

MULTIWORD VERBS

Intransitive Phrasal Verbs

The machine broke down/went down

Phrasal Verbs:

They carried the plan out ✓
 They carried out the plan ✓
 They carried it out ✓
~~They carried out it ✗~~

Prepositional Verbs:

You can rely on Ann
 You can rely on her

Phrasal Prepositional Verbs

I won't put up with this situation
 I won't put up with it

Multiword verb	Type of verb	Meaning
to ask for something	prep.	to say that you want something
to bank on something/someone	prep.	to count on
to be made up of some things/some people	phrasal-prep.	to be composed of
to be up to someone	phrasal-prep.	the decision/choice corresponds to
to break down	intrans.	to stop working
to break into something	prep.	to enter illegally
to bring something about	phrasal	to cause
to carry on with something	phrasal-prep.	to continue with
to carry something out	phrasal	to perform
to come up against something	phrasal-prep.	to meet with (a problem)
to come up with something	phrasal-prep.	to suggest/to think of
to count on someone/something	prep.	to depend on
to depend on something/something	prep.	to rely on
to do without something	prep.	to manage/survive without
to face up to something	phrasal-prep.	to recognise (an unpleasant fact)
to figure something out	phrasal	to find out by calculations or reasoning
to find something out	phrasal	to discover
to go down	intrans.	to stop working
to let somebody down	phrasal	to disappoint
to look after something/someone	prep.	to take care of
to look for something	prep.	to seek
to look something up	phrasal	to seek something in a book or list
to pick something up	phrasal	to lift
to point something out	phrasal	to indicate linguistically
to put up with something	phrasal-prep.	to tolerate
to rely on someone	prep.	to depend on, to trust
to run out of something	phrasal-prep.	to have no more X left
to turn X into Y	prep.	to convert X into Y
to work something out	phrasal	to find out by calculations or reasoning

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate multiword verb, if there is an object, you must place in the correct position.

- If you depend on something, you **rely on it** (it).
- If you discover something, you **find it out** (it).
- If a computer stops working, it **goes down**.
- If you think of or suggest the answer, you **come up with it** (it).

- 5 If you use language to indicate a thing, you **point it out**.... (it).
- 6 If you convert a person into a frog, you**turn**..... him/her**into**..... a frog.
- 7 If you don't need tobacco to survive, you can **do without it** (it).
- 8 If you perform an operation, you **carry it out**.... (it).
- 9 If you recognize an unpleasant fact, you ..**face up to**..... (it).
- 10 If you tolerate something, you ..**put up with it**(it).
- 11 If you disappoint a person you **let him down** (him/her)
- 12 If you find something out by reasoning, you **figure it out**... (it).
- 13 If you seek something, you ..**look for it**..... (it).
- 14 If you cause an accident, you **bring it about**.....(it).
- 15 If a machine stops working, it **break down** ..
- 16 If you look for a word in a dictionary, you ..**look it up**..... (it).
- 17 If you enter a place illegally, you **break into it** (it).
- 18 If you take care of a person, you **look after her**(him/her).
- 19 If you have no tea left, you have **run out of it** (it).
- 20 If you meet with a problem, you **come up against it**
- 21 If you lift something from the floor, you **pick it up**..... (it)
- 22 If you say that you want a thing, you **ask for it**..... (it).
- 23 If a thing is composed of two parts, it is **made up of it** (them).
- 24 If you continue with your work, you **carry on it**..... (it).
- 25 If you can choose in a situation, we say it is **up to you**..... (you).

Translation

- 1) El sistema operativo es responsable de realizar las tareas más básicas de un ordenador. ("carry")
The operating system is responsible for carrying out the most basic tasks of a computer
- 2) Nos hemos quedado sin memoria. ("run")
we have run out of memory
- 3) No hemos tropezado con ningún problema importante. ("come")
we haven't come up against any important problem.
- 4) Una vez que se ha establecido una red local, es deseable conectarla con una red amplia¹. ("set")
once a local area network has been set up, is desirable to connect it with a wide area network
- 5) Debemos descomponer el problema en subproblemas. ("break")
we must break the problem down into subproblems
- 6) No pude averiguar la respuesta. ("work")
I couldn't work out the answer
- 7) Un error en la entrada de datos no debe provocar un desastre. ("bring")
A data input error mustn't bring about a disaster.
- 8) El compilador traduce las instrucciones de alto nivel² en lenguaje de máquina. ("translate")
the compiler translate high level instructions into machine language
- 9) No podemos continuar con el proyecto. ("carry")
we can't carry on with the project.
- 10) No he podido averiguar por qué se ha averiado la máquina. ("find", "break")
I have not been able to find out why the machine has broken down

¹"red local" = "local area network" (noun count), "red amplia" = "wide area network" (noun count).

²"high level instructions".

