

English Phrasal Verbs Guide

Comprehensive B1–B2 Level Reference: Prepositional Combinations for Core Verbs

Target Level: B1–B2

Verbs: TURN, TAKE, GET

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TURN Phrasal Verbs

VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
Turn back	Return in the direction you came from	<i>The icy weather made it dangerous to continue, so we turned back.</i>
Turn down	Reject an offer; reduce volume or temperature	<i>She turned down the job offer due to the long commute.</i>
Turn in	Submit work/assignment; go to bed (informal)	<i>I must turn in my report by midnight before I turn in.</i>
Turn into	Transform or change into something else	<i>The old industrial district turned into a vibrant cultural hub.</i>
Turn off	Stop a machine/device; cause disinterest	<i>Please turn off the equipment when you complete the test.</i>
Turn on	Start a machine, device, or appliance	<i>He turned on the projector before starting his talk.</i>
Turn out	Prove to be; develop in a specific way; attend	<i>Despite early delays, the event turned out to be a success.</i>
Turn over	Flip an object; transfer control or property	<i>The director decided to turn over management to her assistant.</i>
Turn to	Go to someone for help, guidance, or support	<i>Whenever he faces complex challenges, he turns to his mentor.</i>
Turn up	Arrive unexpectedly; increase sound/heat	<i>Her lost keys finally turned up inside an old coat pocket.</i>

TAKE Phrasal Verbs

VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
Take after	Resemble a relative in appearance or character	<i>David takes after his father; both are calm under pressure.</i>
Take back	Retract a statement; return a purchased item	<i>I take back what I said earlier—your calculations were right.</i>
Take in	Absorb information; deceive; alter clothing	<i>It was difficult to take in all the details during the brief.</i>
Take off	Depart (aircraft); remove clothing; succeed fast	<i>Sales began to take off immediately after the rebrand.</i>
Take on	Accept responsibility/work; hire new staff	<i>Our division cannot take on additional projects this term.</i>
Take out	Invite and pay for someone; remove an ..	<i>They decided to take their clients out for ..</i>

TAKE Phrasal Verbs (Continued)

VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
Take over	Gain control or leadership of something	<i>A international firm is planning to take over the local business.</i>
Take to	Develop a quick liking or habit for something	<i>She took to her new responsibilities surprisingly fast.</i>
Take up	Start a new hobby/study; occupy space/time	<i>He decided to take up Spanish to prepare for his transfer.</i>
Take up with	Raise a concern or issue with an authority	<i>If you dispute the charge, take it up with accounting.</i>

GET Phrasal Verbs

VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
Get across	Communicate an idea clearly to others	<i>She managed to get her key message across in five minutes.</i>
Get ahead	Make progress and advance professionally	<i>Continuous learning helps professionals get ahead in tech.</i>
Get along (with)	Maintain a friendly relationship with someone	<i>He gets along well with all members of his team.</i>
Get around	Travel to various places; bypass an obstacle	<i>Using public transit is the easiest way to get around town.</i>
Get around to	Finally find time to complete a pending task	<i>I haven't gotten around to updating the client software yet.</i>
Get at	Imply or suggest something indirectly	<i>What exactly are you getting at with those questions?</i>
Get away	Escape a place; take a short vacation	<i>They hope to get away to the coast for the weekend.</i>
Get away with	Escape punishment or penalty for an action	<i>You cannot expect to get away with submitting work late.</i>
Get back to	Reply or contact someone later with news	<i>I will review the figures and get back to you shortly.</i>
Get by	Manage to survive or work with limited resources	<i>His basic German is sufficient to get by during travel.</i>
Get down to	Begin giving serious attention to a task	<i>Now that everyone is here, let's get down to business.</i>
Get out of	Avoid a duty, obligation, or commitment	<i>He tried to get out of attending the mandatory workshop.</i>
Get over	Recover from an illness, setback, or shock	<i>It took her several days to get over the severe cold.</i>
Get rid of	Eliminate, discard, or sell unwanted	<i>The company needs to get rid of outdated</i>