

Complete Phrasal Verbs List

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example
<b>Abide by</b>	Accept or follow a decision or rule.	We have to ABIDE BY what the court says.
<b>Account for</b>	To explain.	They had to ACCOUNT FOR all the money that had gone missing.
<b>Ache for</b>	Want something or someone a lot.	My partner's been away for a fortnight- I am ACHING FOR her.
<b>Act on</b>	To take action because of something like information received.	The police were ACTING ON a tip from an informer and caught the gang red-handed.
<b>Act on</b>	Affect.	The medicine only ACTS ON infected tissue.
<b>Act out</b>	Perform something with actions and gestures..	They ACTED OUT the story on stage.
<b>Act out</b>	Express an emotion in your behaviour.	Their anger is ACTED OUT in their antisocial behaviour.
<b>Act up</b>	Behave badly or strangely.	My computer's ACTING UP; I think I might have a virus.
<b>Act upon</b>	To take action because of something like information received.	The police were ACTING UPON a tip-off.
<b>Act upon</b>	Affect.	The enzyme ACTS UPON certain proteins.
<b>Add on</b>	Include in a calculation.	You have to ADD the VAT ON to the price they give.
<b>Add up</b>	To make a mathematical total.	We ADDED UP the bill to check it was correct.
<b>Add up</b>	Be a satisfactory explanation for something.	She explained why the work wasn't ready, but her story doesn't ADD UP.
<b>Add up to</b>	Have a certain result.	Trains delays are getting worse and with the high fares, it all ADDS UP TO misery for the commuters.
<b>Add up to</b>	Come to a certain amount or figure.	The total costs ADD UP TO several million euros.
<b>Agree with</b>	Affect- usually used in the negative to show that something has had a negative effect, especially is it makes you feel bad.	I feel terrible- that food didn't AGREE WITH my stomach.
<b>Aim at</b>	To target.	The magazine is AIMED AT teenagers.
<b>Aim at</b>	Intend to achieve.	They're AIMING AT reducing costs by ten percent.
<b>Allow for</b>	Include something in a plan or calculation.	You should ALLOW FOR delays when planning a journey.
<b>Allow of</b>	Make possible, permit.	The rules don't ALLOW OF any exceptions.
<b>Angle for</b>	Try to get something indirectly, by hinting or suggesting.	He's been ANGLING FOR an invitation, but I don't want him to come.

<b>Answer back</b>	To reply rudely to someone in authority.	Her mother was shocked when she started ANSWERING her BACK and refusing to help.
<b>Answer for</b>	Be held responsible for a problem.	The government should be made to ANSWER FOR their failure to sort out the problem.
<b>Answer for</b>	Speak on behalf of someone or from knowing them.	I can ANSWER FOR my partner because I know her position on this issue.
<b>Argue down</b>	Beat someone in a debate, discussion or argument.	The teacher tried to ARGUE the girl DOWN, but she couldn't.
<b>Argue down</b>	Persuade someone to drop the price of something they're selling.	She ARGUED him DOWN ten percent.
<b>Argue down</b>	Try to persuade people not to accept a proposition, motion, etc.	They tried to ARGUE DOWN the proposal.
<b>Argue out</b>	Argue about a problem to find a solution.	If we can't ARGUE our differences OUT, we'll have to take them to court.
<b>Ask about</b>	Ask how someone is doing, especially professionally and in terms of health.	He ASKED ABOUT my father.
<b>Ask after</b>	Enquire about someone's health, how life is going.	Jenny rang earlier and ASKED AFTER you, so I told her you were fine.
<b>Ask around</b>	Ask a number of people for information of help.	I have no idea, but I'll ASK AROUND at work and see if anyone can help.
<b>Ask around</b>	Invite someone.	We ASKED them AROUND for dinner.
<b>Ask for</b>	To provoke a negative reaction.	You're ASKING FOR trouble.
<b>Ask for</b>	Request to have or be given.	I ASKED FOR the menu.
<b>Ask in</b>	To invite somebody into your house.	'Jon's at the door.' 'ASK him IN.'
<b>Ask out</b>	To invite someone for a date.	He wanted to ASK her OUT but was too shy.
<b>Ask over</b>	Invite.	They have ASKED us OVER for drinks on Friday.
<b>Ask round</b>	Invite someone.	We ASKED John ROUND for dinner.
<b>Auction off</b>	Sell something in an auction.	They AUCTIONED OFF their property as they were heavily in debt.
<b>Back away</b>	Retreat or go backwards.	The crowd BACKED AWAY when the man pulled a knife.
<b>Back down</b>	Retract or withdraw your position or proposal in an argument.	She refused to BACK DOWN and was fired.
<b>Back into</b>	Enter a parking area in reverse gear.	He prefers to BACK his car INTO the garage.
<b>Back off</b>	Retreat.	The police told the protesters to BACK OFF.
<b>Back out</b>	Fail to keep an arrangement or promise.	He BACKED OUT two days before the holiday so we gave the ticket to his sister.
<b>Back out of</b>	Fail to keep an agreement, arrangement.	She BACKED OUT OF the agreement at the last minute.
<b>Back out of</b>	Exit a parking area in reverse gear.	She BACKED the Rolls OUT OF its

**Back up** Make a copy of computer data.

**Back up** Support.

**Back up** Drive a vehicle backwards.

**Bag out** Criticise.

**Bail out** Save, rescue.

**Bail out** Remove water from something that is flooded.

**Bail out** Jump out of a plane because it is going to crash.

**Bail out of** Pay a bond to release someone from jail.

**Bail out on** Stop supporting someone when they are in trouble.

**Bail up** Talk to someone and delay them.

**Bail up** Rob someone at gunpoint.

**Ball up** Confuse or make things complicated.

**Ball up** Roll or form into a round shape.

**Balls up** Spoil, ruin.

**Bang about** Move in a place making a lot of noise.

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**Bang on** Talk at great length.

