

16 Separable phrasal verbs

All phrasal verbs consist of a verb and a particle. Some must have the verb and particle together, but with others, the object can appear in between.

 **New language** Separable phrasal verbs

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16.1 KEY LANGUAGE SEPARABLE PHRASAL VERBS

With separable phrasal verbs, the object of the sentence can go before or after the particle. The meaning is the same.



He is **picking up** litter.

The object can go after the particle.

He is **picking** litter **up**.

The object can also go between the verb and the particle.



16.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES SEPARABLE PHRASAL VERBS



He is **cutting down** trees.

He is **cutting** trees **down**.



She **gave out** the town maps.

She **gave** the town maps **out**.



16.3 REWRITE THE SENTENCES BY CHANGING THE POSITION OF THE PARTICLE

The theater is putting on a show.

The theater is putting a show on.

① We'll pick up the shopping.

② Those people are giving leaflets out.

③ Can you check out the menu?

④ They're filling that hole in the road in.

⑤ I'm taking back those library books.



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16.4 READ THE PASSAGE AND WRITE THE HIGHLIGHTED PHRASES NEXT TO THEIR DEFINITIONS

26 LOCAL NEWS

BRAND NEW SPORTS CENTER ARRIVING SOON!

The new sports center will open later this month. There will be many opportunities for people to **take up** exciting activities, **show off** their talents, and **find out** what suits them best.

The surrounding area has been **cleaned up** and the beautiful Brock park has just been reopened. Just one year since the previous owners **sold off** the derelict site to Haven Sports Centers, the town has a great new sports venue. Come along and **try out** the facilities.

Start doing = take up

- 1 Improved = _____
- 2 Test = _____
- 3 Discover = _____
- 4 Exhibit = _____
- 5 Sold cheaply = _____



16.5 COMMON MISTAKES SEPARABLE PHRASAL VERBS WITH PRONOUNS

If the object of a sentence with a separable phrasal verb is a pronoun, it must go between the verb and the particle.



He is picking **it** up. ✓

He is picking up **it**. ✗

This is correct. The pronoun must go between the verb and the particle.

This is wrong. The pronoun cannot go after the particle.



16.6 REWRITE THE SENTENCES USING THE OBJECT PRONOUN "IT"

She's looking up the location.

She's looking it up.



1 They're closing down the factory.



2 She's renting out her house.



3 He's cleaning up the front of the shop.



4 He's showing off his new car.



5 They tore down the building.



16.7 VOCABULARY AROUND TOWN



government building



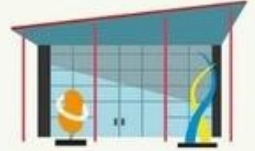
law court



shopping mall (US)
shopping centre (UK)



skyscraper



art gallery



16.9 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED



16.10 READ THE EMAIL AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

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To: Jane Warren

Subject: Welcome!

Hi Jane,

Welcome to Boston! I can't wait to show my city off to you! Because you love art, I want to take you to the art gallery in the city center. The law court is a beautiful building, so you should also see that. We should take a tour of the historic quarter as well. I'll find the details out for this tour soon. There are more tourist attractions to visit, but I'll let you know about them later. Looking forward to seeing you, Anne

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Jane doesn't like art at all.

True ☐ False ☒ Not given ☐

1 The art gallery is a beautiful building.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

2 Anne wants to do the historic quarter tour.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

3 Jane will have to research the tour details.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

4 Anne wants Jane to go to a palace.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐



pharmacy (US)
chemist (UK)



tourist office (US)
tourist information (UK)



16.8 VOCABULARY POINTS OF INTEREST



amenities



sights



city center (US)
city centre (UK)



commercial
district



tourist
attraction



historic quarter



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16.11 MATCH THE WORDS IN BOLD TO THE ADJECTIVES

The city is **dirty** because of all the traffic.

unspoiled

1 The countryside is **quiet and clean**.

polluted

2 The **lively** city is exciting.

unsafe

3 The city can feel **too full of people**.

dull

4 Some places can be **dangerous** at night.

bustling

5 People in the country seem very **kind**.

vibrant

6 The city has an **exciting** nightlife.

crowded

7 Life in a busy town is never **boring**.

friendly



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16.12 WRITE THE WORDS FROM THE PANEL IN THE CORRECT GROUPS

POSITIVE

lively

NEGATIVE

bustling ~~lively~~ crowded
polluted unspoiled unsafe

16 CHECKLIST

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🧩 Describing a town in detail ☐