A peculiar construction in English is the so-called **phrasal verb**, which is a discontinuous morpheme composed of two parts: a **verb** and a **particle**. These particles often have the same form as prepositions, but behave quite differently from them.

Above are a few examples of sentences containing phrasal verbs and prepositional phrases. Distinguish one from the other and give your reasons for doing so. What generalizations can be made about each? Comment on any interesting phenomena.
He looked down the barrel.  →  He looked down it.

He pulled down the barrel.

He pulled the barrel down.