**Bang on about** Keep talking about something.

**Bang out** Play a musical instrument loudly.

**Bang up** Put someone in prison.

**Bang up** Damage badly.

**Bank on** Count or rely on.

parking space.

You should always BACK UP important files and documents so that you won't lose all your work if something goes wrong with the hardware.

The rest of the staff BACKED her UP when she complained about working conditions.

Tom BACKED UP without looking and ran over his laptop.

Don't bag out BAG OUT Australian English.

The government had to BAIL OUT the airline because it was losing so much money.

The boat was leaking so they had to BAIL it OUT.

The pilot BAILED OUT when he saw that the engines had failed.

I must BAIL my drunken brother OUT OF jail.

Everybody BAILED OUT ON him when the scandal broke.

I was late because he BAILED me UP on the phone and wouldn't shut up.

He was BAILED UP by a couple of muggers as he came out of the bank.

The new project has BALLED me UP- I have no idea what to do.

He BALLED UP his napkin when he had finished eating.

He BALLSED the presentation UP.

He's BANGING ABOUT in the kitchen.

I can hear him BANGING ABOUT upstairs.

He BANGED ON for half an hour but no one was listening.

He's always BANGING ON ABOUT football.

She BANGED the tune OUT on the piano.

The judge BANGED him UP for eight years.

He BANGED his car UP last night.

I'm BANKING ON your help; I can't do it alone.

<b>Bargain down</b>	Persuade someone to drop the price of something they're selling.	I BARGAINED her DOWN to half what she originally wanted.
<b>Bargain for</b>	Expect something to happen (usually negative).	I hadn't BARGAINED FOR so many people coming.
<b>Bargain on</b>	Expect something to happen (usually negative).	I hadn't BARGAINED ON him coming.
<b>Barge in</b>	Enter a place and interrupt.	He keeps BARGING IN and asking stupid questions when I'm trying to work.
<b>Barge into</b>	Enter a place and interrupt people rudely.	They BARGED INTO my office without knocking and started talking even though I was on the phone.
<b>Bash about</b>	Mistreat physically.	If you BASH your monitor ABOUT like that, it won't last long.
<b>Bash in</b>	Break, damage or injure by hitting.	The burglars BASHED the door IN to enter the house.
<b>Bash out</b>	Write something quickly without much preparation.	I BASHED the essay OUT the night before I had to hand it in.
<b>Bash up</b>	Break, damage or hurt by hitting.	They BASHED him UP in the fight in the pub last week and he had to go to hospital.
<b>Bawl out</b>	Scold, shout at someone.	She BAWLED me OUT for coming home drunk.
<b>Bawl out</b>	Scold.	She BAWLED Raj OUT for getting there late.
<b>Bawl out</b>	Sing or shout unpleasantly loudly.	He BAWLED OUT our names at the top of his voice.
<b>Be after</b>	Try to find or get.	The police ARE AFTER him because of the theft.
<b>Be along</b>	Arrive.	The next bus should BE ALONG in the next quarter of an hour or so.
<b>Be away</b>	Be elsewhere; on holiday, etc..	She's AWAY on business for three weeks.
<b>Be cut out for</b>	Be suitable, have the necessary qualities.	She's not CUT OUT FOR this kind of work.
<b>Be cut up</b>	Be upset.	She was very CUT UP about coming second as she thought she deserved to win.
<b>Be down</b>	Be depressed.	He's BEEN DOWN since his partner left him.
<b>Be down</b>	Be reduced or less.	The firm's profits ARE DOWN by ten percent this quarter.
<b>Be down on</b>	Have negative feelings toward someone.	After the argument, James is DOWN ON his boss.
<b>Be down with</b>	Be ill.	Gul is DOWN WITH some bug and is off work today.
<b>Be fed up</b>	Be bored, upset or sick of something.	I AM FED UP of his complaints.
<b>Be in</b>	Be at home or at work.	They ARE never IN; I always get their answerphone.

