

# Elementary Grammar

## Phrasal Verbs

- Phrasal verbs, also called two part verbs, are a combination of a **verb** + a **preposition** OR **adverb**. These verbs are very frequent in the English language and have a meaning that is different from the original verb.

- Here are some common phrasal verbs and their meanings:

Bring up	mention a topic/raise children
Call off	cancel
Fill out	complete a form
Fill up	fill to capacity
Find out	discover
Give away	give something to someone else for free
Give back	return an object
Hand in	submit something
Hold up	delay
Look over	examine/check
Make up	invent a story
Make out	hear/understand
Pick out	choose
Point out	call attention to
Put away	save or store
Put off	postpone
Put out	extinguish
Take off	remove clothing
Talk over	discuss
Try on	put clothing on to see if it fits
Try out	test
Turn on	switch on the electricity
Turn down	lower volume/reject
Turn off	switch off electricity/repulse
Use up	exhaust/use completely

- And here are some examples taken from the article 'Food Trends':

*Food is what keeps us going, and entire industries are **based upon** this basic biological need (to be based upon-being derived from)*

*Here's a look at some recent and developing food trends that are **spreading across** the nation. (to spread across-open out so as to increase in surface area/extend over an area)*

*Los Angeles Magazine, always on top of food news, **put out** an "Eat Local!" guide for the L.A. area in 2007. (to put out-to broadcast)*

In my area, it **brought up** Lindy & Grundy's Local, Pastured, & Organic Meats. (to bring up-to mention)