

Phrasal Verbs for Technology and Computers		
Phrasal Verb	Meanings	Example
log in sign in sign-in	v. connect to a computer using a username and password n. page or act of registering permission to use a program	To begin, log in to your desktop system.
hook up	to connect wires from machines to a power source or other machines	Would you please help me hook up the Internet cable?
power up turn on	provide power to a machine	Press the red button to power up your tablet.
boot up start up	begin running a computer system	Wait a second, my computer is booting up .
set up	v. to install a new computer program or assemble a computer system n. the process of adding information using a computer program	This application took a long time to set up .
pull down pulldown	v. choose from a menu of options in a computer application extending down from the action bar like a window blind n. a menu of options	Look for the file menu and pull down to "Save As..."
click on	move a mouse over an item and press to select	Click on the start menu to begin.
scroll up scroll down	to move slowly to the top or bottom of a text	The news story was so long I had to scroll down a lot to read it all.
run out of	exhaust a supply of something	You will run out of disk space if you save copies of all your emails.
back up backup	v. make an extra copy of a file n. an extra copy of a file	Be sure you back up your files before you change systems.
print out printout	v. send an electronic document to a printer n. a printed document	I have to print out the directions before I leave home.
hack into	enter a computer or network illegally	Someone hacked into my bank and stole millions of dollars.
go down	stop operating properly	I cannot send any emails because the server went down .
wipe out	completely erase or delete files	Before you donate your computer, be sure you wipe out the hard drive.
pop up popup	v. to appear suddenly n. an advertisement that appears suddenly on a computer screen	If you do not want to see the ads, turn on your pop up blocker.
plug in	v. insert a cord into an outlet or port	Plug in your laptop over there.

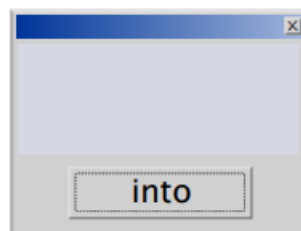
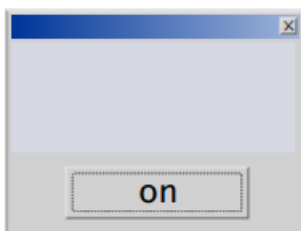
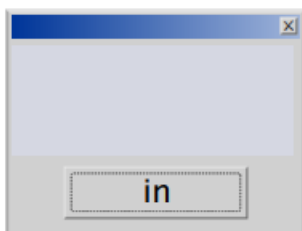
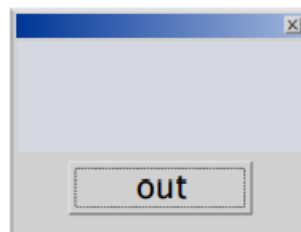
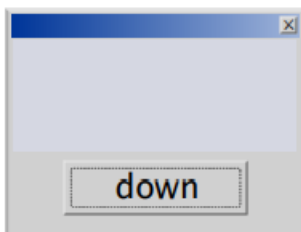
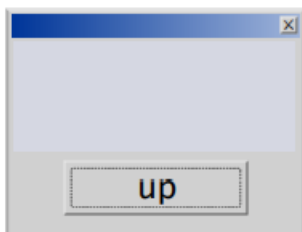
plug-in	<i>n.</i> an addition to a software program that performs a certain task	
sign up	register with a service	She signed up for an online dating service.
key in	type or enter characters using a keyboard	It takes too much time to key in that long password.
opt in / out	choose to receive advertising or messages	The company asked me to opt in to get special offers by email.
filter out	remove unwanted email messages	Can we filter out all the spam on this account?
turn off shut down power down	end a session on the computer by closing an application or removing power	I'm tired, so I'm going to shut down the computer for today.
go online/offline	to use the Internet / not use the Internet	I will send you that information as soon as I can go online .

EXERCISE

3. Phrasal verbs and technology

Put the verbs in boxes to create phrasal verbs related to technology.

opt boot scroll run key click back shut hack hook plug print start pop log (x2) set



4. Definitions

Which phrasal verb means to...

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| 1. choose to participate | | 10. not have anymore of something |
| 2. install software or hardware | | 11. appear suddenly |
| 3. turn on a computer | | 12. connect to a website |
| 4. turn off a computer | | 13. disconnect from a website |
| 5. illegally enter | | 14. make a physical copy |
| 6. make a spare copy | | 15. move text on a screen |
| 7. select an option | | 16. connect different devices |
| 8. launch a machine or software | | 17. connect a device to power |
| 9. add information | | |