<b>Be in</b>	Be submitted, arrive.	The application form must BE IN by 3pm on Friday.
<b>Be in on</b>	Be involved in.	Susan was the only one who WASN'T IN ON the plan.
<b>Be not on</b>	Be unacceptable.	The way he's behaving IS just NOT ON.
<b>Be off</b>	Be bad (of food).	This yoghurt must BE OFF; it smells foul.
<b>Be off</b>	Depart, leave.	I'm OFF home; it's five o'clock.
<b>Be on</b>	Be functioning (of machines).	The computer IS ON.
<b>Be on</b>	Take place.	The show IS ON for the next three months.
<b>Be on</b>	Take medication or drugs, especially when they affect the person badly.	He IS ON anti-depressants and has become very difficult to please.
<b>Be on</b>	Be at the top of one's game, performing very well.	He IS really ON right now- three goals in five minutes!
<b>Be on about</b>	Mean, try to say.	I couldn't understand what he WAS ON ABOUT- it made no sense.
<b>Be onto</b>	Pursue, be aware of someone's true nature.	He's being very careful because he thinks the police ARE ONTO him.
<b>Be out</b>	Be absent from a place.	She IS OUT on a visit for the day.
<b>Be out of</b>	Have no more left.	We're OUT OF coffee so I'll have to go and get some.
<b>Be out to</b>	Attempt.	She IS OUT TO get him sacked because she hates him.
<b>Be snowed under</b>	Have too much work.	We're completely SNOWED UNDER at work because it's the end of the tax year.
<b>Be taken aback</b>	Be shocked or surprised.	I WAS TAKEN ABACK when I saw him because he's lost all his hair.
<b>Be taken with</b>	Like something.	I WAS very TAKEN WITH the performance- it was superb.
<b>Be up</b>	Be out of bed.	She's not UP yet.
<b>Be up</b>	Have increased or risen.	The company's profits ARE UP by fifteen percent.
<b>Be up</b>	When the time for something finishes or expires.	Time's UP, please finish your drinks and leave.
<b>Be up for</b>	Be enthusiastic about an upcoming event.	ARE you UP FOR the climb of Mt. Blanc?
<b>Be up to</b>	Be good enough.	He's not UP TO the job; get someone else.
<b>Be up to</b>	Doing something naughty or wrong.	What are those kids UP TO?
<b>Bear down on</b>	Move towards.	She spotted him on the other side of the room and BORE DOWN ON him.
<b>Bear on</b>	Influence, affect.	The judge's character may well BEAR ON the final decision.
<b>Bear out</b>	Confirm that something is correct.	Statistics BEAR OUT the government's positions on the issue.



<b>Bear up</b>	Resist pressure.	How are you BEARING UP under the strain?
<b>Bear up under</b>	Cope with something difficult or stressful.	He's BEARING UP UNDER the pressure.
<b>Bear with</b>	Be patient.	Please BEAR WITH me a moment while I finish this email.
<b>Beat down</b>	Strong sunshine.	The sun WAS really BEATING DOWN and we couldn't stay outdoors.
<b>Beat down</b>	Get someone to lower the price of something.	I managed to BEAT him DOWN to fifty Euros.
<b>Beat out</b>	Narrowly win in competition.	The marathon runner barely BEAT OUT his rival at the tape.
<b>Beat up</b>	Attack violently.	The mugger BEAT him UP and stole his wallet.
<b>Beaver away</b>	Work hard.	She's BEAVERING AWAY before her exams.
<b>Beaver away at</b>	Work hard doing something.	I have to BEAVER AWAY AT it or else I will fail the course.
<b>Bed down</b>	Sleep somewhere less comfortable than normal.	We had to BED DOWN on the floor for the night.
<b>Bed down</b>	Become established or successful over time.	The new government has found it hard to BED DOWN and become accepted.
<b>Bed out</b>	Move a plant outside.	I BEDDED the plants OUT when the weather warmed up.
<b>Beef up</b>	Make something stronger or more solid.	The company BEEFED UP their case when they saw that the public wouldn't accept their first explanation of the accident.
<b>Belong to</b>	Be a member.	He BELONGS TO a secret society.
<b>Belong to</b>	Be connected to a time, place, belief, thing, etc.	Their ideas BELONG TO the nineteenth century and seem old-fashioned now.
<b>Belong with</b>	Be in the correct or appropriate location with other items.	Does this disc BELONG WITH those on the shelf?
<b>Belt out</b>	Sing something loudly.	They BELTED OUT the national anthems before the game.
<b>Belt up</b>	Be quiet.	She told the students to BELT UP because they were making so much noise.
<b>Belt up</b>	Fasten your seatbelt.	I told the kids to BELT UP before I started the car.
<b>Bend down</b>	Lower the top half of your body.	I BENT DOWN to pick it up off the floor.
<b>Bend over</b>	Lower the top part of your body.	I BENT OVER to do my shoes up.
<b>Bend over backwards</b>	Do a lot to try to help or please someone.	I BENT OVER BACKWARDS for them and they didn't even thank me.
<b>Big up</b>	Exaggerate the importance.	He BIGS himself UP all the time.
<b>Big up</b>	Increase the size of muscles by exercise.	They work out a lot to BIG themselves UP.

