

PHRASAL VERBS.

This is a list of some of the most common phrasal verbs. Examples are given showing how they are used in sentences.

| <u>PHRASAL VERB</u> | <u>DEFINITION</u> | <u>EXAMPLE</u> |
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| A Ask out | Ask (someone) to go on a date | The first time I asked her out she said "no". But I kept asking until she said "yes"! |
| B Break down | Stop functioning properly | Our car broke down so we arrived very late. Negotiations with the unions have broken down. |
| Break up | Separate, end a relationship | They broke up soon after he accepted a job in Brazil. |
| Bring back | Return | Thanks for the book. I'll bring it back next week. |
| Bring up | 1) raise (children) 2) mention, start to talk about | 1) They brought up their three children to speak English 2) Tom brought up the issue of staff morale at the team meeting |
| C Call back | Return a telephone call | I can't talk right now. Can I call you back later? |
| Call off | Cancel | They've called off the meeting - John's sick. |
| Call on | Ask (someone) to speak in a meeting | Can I call on Sara to update us on the marketing campaign? |
| Cheer up | Make happier | Thanks for coming to visit. That really cheered him up. |
| Clean up | Make neat and clean | After the party we had to clean up. There was a real mess. |
| Come over (to) | Visit the speaker's place | Come over to my place on Saturday - It's Sam's birthday. |
| Cross out | Draw a line through | His name was crossed out from the list. |
| Cut off | Stop a supply of something | We have no electricity as it's been cut off. |
| D Drop out (of) | Stop attending (school) | He dropped out of college and started playing in a band |
| E Eat out | Eat outside of one's home | Let's eat out tonight. We could try the new Thai restaurant. |
| F Figure out | To understand something not obvious | I can't figure out these instructions. The diagram is not clear. |
| Fill in/ out | Write information on a form | Please fill out this form and hand it in at Reception. |
| Find out (about) | Discover information | Can you find out what time the shop opens? |
| G Get along (with) | Have a good relationship with | I got on very well with my boss so I was sorry when he left. |
| Get back (from) | Return from (a trip) | We can discuss this when I get back from my vacations. |
| Get over | Recover from an illness or a shock | It took her a long time to get over the accident. |
| Get together (with) | Join, meet | Let's get together next week. We could go for lunch. |
| Give back | Return (something) to (someone) | Here's the book. Please remember to give it back when you finish it. |
| Give up | Quit doing (something) or quit trying | Rob gave up smoking last month. He says he feels better already. |
| Go back (to) | Return to a place | After the concert, we went back to the hotel. |
| Go out | Not stay home | We haven't been out for weeks. Let's go to the cinema. |
| Grow up (in) | Become an adult | I grew up in the south but then went to study in the north. |
| H Hand in | Give homework, test papers, etc., to a teacher | The students handed in their homework. |
| Hand out | Give (something) to this person, then to that person, then to another person, etc. | The teacher handed out the tests. |
| Hang around/out (with) | Spend undirected time | I used to hang around with old friends from school before moving away. |
| Hang up | End a telephone conversation | She hung up the phone without saying goodbye |
| K Keep away (from) | Keep your distance | Hey kids, keep away from the road! |
| Keep up | Continue at the same speed/ pace | They went so fast, it was difficult to keep up. |
| L Lay off | Stop employment | British Gas has laid off 500 workers at its Rochester plant. |
| Look into | Investigate | We are looking into the possibility of buying a new office. |
| Look over | Examine carefully | I've looked over the contract and everything seems to be in order. |
| Look out (for) | Be careful | Look out for pickpockets! Several people have been robbed here. |
| Look up | Look for information in a dictionary, a telephone directory, encyclopedia etc. | If you see a word you don't know, look it up in the dictionary. |
| M Make up | Invent (a story) | I don't believe you. You're making it up! |
| Move in (to) | Start living in a new home | We moved in last week so the house is still full of boxes. |
| Move out (of) | Stop living at a place | They had to move out as the rent was too expensive. |

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| <p>P</p> <p>Pay back</p> <p><u>PHRASAL VERB</u></p> <p>Pick up</p> <p>Point out</p> <p>Print out</p> <p>Put back</p> <p>Put out</p> | <p>Return borrowed money to (someone)</p> <p><u>DEFINITION</u></p> <p>Lift</p> <p>Call attention to</p> <p>Create a paper copy from a computer</p> <p>Return (something) to its original place</p> <p>Extinguish (stop) a fire, a cigarette</p> | <p>Thanks! I'll pay you back next week (promise!)</p> <p><u>EXAMPLE</u></p> <p>Can you pick me up from the airport? My flight arrives at 2pm.</p> <p>I need to point out that we've received many similar complaints.</p> <p>Can you print out 50 copies of the report?</p> <p>Please put it back where you found it.</p> <p>It took five hours to put out the fire.</p> |
| <p>R</p> <p>Run into</p> <p>Run out (of)</p> | <p>Meet by chance</p> <p>Finish the supply of (something)</p> | <p>I ran into Mike yesterday at the supermarket and we had a quick chat.</p> <p>We've run out of milk. Can you go and buy some?</p> |
| <p>S</p> <p>Show up</p> <p>Speak up</p> <p>Sort out</p> | <p>Come, appear</p> <p>Speak louder</p> <p>To organize or manage a problem/ confusion</p> | <p>Lisa finally showed up at the meeting 30 minutes late.</p> <p>Can you speak up please? I can't hear you.</p> <p>We need to sort out the internet connection. It's too slow.</p> |
| <p>T</p> <p>Take back</p> <p>Talk over</p> <p>Think over</p> <p>Throw away/out</p> <p>Turn down</p> <p>Turn on/off</p> <p>Turn up</p> | <p>Return</p> <p>discuss</p> <p>Consider</p> <p>Put in the trash, discard</p> <p>Decrease the volumen/ reject (an offer)</p> <p>Start/ stop a machine or a light</p> <p>Increase the volume</p> | <p>There was a problem with the camera so I took it back to the shop.</p> <p>If we talk it over I'm sure we can come to an agreement.</p> <p>Let me think it over and I'll give you an answer in the morning.</p> <p>We throw away all our old clothes.</p> <p>Please turn down the tv – I'm trying to study.</p> <p>I've turned down their offer. It's too low.</p> <p>Please don't forget to turn off the lights when you leave.</p> <p>The music was too low so we turned it up.</p> |
| <p>W</p> <p>Work out</p> <p>Write down</p> | <p>Solve</p> <p>Write a note on a piece of paper</p> | <p>I can't work out the answer to Question 4. Can you help?</p> <p>Please write down your contact information here and we'll get in touch later.</p> |