

Phrasal verbs

*This is the form. Please can you **fill it in**?*
*Why are you **bringing up** that argument **up** now?*
*Police are **looking into** connections between the two crimes.*
*We need to **come up with** a solution.*

very common in English, especially in **more informal** contexts.

They are made up of **a verb** and **a particle** or, sometimes, **two particles**.

The particle often **changes the meaning** of the verb.

I **called** Jen to see how she was. (call = to telephone)

They've **called off** the meeting. (call off = to cancel)

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One particle

Separable

the verb and particle can be apart or together.

They've **called** the meeting **off**.

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must be separated when you use a personal pronoun.

The meeting? They've **called** it **off**.

Non-separable

cannot be separated.

Who **looks after** the baby when you're at work?

Even if there is a personal pronoun, the verb and particle remain together.

- Some multi-word verbs are inseparable simply because they don't take an object.

I **get up** at 7 a.m

Two particles

Inseparable

Who **came up with** that idea?

if you use a personal pronoun, you put it after the particles

Phrasal verb	Meaning	Type	example
Fill in	write information in a form or document	One particle separable	Please can you fill in this form? Please can you fill this form in ?
came across	find something by chance	One particle Non-separable	<i>came across your email when I was clearing my inbox.</i>
get rid of	remove or become free of something that you don't want	Two particles (inseparable)	<i>Let's get rid of these old magazines to make more space.</i>