<b>Bitch up</b>	Spoil or ruin something.	I BITCHED UP the interview.
<b>Black out</b>	Fall unconscious.	He BLACKED OUT and collapsed on the floor.
<b>Black out</b>	Lose light.	Everything BLACKED OUT when the power supply failed.
<b>Blank out</b>	Censor text so that words cannot be read.	The email addresses were BLANKED OUT in the documents shown to the court.
<b>Blank out</b>	Have a temporary memory failure.	I was so nervous in the interview that I just BLANKED OUT and couldn't answer their questions properly.
<b>Blare out</b>	A loud sound or music.	The music was BLARING OUT and I couldn't get to sleep.
<b>Blast off</b>	Leave the ground- spaceship or rocket.	The space shuttle BLASTED OFF on schedule yesterday.
<b>Blaze away</b>	Fire a gun repeatedly.	The shooters BLAZED AWAY at the pheasants.
<b>Bleed out</b>	Cause sufficient blood loss to result in death.	They BLED OUT their calves.
<b>Bliss out</b>	Be extremely relaxed and happy.	I BLISSED OUT on the beach all week.
<b>Block in</b>	Park a car and obstruct another car.	I couldn't drive here this morning because someone had BLOCKED me IN.
<b>Block in</b>	Shade or fill in.	He BLOCKED IN the events in his calendar.
<b>Block off</b>	Obstruct an exit to prevent people from leaving.	The police BLOCKED OFF the road after the murder.
<b>Block out</b>	Stop light from entering or leaving.	The trees BLOCK the sun OUT most of the day.
<b>Block out</b>	Try not think about or feel something because it is upsetting or painful.	It was so unpleasant that I try to BLOCK it OUT- otherwise, I'd just be angry all the time.
<b>Block up</b>	Fill a space so that nothing can pass.	The pipe's BLOCKED UP and no water gets through.
<b>Blow away</b>	Kill.	He grabbed a gun and BLEW the police officer AWAY.
<b>Blow away</b>	Beat rivals or competitors by a large margin.	Their new product has BLOWN all the others AWAY.
<b>Blow away</b>	Impress greatly.	Her first novel BLEW me AWAY.
<b>Blow away</b>	When the wind moves something from a place.	The flag BLEW AWAY in the storm; we'll have to buy a new one.
<b>Blow down</b>	When the wind forces something to fall.	A tree was BLOWN DOWN in the storm.
<b>Blow in</b>	Arrive, sometimes suddenly or unexpectedly.	He BLEW IN from Toronto early this morning.
<b>Blow off</b>	Not keep an appointment.	We were going to meet last night, but she BLEW me OFF at the last minute.
<b>Blow off</b>	Ignore, not do something.	I BLEW the homework OFF and did

<b>Blow off</b>	Expel gas from the anus.	badly. He BLEW OFF in front of everybody.
<b>Blow out</b>	Extinguish candles, matches, etc..	She BLEW the candles OUT on her birthday cake.
<b>Blow out</b>	Defeat decisively.	The Broncos BLEW OUT the Raiders 55-0.
<b>Blow over</b>	When a scandal gets forgotten.	The scandal BLEW OVER within a fortnight when the press found someone else to attack.
<b>Blow up</b>	Explode.	The bomb BLEW UP without any warning.
<b>Blow up</b>	Inflate.	The pressure was low, so I BLEW the tyre UP.
<b>Blow up</b>	Enlarge (e.g., photograph)..	BLOW UP that photo so we can see his face.
<b>Blow up</b>	The beginning of a storm.	A storm BLEW UP while we were out walking.
<b>Blow up</b>	Lose your temper, become angry.	They BLEW UP when they heard what I had done wrong.
<b>Blurt out</b>	Say something quickly without thinking, especially if you shouldn't.	I was really angry when he BLURTED OUT the secret.
<b>Board out</b>	Arrange for pets to stay somewhere while you're away.	We BOARD our dog OUT with friends when we go abroad.
<b>Board up</b>	Cover windows or doors with wood, metal, etc..	They BOARDED UP all the windows to stop people getting into the empty houses.
<b>Bog down</b>	Slow make progress.	Yasini got BOGGED DOWN in his research and didn't finish the project in time.
<b>Bog in</b>	Eat enthusiastically.	We were starving and BOGGED IN when the food was served.
<b>Bog into</b>	Eat something enthusiastically.	They BOGGED INTO the lunch.
<b>Bog off!</b>	Get lost.	He lost his temper and told her to BOG OFF.
<b>Boil down</b>	Simplify, reduce to the essentials.	The report's so long, I BOILED it DOWN into a two-page summary.
<b>Boil down to</b>	Amount to.	It all BOILS DOWN TO money at the end of the day.
<b>Boil over</b>	When a hot liquid spills out of a container.	I left the milk on the cooker and it BOILED OVER.
<b>Boil over</b>	When people lose their tempers and things get nasty.	The tension had been building up and it BOILED OVER in the meeting.
<b>Boil up</b>	Feel a negative emotion strongly.	The anger BOILED UP in me when I saw what they had done.
<b>Boil up</b>	Cook or heat something to boiling point.	I BOILED UP some water for a cup of coffee.
<b>Bolster up</b>	Give support, reinforce, strengthen.	We were all scared but she BOLSTERED UP our courage.



