Cognitive Grammar

Worksheet to EPE Chap 1

Task 1. Following the model given on p. 17, classify the following prepositions: OFF, ACROSS, BACK, AT, TOWARD, UNDER & AGAINST. When you are finished, compare your answers with another pair and/or check a dictionary.

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| Grammatical behavior | Example prepositions | Example of normal usage | Example of odd usage |
| Transitive  Transitive or intransitive  Intransitive |  |  |  |

Task 2. Lindstromberg claims that the typical ‘perfective’ phrasal verb is made up of “a relatively *non*-generic verb (*cut, close, die, think, finish*, …) and a preposition used intransitively (esp. *UP, DOWN, OUT, OFF,* & *THROUGH*)”. This combination, he writes, “indicates that the action or transition named by the verb is *definitive* and/or *thorough*.” Test this claim using the verbs and prepositions given below. Write sentences on a separate sheet of paper. When you have finished, compare your answers with another pair.

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| *drink, read, turn* | *UP,DOWN, OUT, OFF, THROUGH* |