



Phrasal Verbs Theory

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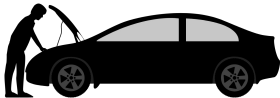




My car **broke down**

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My car **broke down**

↑
Conjugated verb

↑
Particle

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My car **stopped** working

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The robber **broke into** my
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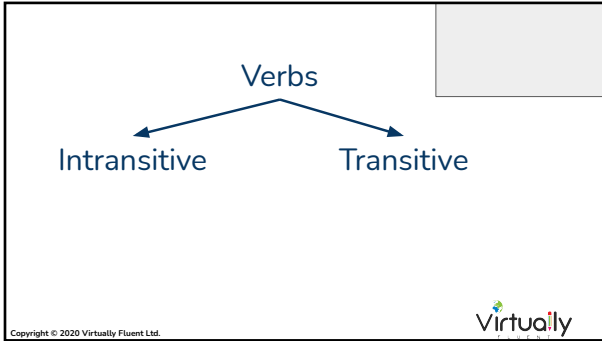
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I **broke up** with my boyfriend

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Verbs


Intransitive

My car **broke down**

→ no object
→ commands

I **woke up** at 10am

Do you want to **join in**?

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Verbs


Transitive

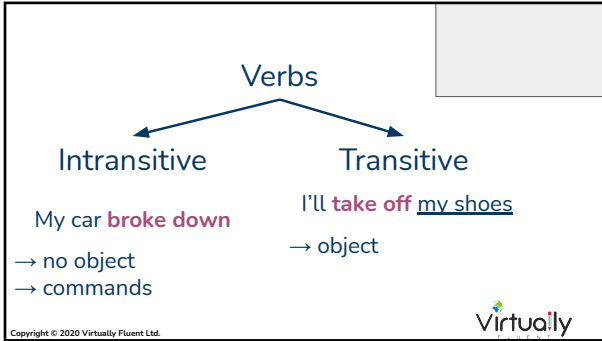
I **count on** my mum

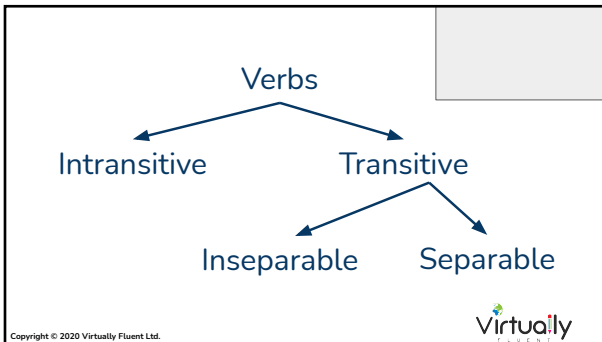
I have **brought up** my children

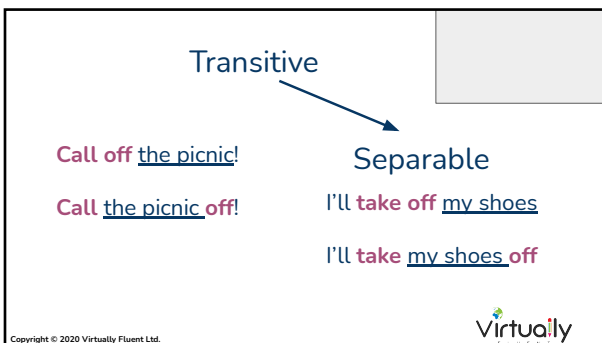
I'll **take off** my shoes

→ object

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Transitive

Call off it!

~~✗~~

Separable

Call it off!

✓

I'll take off them

~~✗~~

I'll take them off

✓

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Transitive

Inseparable


Let's go over the exam together


I always count on my mum


I like listening to music


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 Up


 Down


 In


 Out

 On

 Off

 Away

 Back

 Around/about

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Up

- Increase level
bring up, catch up, fill up
- Make small pieces
break up, chop up, cut up
- Complete/ finish
clear up, tidy up, hang up

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Down

- Decrease level/reduce
calm down, lie down, cut down
- Reduce/stop
shut down, close down
- Write on paper
put down, write down, take down

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In

- Movement to/stay inside
*break in, eat in, pull in, drop in,
take in, rub in*

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Out

- Leaving/staying outside
ask out, check out, get out
- Stop
back out, drop out, give out

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On

- Physical location “on top”
have on, put on, try on
- Continue
carry on, keep on, pass on

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Off

- Removed from a location/leave
send off, run off, take off
- Stop or change state
Switch off, turn off, shut off

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Away

- Opposite direction
come away, get away, throw away
- Stop
die away, eat away, pass away

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Back

- Return
check back, come back, pay back

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Around / About

- Relaxed action
walk around, wander around, lie about

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