

Topic: Transitive and intransitive phrasal verbs 1

Paying attention to the definition of each of the phrasal verbs below, choose whether it is an intransitive phrasal verb (no direct object required) or whether it is a transitive phrasal verb and does require a direct object.

1. To look up (to search for)

Is "He looked up." correct?

- a) Yes, this is fine without a direct object.
- b) No, the sentence needs a direct object.

2. To show up (to appear)

Is "I showed up." correct?

- a) Yes, this is fine without a direct object.
- b) No, the sentence needs a direct object.

3. To act on (to take action because of some information, etc.)

Is "She acted on." correct?

- a) Yes, this is fine without a direct object.
- b) No, the sentence needs a direct object.

4. To give up (to stop making an effort; to admit defeat)

Is "We gave up." correct?

- a) No, the sentence needs a direct object.
- b) Yes, this is fine without a direct object.

5. To kick off (to start)

Is "He kicked off." correct?

- a) No, the sentence needs a direct object.
- b) Yes, this is fine without a direct object.

6. To back off (to not follow up on a threat)

Is "They backed off." correct?

- a) No, the sentence needs a direct object.
- b) Yes, this is fine without a direct object.

7. To bail out (to save; to help)

Is "The government bailed out." correct?

- a) No, the sentence needs a direct object.
- b) Yes, this is fine without a direct object.

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8. To pass out (to faint)

Is "She passed out." correct?

- a) Yes, this is fine without a direct object.
- b) No, the sentence needs a direct object.

9. To pass out (to distribute)

Is "She passed out." correct?

- a) Yes, this is fine without a direct object.
- b) No, the sentence needs a direct object.

10. To pass away (to die)

Is "His great grandmother passed away." correct?

- a) No, the sentence needs a direct object.
- b) Yes, this is fine without a direct object.

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ANSWERS:

1) b 2) a 3) b 4) b 5) a 6) b 7) a 8) a 9) b 10) b