

## Phrasal Verbs

*An activity of "Dogs help search for ancient treasures"*

We know that verbs are "action words" like "walk", "talk", and "eat". But, there is also a group of verbs called phrasal verbs — these are made up of a **main verb** plus a **preposition or two**. The particle often changes the meaning of the verb. For example, compare "turn off the TV" with "turn up the volume".

Take note that not every verb followed by a preposition is a phrasal verb. Consider the meaning of the sentence to decide if the preposition "belongs" to the verb or not.

**Exercise A:** These sentences are taken from "**Dogs help search for ancient treasures**" (page 16, *What's Up* July 2020). Which ones have phrasal verbs? Write down the phrasal verbs and their meanings in the relevant columns. Put a cross if there is no phrasal verb for a sentence.

Sentence	Phrasal verb	Meaning
1. Despite the area's challenging conditions, humans eked out an existence here thousands of years ago.		
2. That was where I played as a child and became interested in history and prehistory.		
3. In 2014, she and a team were working on Velebit mountain when they uncovered parts of a 3,000-year-old hill fort and necropolis.		
4. Glavaš, who with Pintar published her research in 2018, says the dogs ultimately turned up more than six unique graves, one some 50 metres away from the rest.		
5. This coastal region is dominated by karst, a porous rock topography.		

**Exercise B:** Now, read the *What's Up* article carefully and circle all the phrasal verbs you find. Choose three of them to construct your own sentences below.

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