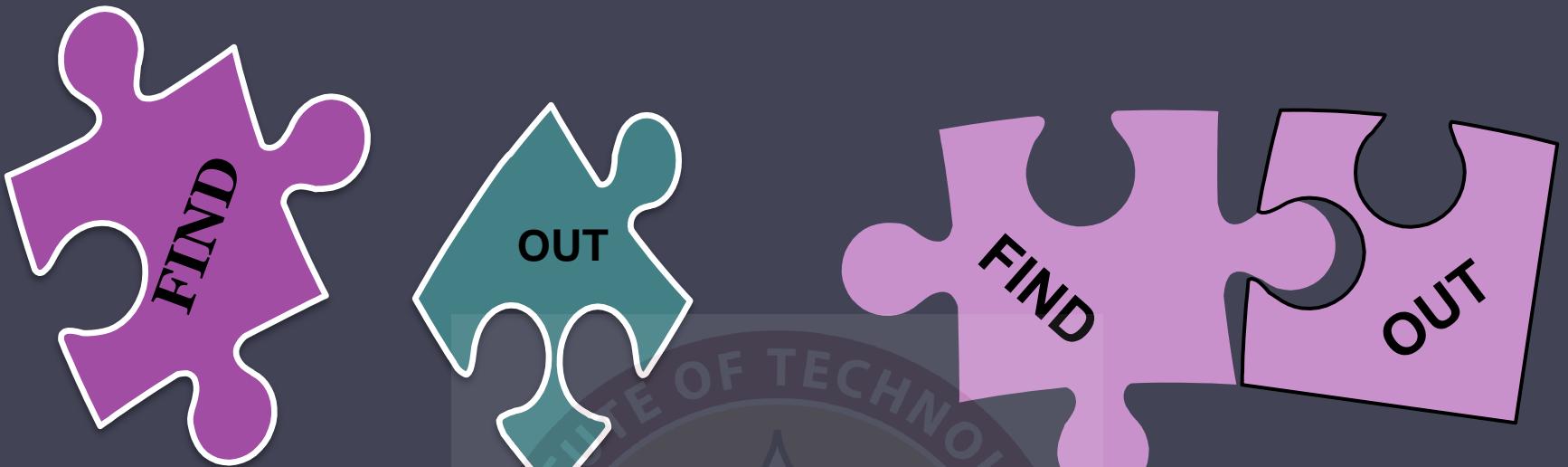
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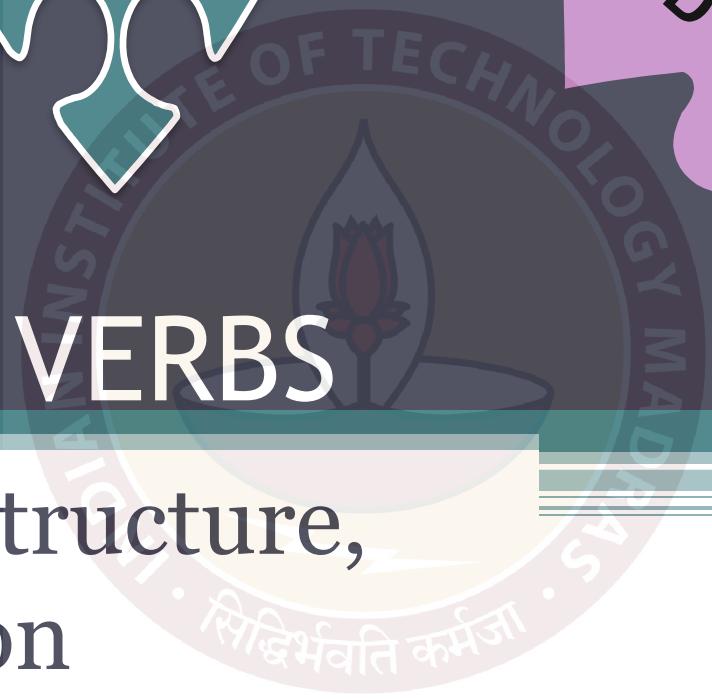
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PHRASAL VERBS

Meaning, structure,
and function



Phrasal Verbs: Meaning and function

- Phrasal verb belong to the category of multi-word verbs.
- They function like single verbs.
- These verbs have idiomatic meanings.
- They are often the collocation between a verb and an adverbial particle.
- They are more commonly found in the spoken language than prose.
- Example: knock off

Structure of a phrasal verb

Grammatically, phrasal verbs are formed through a combination of a verb and an adverbial particle.

1. When the phrasal verb has an object noun in the combination;

a) **Verb Adverbial particle Object noun**

Eg. The company put off the sales meet.

b) **Verb Object noun Adverbial particle**

Eg. The company put the sales meet off.

2. When the phrasal verb has a personal pronoun in the combination;

Verb Personal pronoun Adverbial particle

Eg. The sales meet will not happen. The company put it off.

Separable and inseparable phrasal verbs

- Separable phrasal verbs allow for the separation of the verb and the adverbial particle mostly through an intervention by an object noun or a personal pronoun.
- Inseparable phrasal verbs, on the other hand, do not allow such interference.

Examples: Separable phrasal verbs

Phrasal verb	meaning
Bring out	<i>show</i>
Close down	<i>shut</i>
Call by	<i>visit</i>
Catch up	<i>Be at the same level</i>
Rule out	<i>dismiss</i>
Sum up	<i>summarize</i>

Common inseparable phrasal verbs

Phrasal verbs and meaning

Come across- <i>find by accident</i>	Hit on - <i>discover</i>
Come by- <i>acquire</i>	Keep at - <i>persist</i>
Get over- <i>recover from</i>	Live on- <i>exist</i>
Get round- <i>persuade</i>	See about - <i>investigate</i>
Go for – <i>like a lot</i>	Take after- <i>resemble</i>
Lay off- <i>stop</i>	Stand for - <i>tolerate</i>
Tell on- <i>report</i>	Wait on – <i>serve</i>
	Pick on - <i>bully</i>