<b>Bone up</b>	Study hard for a reason.	I will have to BONE UP to get a good result.
<b>Bone up on</b>	Study hard for a goal or reason.	I need to BONE UP ON my French grammar for the test.
<b>Book in</b>	Make a reservation in advance.	I'll BOOK us IN at the Intercontinental.
<b>Book in</b>	Check in at a hotel.	WE took a taxi from the airport to the hotel and BOOKED IN.
<b>Book into</b>	Make a reservation in advance.	I've BOOKED us INTO a hotel in the centre of town for three nights.
<b>Book into</b>	Check in at a hotel.	We BOOKED INTO the first hotel we could find.
<b>Book out</b>	Leave a place in a hurry.	I don't like the look of the people arriving- let's BOOK OUT.
<b>Book up</b>	Reserve.	The flight's fully BOOKED UP; I'll have to go the following day.
<b>Boot up</b>	Start a computer.	He BOOTED UP the computer and started work.
<b>Border on</b>	Be located next to a place.	Portugal BORDERS ON Spain.
<b>Border on</b>	Be very nearly something.	What he did was BORDERING ON betrayal.
<b>Boss about</b>	Use excessive authority to control people.	She BOSSES everyone ABOUT.
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<b>Botch up</b>	Ruin or spoil something.	I BOTCHED UP the whole project and it had to be cancelled.
<b>Bottle away</b>	Store up.	He kept his feelings BOTTLED AWAY.
<b>Bottle out</b>	Lack courage to do something.	She was going to tell her boss exactly what she thought, but BOTTLED OUT in the end.
<b>Bottle up</b>	Not express your feelings.	She BOTTLED UP her feelings even though she was furious with them and kept quiet.
<b>Bottom out</b>	Pass the lowest point and start rising.	The recession BOTTOMED OUT and the economy is recovering well.
<b>Bounce into</b>	Force someone.	They have BOUNCED the government INTO calling an early election.
<b>Bounce back</b>	Recover.	The economy is BOUNCING BACK from the recession.
<b>Bounce off</b>	Test ideas.	They BOUNCED ideas OFF each other in a brainstorming session.
<b>Bowl out</b>	Hit someone's wicket in cricket with the ball.	He BOWLED the player OUT first ball.
<b>Bowl over</b>	Surprise someone greatly.	I was BOWLED OVER by the news.
<b>Bowl over</b>	Knock someone to the ground.	He was BOWLED OVER by the crowd rushing out.
<b>Box in</b>	Prevent something from moving, especially vehicles.	I was BOXED IN by the bus and couldn't change lane.

<b>Box up</b>	Pack things in boxes to move them.	At the end of term, I BOXED my books UP and sent them home.
<b>Brace up</b>	Feel more confident or optimistic about something.	You should BRACE UP and stop worrying.
<b>Branch out</b>	Move into a different area of business, etc..	The supermarkets have BRANCHED OUT into banking.
<b>Break away</b>	Leave an organisation, usually to form a new one.	The SDP BROKE AWAY from the Labour Party.
<b>Break down</b>	End negotiations unsuccessfully.	The talks between management and the unions BROKE DOWN acrimoniously.
<b>Break down</b>	Start crying.	He BROKE DOWN in tears.
<b>Break down</b>	Stop working.	My car's BROKEN DOWN, so I came by taxi.
<b>Break down</b>	Remove a barrier or obstacle.	He had to BREAK DOWN their opposition to his ideas.
<b>Break in</b>	Go into a building to steal something.	The burglars BROKE IN and stole the TV and video.
<b>Break in</b>	Interrupt something.	I'm sorry to BREAK IN on your conversation, but there's a problem.
<b>Break in</b>	Train a horse to be ridden.	It took ages to BREAK the horse IN.
<b>Break in</b>	Carefully use new products until they are fully functional..	I must watch my speed until I BREAK IN my new Volvo.
<b>Break off</b>	Break a piece from something.	She BROKE OFF a square of chocolate and gave it to her dog.
<b>Break off</b>	End a relationship.	She BROKE OFF their engagement when she found out that he'd been unfaithful.
<b>Break out</b>	Start (war, conflict).	They're worried that war will BREAK OUT.
<b>Break out in</b>	Sweat heavily, develop skin sores or irritation..	The measles caused me to BREAK OUT IN a rash.
<b>Break out of</b>	Escape.	Three dangerous Category A prisoners BROKE OUT OF Wandsworth Prison last night.
<b>Break through</b>	Pass a barrier or obstacle.	The crowd BROKE THROUGH the police barriers and attacked the hunters.
<b>Break up</b>	Break into many pieces.	The plate BROKE UP when he dropped it on the floor.
<b>Break up</b>	Close an educational institution for the holidays.	Schools BREAK UP at the end of June for the summer holidays.
<b>Break up</b>	Finish a relationship.	They had been going out for a couple of years before they BROKE UP.
<b>Break up</b>	Become inaudible over the telephone because of interference.	You're BREAKING UP; I'll call you back in a minute and see if we get a better connection.
<b>Breeze along</b>	Move easily and quickly.	The film BREEZES ALONG for the first hour, then becomes rather dull and slow.
<b>Breeze in</b>	Enter a place quickly.	He BREEZED IN and started shouting at

**Breeze into** Enter a place quickly.

**Breeze through** Pass easily, succeed.

**Brick in** Close or fill a space with bricks.

**Brick up** Close or fill a space with bricks.

**Brighten up** Improve (weather).

**Brighten up** Become happier.

**Brighten up** Make something more attractive or pleasant.

**Bring about** Make something happen.

**Bring along** Bring someone or something to certain place.

**Bring along** Help someone improve.

**Bring around** Persuade or convince someone.

**Bring around** Bring something with you when you visit.

**Bring around** Get someone talking about something.

**Bring back** Cause someone to remember.

**Bring back** Return.

**Bring down** Make a government fall.

**Bring down** Make something cheaper.

**Bring forth** Produce something, make it known or visible.

**Bring forth** Produce.

**Bring forth** Make something happen.

**Bring forth** Remove something from where it is kept or hidden.

**Bring forward** Make something happen earlier than originally planned.

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He BREEZED INTO the room and switched the TV on.

