

Lesson 1.6 Particles or Phrasal Verbs

key words: prepositions, particles, subject, direct object

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.1a: Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences. <http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/3/1/a>

L.4.1e Form and use prepositional phrases. <http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/4/1/e>

Particles look just like prepositions, but over time they have shifted to become a part of the verb. The underlined phrases are all verbs that contain particles.

Don't run down the batteries.
We looked up the answers.
Turn on the light, please.
Don't forget to turn in your homework.
I'm excited to pick out a present for my friend.

We know that these are particles instead of prepositions because of their meaning. And also they have a neat trick that they can move around.

Don't run the batteries down.
We looked the answers up.
Turn the light on, please.
Don't forget to turn your homework in.
I'm excited to pick a present out for my friend.

Cool, huh? Prepositions can't do that.

We ran <u>down</u> the street.	ACK! We ran the street <u>down</u> .
We looked <u>up</u> the street toward the park.	ACK! We looked the street <u>up</u> toward the park.
We turned <u>onto</u> the freeway.	ACK! We turned the freeway <u>onto</u> .
We turned <u>into</u> the driveway.	ACK! We turned the driveway <u>into</u> .

Figure out if the underlined words are prepositions or are part of the verb (particles). Be prepared to describe how you know.

They climbed up the fence.
He shot off his toy rocket.
Bert looked for a banana.
The rabbit hopped through the grass.
Please turn up the radio.