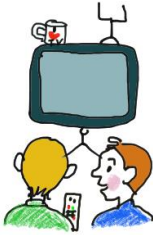


On in multi-word verbs ★★★

Here are three ways we use on in MULTI-WORD VERBS:

1 On = working (opposite of off)



“What’s on?”
“Switch the TV on”
“Switch on the TV”

The TV is on
Put the radio on
Turn the light on

2 On = continuing

go on, carry on, pass on, hand on



“Don’t stop now, carry on!”

Don’t stop now, carry on
Go on with your work
It’s time to hand the job on (to the next person)

3 On = wearing

put on, try on, have on



“Try this hat on, (try on this hat)
I think it will suit you”

He put his clothes on and left
What has she got on?

There are more uses of *on*, as ADVERB and PREPOSITION.

¹ MULTI-WORD VERB = PHRASAL VERB **or** PREPOSITIONAL VERB

Quick check

Complete each sentence with one of these verbs:

go pass put switch try

- 1 He _____ his coat on and left the house.
- 2 “I was just saying...” “OK, _____ on.”
- 3 It’s dark in here, can you _____ the light on?”
- 4 Can you _____ on a message to your sister?
- 5 I’ve got some new shoes for you, and I’d like you to _____ them on.”