She BREEZED THROUGH her exams.

We BRICKED IN the side window.

We BRICKED the back entrance UP.

The day started cloudy but BRIGHTENED UP in the afternoon.

He BRIGHTENED UP when he heard the news.

We tried to BRIGHTEN the place UP by painting it.

The changes to the law were BROUGHT ABOUT by the government because so many people were ignoring the old one.

You can BRING your friends ALONG if you like.

Her coach has BROUGHT her ALONG a lot in the last six months.

It took me ages to BRING him AROUND to my point of view.

He BROUGHT some books AROUND when he came last night.

He didn't want to discuss the details, but I managed to BRING him AROUND and he told me everything.

Visiting my old school BROUGHT BACK memories of when I was a pupil there.

He took the calculator home yesterday and hasn't BROUGHT it BACK yet.

The vote of no-confidence BROUGHT the government DOWN.

The improvements in technology have BROUGHT the prices of computers DOWN considerably in recent months.

The prosecution BROUGHT FORTH a lot of evidence against him.

She BROUGHT FORTH a surprising result.

The report has BROUGHT FORTH a lot of criticism of the policy.

She BROUGHT FORTH the diary and showed it to us.

The meeting has been BROUGHT FORWARD to this Friday instead of next

<b>Bring in</b>	Earn.
<b>Bring off</b>	Succeed with something difficult.
<b>Bring on</b>	Cause something to happen or speed up the process.
<b>Bring on</b>	Make something appear.
<b>Bring out</b>	Release or publish.
<b>Bring out</b>	Elicit a response.
<b>Bring out in</b>	Cause a health problem or reaction.
<b>Bring round</b>	Make someone wake up from unconsciousness or an anaesthetic.
<b>Bring up</b>	Mention.
<b>Bring up</b>	Raise a child.
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<b>Bring Up</b>	Raise a child.
<b>Bring Up</b>	Be officially charged with a crime.
<b>Brush off</b>	Ignore, pay little attention.
<b>Brush up</b>	Improve a skill quickly.
<b>Bubble over</b>	Become very excited.
<b>Buck up</b>	Hurry (either transitive or reflexive).
<b>Buck up</b>	Smarten up, improve.
<b>Bucket down</b>	Rain heavily.
<b>Buckle down</b>	Start working hard, apply yourself.
<b>Buckle under</b>	Accept something under pressure, against your will.
<b>Buckle up</b>	Fasten a seatbelt.
<b>Budge up</b>	Move to make space for someone.

week because some people couldn't make it then.

The job **BRINGS IN** two thousand dollars a month.

No one thought she'd manage to do it, but she **BROUGHT** it **OFF** in the end.

Getting wet in the rain yesterday **BROUGHT ON** my cold.

**BRING ON** the dancers!

The band are **BRINGING OUT** a new CD in the autumn.

Suzie **BRINGS OUT** the best in him.

It was the lobster that **BROUGHT** me **OUT** in this rash all over my body.

The doctors **BROUGHT** him **ROUND** a few hours after the operation.

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The minister **BRUSHED OFF** the criticism.

She took a two-week course to **BRUSH UP** her Spanish before she went travelling around South and Central America.

She **BUBBLED OVER** with joy when she heard her exam results.

'**BUCK UP** - the taxi's waiting.'

You had better **BUCK** your ideas **UP**, or you'll fail the course.

Take an umbrella; it's **BUCKETING DOWN**.

We had to **BUCKLE DOWN** and study for the exam.

They didn't like the ideas, but had to **BUCKLE UNDER** or face the sack.

We were told to **BUCKLE UP** before take-off.

We had to **BUDGE UP** to let the fourth person in the back of the car.

**Buff up** Clear, clean or make something shine.

**Buff up** Improve.

**Buff up on** Improve your knowledge quickly.

**Bug off!** Go away.

**Bug out** Open your eyes wide in surprise.

**Bug out** Leave somewhere in a hurry.

**Build up** Develop a company.

**Build up** Increase.

**Bulk out** Make something bigger or thicker.

**Bulk up** Gain weight, develop bigger muscles.

**Bump into** Meet by chance.

**Bump off** Kill.

**Bump up** Increase.

**Bundle off** Send someone somewhere.

**Bundle out** Expel.

**Bundle up** Put on warm clothing.

**Bundle up** Wrap or tie things together.

**Bunk off** Not go to school when you should.

**Buoy up** Make someone feel more positive.

**Buoy up** Keep afloat.

**Burn down** Burn completely.

**Burn off** Remove by burning or similar process.

**Burn out** Lose enthusiasm and energy to continue in a demanding job.

The silver candlestick looked lovely after I **BUFFED** it UP.

After the scandal, the politician tried to **BUFF UP** his public image.

I **BUFFED UP ON** my grammar before the test.

I told her to **bug off** because she was annoying me.

He **BUGGED OUT** when she turned up.

They **BUGGED OUT** when the police arrived.

She **BUILT** the business **UP** from nothing into a market leader in less than a decade.

Tension has been **BUILDING UP** ever since the government passed the unpopular law.

I **BULKED** the essay **OUT** with a few quotes to reach the number of word required.

He's **BULKED UP** a lot since he got those steroids.

I **BUMPED INTO** Helen on the underground the other day.

The drug dealer was **BUMPED OFF** by a rival gang.

