

What are Inseparable Phrasal Verbs?

Worksheet

Inseparable phrasal verbs keep the particle directly attached to the verb — the object always comes after the particle ('get over it', never 'get it over'). Common examples include get over, look after, run into, and put up with.

Questions

1. 'She ____ the problem.' Use: look into. Correct form?

- A) look into the problem
- B) look the problem into
- C) into look the problem
- D) the problem look into

2. Replace with pronoun: 'put up with rudeness'

- A) put it up with
- B) put up with it
- C) put with it up
- D) with put it up

3. Which is inseparable?

- A) put on
- B) turn off
- C) look after
- D) take out

4. Complete: 'I ____ her at the supermarket.' Use: come across.

- A) come across her
- B) come her across
- C) across come her
- D) her come across

5. Complete: 'I'll ____ my grandmother.' Use: look after. Show both noun and pronoun.

6. Use 'run into' in two sentences: one with a noun, one with a pronoun.

7. Complete: 'He can't ____ that noise.' Use: put up with. Both forms?

8. Define: What is an inseparable phrasal verb?

9. Define: Can you separate verb and particle?

10. Define: Examples of inseparable phrasal verbs?

Answer Key

1. A) look into the problem — Inseparable — particle stays with verb. 'look into the problem' is correct.
2. B) put up with it — Particle NEVER separates. Object comes after: put up with it.
3. C) look after — 'look after' is inseparable (look after it / not look it after). Others are separable.
4. A) come across her — Inseparable phrasal verb — particle stays with verb, object follows.
5. Noun object: look after my grandmother Pronoun object: look after her (NOT look her after)
Pattern: verb-particle + object always
6. Noun: We ran into an old friend at the station. Pronoun: We ran into him at the station. (NOT ran him into)
7. Noun: put up with that noise Pronoun: put up with it (Particle never moves from verb)
8. A phrasal verb where the particle never separates from the verb — the object always comes after both.
9. No — the particle always stays with the verb (look after, never look the baby after).
10. look after, get over, run into, put up with, come across, get on with, look into, carry on.

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