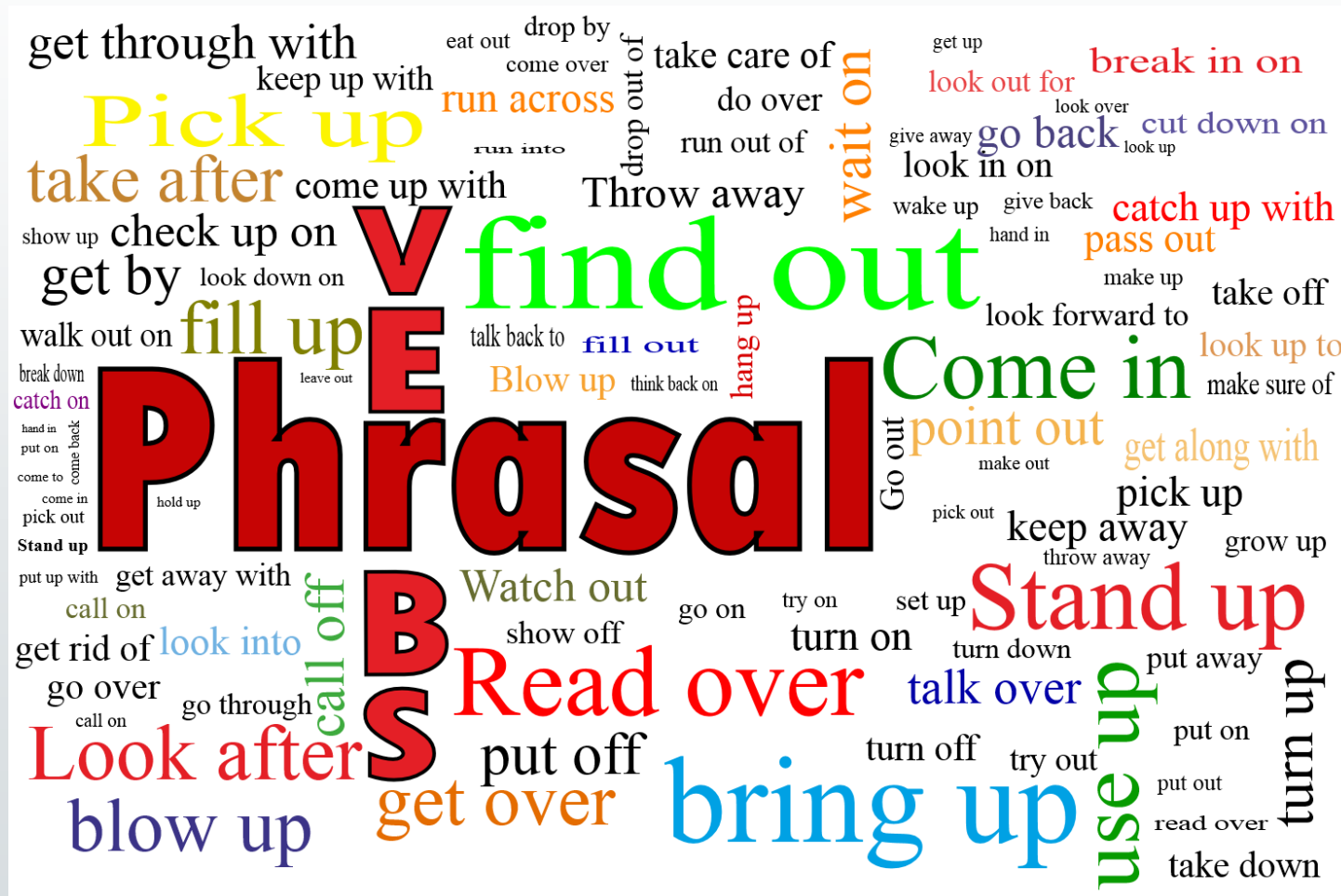




1st semester

Topic 11:

Phrasal verbs



Phrasal Verbs



Phrasal verbs = verb + particle



The particle looks like a
Preposition, but it doesn't
function as a preposition.



He **woke up** at 6:30 a.m.

Strangers **woke** him **up**.

Particles



Particles are part of the verb phrase, and they often change the meaning of the verb.



preposition

He looked **up** at
the skyscraper.



particle

She looked **up** a
word in her dictionary.

Using Phrasal Verbs




Many **phrasal verbs** and one-word verbs have similar meanings.



wake up = awaken

go on = continue

take off = remove



Phrasal verbs are less formal and more common in everyday speech.

Transitive Phrasal Verbs

1



Transitive phrasal verbs have **objects**.
Most transitive phrasal verbs are **separable**.



object

He **called up** his boss to
tell him he had overslept.

object

He **called** his boss **up** to
tell him he had overslept.

Transitive Phrasal Verbs

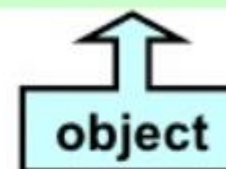
2



The object can come **after** the phrasal verb or **between** the verb and the particle.



At the last minute, the bride **called off** the wedding.



At the last minute, the bride **called** the wedding **off**.



Be Careful!

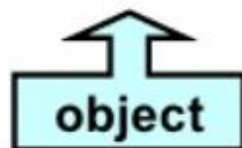


When the object is a **pronoun**, it must come between the verb and the particle.

A friend **called up** ~~her~~ at work.



A friend **called** **her** **up** at work.



Intransitive Phrasal Verbs 1



Intransitive phrasal verbs do not have objects.



no object

He **grew up** in Egypt.

no object

She will **hang up** before she gets into her car.



Intransitive Phrasal Verbs 2



Intransitive phrasal verbs do not have objects.

no objects

First I **worked out** for an hour.



Then I **dressed up** and **dropped in** at the party.

No one **found out** that I didn't have an invitation!



Be Careful!



Note the difference in meaning between *make*, *make up* (transitive), and *make up* (intransitive).



make up
= reconcile
(intransitive)



He **made up** a story
about Jill and Joe.



make up
= invent
(transitive)

They **made up**. They
were friends again.