They **BUMP UP** the prices in the high season.

He **BUNDLED** the kids **OFF** to bed.

The barman **BUNDLED** the drunk **OUT** because he was annoying the other customers.

We **BUNDLED UP** before going out as it was snowing.

I **BUNDLED UP** my newspapers and dropped them in the recycling bin.

I used to **BUNK OFF** school and go into town.

After so much criticism, the positive review **BUOYED** him **UP**.

The lifejacket **BUOYED** me **UP** till the boat arrived.

They had to completely rebuild the museum after the old one **BURNED DOWN**.

I **BURN OFF** a lot of calories in the gym.

Jennie **BURNT OUT** after ten years working as a futures broker and went to



<b>Burn up</b>	Destroy completely by fire.	live in the country. All his possessions were BURNED UP in the fire.
<b>Burn up</b>	Drive at high speed.	The bank robbers BURNED UP the roads but were soon captured.
<b>Burn up</b>	To be or cause to be highly annoyed.	His undeserved win in the election really BURNS me UP.
<b>Burst into</b>	Catch fire very quickly.	The car BURST INTO flames and the driver died as he didn't have time to get out.
<b>Burst into</b>	Laugh, cry or clap loudly.	She BURST INTO laughter when she heard the joke.
<b>Bust up</b>	End a relationship, usually angrily or after arguing.	They BUST UP after a row last night.
<b>Butt in</b>	Interrupt.	I hope you don't mind me BUTTING IN on your conversation, but I couldn't help hearing what you said...
<b>Butt out</b>	Not be involved in other people's business.	This is none of your business, so just BUTT OUT!
<b>Butter up</b>	Praise or flatter someone excessively.	I tried BUTTERING my tutor UP but she still wouldn't let me hand it in late.
<b>Buy in</b>	Force a CD or record into the charts by buying lots of copies.	Joe Meek's last hit, 'Singin' the Blues', was probably BOUGHT IN at number 40, but failed to go any higher.
<b>Buy into</b>	Accept an idea.	I never BOUGHT INTO the idea of a federalist European Union.
<b>Buy off</b>	Pay someone to stop them causing trouble.	He BOUGHT the newspaper OFF by placing a lot of adverts.
<b>Buy out</b>	Buy somebody's share in a company.	His business partners BOUGHT him OUT to get rid of him.
<b>Buy up</b>	Buy all of something.	We BOUGHT UP all the shop had before the price went up.
<b>Buzz around</b>	Move quickly around a place.	Reporters were BUZZING AROUND the scene of the accident.
<b>Buzz off</b>	Leave somewhere.	I'm BUZZING OFF now- I have to meet some people.
<b>Buzz off!</b>	Go away (imperative).	He told them to BUZZ OFF because they were annoying him.
<b>Call after</b>	Name someone after somebody else.	She was CALLED Rose AFTER her late grandmother.
<b>Call around</b>	Visit.	I CALLED AROUND but she wasn't in.
<b>Call back</b>	Return a phonecall.	I must CALL her BACK when we get to the office.
<b>Call for</b>	Demand.	The Opposition party CALLED FOR the minister's resignation after the scandal broke.
<b>Call for</b>	Go to collect something.	The courier CALLED FOR your parcel,

<b>Call for</b>	Telephone for something.	but I told him it wasn't ready yet.
<b>Call for</b>	Go and collect someone to take them out.	I'll CALL FOR a cab right away.
<b>Call for</b>	Require.	I'll CALL FOR you at seven, so be ready because the film starts at half past.
<b>Call forth</b>	Make something happen.	An emergency like this CALLS FOR some pretty drastic action.
<b>Call in</b>	Get someone to come and do a job.	The protests CALLED FORTH a strong reaction from the police.
<b>Call in</b>	Stop and visit.	We had to CALL IN a plumber because the sink was leaking and I had no idea how to fix it.
<b>Call off</b>	Cancel.	I CALLED IN on Jenny on my way home because she's not very well at the moment and I wanted to see if she needed anything.
<b>Call off</b>	Order someone to stop attacking.	The concert had to be CALLED OFF because the singer went down with a bad case of flu.
<b>Call on</b>	Ask for help.	CALL OFF your lawyers; we can work something out.
<b>Call on</b>	Visit.	The President CALLED ON the wealthy countries for financial aid after the floods destroyed much of the country's agriculture.
<b>Call on</b>	Challenge.	As we were in the area, we CALLED ON my sister-in-law.
<b>Call on</b>	Ask someone to do something, especially to speak in public. (Formal).	He CALLED the speaker ON several mis-statements of fact.
<b>Call out</b>	Expose or accuse someone of wrongdoing or incompetence.	I now CALL ON the other party to give their account of what happened.
<b>Call round</b>	Visit.	He CALLED them OUT over awarding contracts to family members.
<b>Call up</b>	Summon someone for military service.	I CALLED ROUND on my way home but no one was in.
<b>Call up</b>	Telephone.	The army CALLED UP the reserve soldiers when the war broke out.
<b>Calm down</b>	Stop being angry or emotionally excited.	I CALLED him UP as soon as I got to a phone to tell him the news.
<b>Cancel out</b>	Have an opposite effect on something that has happened, taking things back to the beginning.	When I lose my temper, it takes ages for me to CALM DOWN again.
<b>Cap off</b>	Finish or complete, often with some decisive action.	The airport taxes CANCELLED OUT the savings we had made on the flight tickets.
<b>Care for</b>	Like.	She CAPPED OFF the meeting with a radical proposal.
		I don't CARE FOR fizzy drinks; I prefer water.

