**Two part verbs**

Some verbs are two part verbs, also known as phrasal verbs. They consist of a verb and a particle (a preposition or an adverb). Often this gives the verb a new meaning which can be very different from the meanings of the two parts taken separately. Consider this example:

Put + off

The meeting had to be put off. (The meeting had to be delayed)

The meaning of put off is not the same as the meanings of 'put' and 'off'.

More examples:

Break + down

Sorry I'm late. The car broke down. (The engine stopped working).

Hang + up

Let me speak to Melanie before you hang up. (Let me speak to Melanie before we end the conversation)

Take + after

She takes after her mother. (She looks like her mother, or She behaves like her mother)

count + on

I know I can count on you. (I know I can trust you, or I know I can believe you)

*A two part verb can be either transitive (having or needing an object) or intransitive (having or needing no object).*

The verbs break down and hang up in the preceding examples are intransitive. They have no objects.

The verbs take after and count on are transitive. The objects are "her mother" and "you".

*Like the objects of one part verbs, the objects of two part verbs can be nouns or pronouns. When the object is a noun, it can be placed after or between the two parts:*

Examples:

He knocked over the glass. OR: He knocked the glass over.

I think I'll throw away these newspapers. OR: I think I'll throw these newspapers away.

*When the object is a pronoun, it can ONLY be placed between the two parts:*

Examples:

The baby is asleep. Don't wake her up. (NOT: wake up her)

If you don't understand any word, you can look it up in a dictionary. (NOT: look up it)

**Remember:**

**Verb + noun + particle (turn the lights off) = correct**

**Verb + particle + noun (turn off the lights) = correct**

**Verb + pronoun + particle (put them away) = correct**

**Verb + particle + pronoun (put away them) = incorrect**

***Go to your books to learn the two part verbs given on page 37, and then do the task.***

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