

Phrasal Verbs: Pick

The phrasal verbs with an asterisk (*) are **INSEPARABLE**.

When the direct object is a **PRONOUN**, it must be placed in the middle of a two-word phrasal verb. *Example: Larry took her out. NOT: ~~Larry took out her.~~*

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example
Pick at	*to eat slowly *to irritate, to bother	Mauro picks at his food. He eats like a bird. If you have a mosquito bite, you shouldn't pick at it.
Pick off	to remove	Toni picked the hairs off her sweater one by one.
Pick on	*to bully or to single one person out	Teenagers always pick on the new kid in school.
Pick up	to lift to learn through experience *to speed up or become busy to get somebody by car to buy or get something *to pay a bill for somebody else to continue something at a later date *to receive a signal	He picked up his book and left the room. I picked up a little Korean when I lived in Seoul. Miami really picks up in March because of Spring Break. Larry always picks me up when I fly into Philadelphia. Please pick some milk up when you go to the store. Megan picked up Luke's tab at the bar. Let's finish this for the day and pick it up again tomorrow. I think she likes me. I am picking up a lot of signals.
Pick up on	*to become aware of something	Roberto is very clever. He picks up on new grammar points easily.
Pick out	to choose something	I told Gina to pick out a new pair of shoes for her birthday present.

Phrasal Verbs: Pick Exercises and Practice

A. Phrasal Verbs: Take.

Fill in the blank with the preposition(s) that make the most sense:

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Complete the sentences using the best *take* phrasal verb in the correct form:

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