

Introduction to phrasal verbs

I can use a range of computer-related phrasal verbs.

1 **SPEAKING** Describe the photo. Would you like to learn in a classroom like this? Why? / Why not?

2 Read the **Learn this!** box. Then find and underline five phrasal verbs in the teacher's speech bubble. Are they transitive or intransitive?

LEARN THIS! Phrasal verbs

a Phrasal verbs consist of a verb and a particle (e.g. *up, on, in, back, off*, etc.) They are very common in English.

b Some phrasal verbs are transitive. They take a direct object, e.g.:

subject verb direct object
put on: Alexander puts on his jacket.

c Some phrasal verbs are intransitive. They do not take a direct object, e.g.:

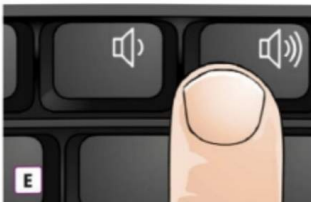
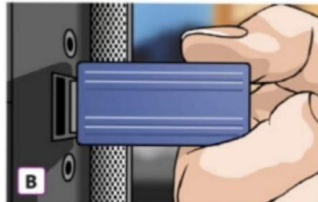
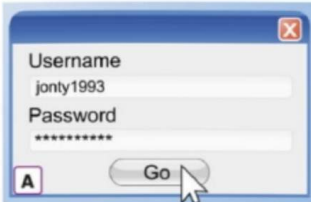
get up: I got up at six o'clock.

3 **VOCABULARY** Match eight of the phrasal verbs below with the pictures. Check the meaning of all the phrasal verbs.

Phrasal verbs: computers

Transitive back up (your work) plug in (a printer)
 scan in (a document) shut down (a computer)
 turn down (the radio) turn off (the light) turn on (the TV)
 turn up (the volume) type in (your username)

Intransitive break down log off log on



First of all, turn on your computers. Type in your passwords and log on. After you complete the test, save your work, and then log off. Finally, shut down your computers.



4 **DICTIONARY WORK** Study the dictionary entries. How do you know if the phrasal verb is transitive or intransitive?

turn something off to move the handle or switch that controls something, so that it stops: *Turn the tap off.* ◊ *She turned off the television.*

break down

1 if a machine or car **breaks down**, it stops working: *We were late because our car broke down.*

2 if a person **breaks down**, they start to cry: *He broke down when he heard the news.*

5 Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs below. Use the correct tense and form.

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 turn down turn on type in

- The music was very loud, so I _____ the volume.
- I couldn't _____ because I forgot my username and password.
- Sally _____ her username and password, then pressed enter.
- Yesterday evening, I _____ all my important documents to a hard drive so that I didn't lose them.
- Dan closed all the applications and then _____ his computer.
- I couldn't print the photo because I forgot to _____ the printer and _____ it _____!

6 Work in pairs. Prepare six instructions using transitive phrasal verbs from exercise 3 and a noun. Do not show your partner.

1 Plug in the computer.

7 **SPEAKING** Take turns to say your sentences to each other. Your partner acts out the instructions.