



“MASTERING PHRASAL VERBS: A KEY TO FLUENT
ENGLISH”

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Abstract: *Phrasal verbs are considered one the most important part of the English language, using a verb with a preposition or an adverb to make a new meaning different from the original verb. These kind of verbs or expressions are mostly used in both spoken and written English, making the speech of the speaker more colorful and effective. This work explores the content, formation, structure of the phrasal verbs together with difficulties in translating and understanding for non-native speakers.*

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Phrasal verbs play a crucial role in the English language, by learning phrasal verbs, learners can improve their fluency, comprehension, and confidence in English communication. Unlike other languages, the English language is rich in such kind of linguistic devices, that make it more colorful whereas challenging.

A phrasal verb is a combination of a verb and a preposition, a verb and an adverb, or both a verb and a preposition with an adverb, which is one member of the sentence and thus forms an integral semantic unit. [1] The meaning of the phrasal verbs is not identified by direct translation as they have totally different meaning. Such as “to bring up” word for word meaning “to bring-to fetch”, “up-high”, yet actually this phrasal verb means “to raise a child”. In Uzbek language there is no such kind of verbs in both spoken and written language, instead the speakers of Uzbek language use verb +verb form. Phrasal verbs are really challenging for English learners as there are plenty of phrasal verbs which have several meanings.

Phrasal verbs are typical of the English language [2]. As stated by McArthur (1989), they have always represented ‘a vigorous part of English’. Phrasal verbs indeed make up one-third of the English verb vocabulary [3]. Besides, there are about 3,000 established phrasal verbs in English, including 700 in everyday use [4]. In addition to the great number of existing phrasal verbs, new

Athens Journal of Philology June 2014 ones are constantly being coined. As noted by Bolinger , they thus constitute a highly productive category: „an explosion of lexical creativeness that surpasses anything else in our language”.

There are different approaches for memorizing phrasal verbs for new learners.

By different methods learners can achieve good results such as:

1. Learning phrasal verbs in context.





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It really helps for learners instead of memorizing phrasal verbs, it is more effective to learn them in context. For example, instead of just learning "give up," remember it in a sentence:

- *"I gave up smoking last year."*

2. Group Them by Topic

Organize phrasal verbs into categories like:

- **Travel:** check in, set off, get on
- **Work:** carry out, take over, lay off
- **Daily Life:** wake up, turn on, run out of

3. Create a Story or Dialogue

By writing a short story using multiple phrasal verbs. This makes them more memorable. For instance:

"I woke up late, so I had to rush to catch the bus. When I got on, I realized I had left my phone behind!"

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