

Phrasal Verbs: Separable and Inseparable

FORM:

<u>Inseparable:</u>	<u>Separable:</u>
look into (to research)	shut down (to close)
get around (to move around)	shut off (to stop)
get on (to board)	take off (to remove)
pay for (to suffer the consequences of something)	turn on (to start)

USE:

Phrasal verbs have two parts: a verb and a preposition.

Inseparable Phrasal Verbs: In these phrasal verbs the verb and the preposition cannot be separated by the object. The object must follow the preposition.

Example:

I want to buy a car. I have to look into prices before I visit a car dealer.

NOT: I have to look prices into.

Separable Phrasal Verbs: In these phrasal verbs, the verb and the preposition can be separated. If the object is a noun, it may be placed either between the verb and the preposition or after the preposition. If the objects are pronouns, they must be placed between the verbs (look, write) and the prepositions (up, down).

Example:

I need to start cooking dinner. I'll turn the stove on. OR I'll turn it on.
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NOTE: You can only use the pronoun if it is clear what it is referring to.

Are these PHRASAL VERBS and OBJECTS correct? If not, correct them and explain the problem.

1. Jenny usually gets the bus on at 8:00 in the morning.
2. Larry is still sleeping. I have to wake him up now.
3. On weekends, I wake up my husband around 11:00.
4. He always pays for his groceries with cash.
5. I want to listen to the radio. Can you turn on it for me?
6. I forget his phone number, so I have to look it up in the phone book.
7. I don't have cash to buy my groceries. I'll have to pay for them with a credit card.