

RULE 51

Phrasal Verbs

With transitive phrasal verbs (verbs + adverbial particles) the position of the adverbial particle depends on the type of object.

a) If the object is expressed by a pronoun, the particle is placed after the object.
He rang me up last night.

b) If the object is expressed by a noun, the particle may be placed either before or after the object.

He rang up Mary last night.
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c) If the object is made up of two or more words (noun + determinative(s) or noun + determining clause) the adverbial particle is always placed immediately after the verb.

He rang up his friend John last night.

He rang up the friend he had just made as soon as he got home

In speech a difference in stress arises between combination of verb + preposition and verb + adverbial particle ($\pm$ preposition).
a) at the end of the sentence with a verb + adverbial particle ($\pm$ preposition) there is a final stress on the adverbial.

There isn't a word I haven't looked up.
There are three examinations she is going in for.

b) at the end of a sentence with a verb + preposition there is a final stress on the verb.

Who has he taken after?