<b>Carried away</b>	Get so emotional that you lose control.
<b>Carry forward</b>	Include a figure in a later calculation.
<b>Carry forward</b>	Make something progress.
<b>Carry off</b>	Win, succeed.
<b>Carry off</b>	Die of a disease.
<b>Carry on</b>	Continue.
<b>Carry on</b>	Behave badly.
<b>Carry on with</b>	Have an affair.
<b>Carry out</b>	Perform a task.
<b>Carry out</b>	Food bought from a restaurant to take away.
<b>Carry over</b>	Continue past a certain point.
<b>Carry through</b>	Complete successfully.
<b>Cart off</b>	Take someone away, usually under arrest or to prison.
<b>Cart off</b>	Take something away, especially if stealing or without permission.
<b>Carve out</b>	Create or get a area where you can be special or successful.
<b>Carve up</b>	Divide into smaller pieces.
<b>Carve up</b>	Overtake someone and then pull directly in front of a car.
<b>Cash in</b>	Convert shares, bonds, casino chips, etc, into money.
<b>Cash in on</b>	Benefit or make money on something, especially if done unfairly.
<b>Cash out</b>	Illegally access a bank account or credit card and steal money.
<b>Cash out</b>	Exchange something for money, collect winnings.
<b>Cash up</b>	Count all the money taken in a shop or business at the end of the day.

The team got **CARRIED AWAY** when they won the championship and started shouting and throwing things around.

They **CARRIED FORWARD** their losses to the next financial year.

They hope the new management will be able to **CARRY** the project **FORWARD**.

She **CARRIED OFF** the first prize in the competition.

Cancer **CARRIED** him **OFF** a couple of years ago.

**CARRY ON** quietly with your work until the substitute teacher arrives.

The children annoyed me by **CARRYING ON** all morning.

He's been **CARRYING ON WITH** someone at work for years.

The government is **CARRYING OUT** test on growing genetically modified crops.

I'm too tired to cook- let's get a **CARRY-OUT**.

The meeting **CARRIED OVER** into the afternoon because there was so much to talk about.

They **CARRIED** the reforms **THROUGH** despite the opposition.

The police **CARTED** them **OFF** to question them.

The thieves **CARTED OFF** all the ticket receipts.

She's **CARVED OUT** a career in photojournalism.

They **CARVED** the company **UP** and sold a lot off.

The idiot **CARVED** us **UP** and forced me to brake hard.

They **CASHED IN** their bonds and spent the money on a holiday.

The opposition party are **CASHING IN ON** the government's unpopularity.

A hacker got my credit card details from my computer and **CASHED OUT** a lot of money.

After winning, she **CASHED OUT** her chips.

After the shop closed, they have to **CASH UP** before they can go home.

<b>Cast about for</b>	Try to find something.	They're CASTING ABOUT FOR support.
<b>Cast around for</b>	Try to find something.	She was CASTING AROUND FOR people to help her.
<b>Cast aside</b>	Dispose, get rid of, ignore because you no longer like something or someone.	He CAST her ASIDE.
<b>Cast off</b>	Dispose, get rid of.	They CAST OFF any semblance of politeness and attacked us viciously.
<b>Cast off</b>	Untie a boat so it's free to sail.	They CAST OFF and headed out to sea.
<b>Cast out</b>	Expel, reject.	They CAST him OUT because of his behaviour.
<b>Cast round for</b>	Try to find something.	He CAST ROUND FOR any sign of his things.
<b>Cast up</b>	Be left on the shore by the sea.	The rubbish was CAST UP by the tide.
<b>Catch at</b>	Take or grab hold of something.	She CAUGHT AT my sleeve as I was leaving and said she needed to talk to me.
<b>Catch on</b>	Become popular.	Many critics were shocked when techno CAUGHT ON in the clubs.
<b>Catch on</b>	Finally understand what is going on.	Everyone else realised what was happening, but it took Henry ages to CATCH ON.
<b>Catch out</b>	Trick.	The exam is designed to CATCH you OUT.
<b>Catch out</b>	Discover or prove that someone is lying.	He CAUGHT me OUT when he checked my story with my previous employer.
<b>Catch out</b>	Put someone in an unexpected and difficult situation (often passive).	We were CAUGHT OUT in the storm.
<b>Catch up</b>	Get work, etc, up to date..	I was ill for a fortnight and now I've got to CATCH UP on the work I missed.
<b>Catch up</b>	Reach someone who was ahead of you.	He started well, but I CAUGHT him UP on the third lap.
<b>Catch up in</b>	Become involved, often against one's will.	The tourists were CAUGHT UP IN the violence of the revolution.
<b>Catch up on</b>	Do something that should have been done earlier.	I'm going home to CATCH UP ON my sleep.
<b>Catch up on</b>	Reminisce with an old friend after not seeing them for a while.	I hadn't seen her for years, so we spent the afternoon CATCHING UP ON old times.
<b>Catch up with</b>	Do something that should have been done earlier.	I'm going home to CATCH UP WITH my sleep.
<b>Catch up with</b>	Meet someone after a period of time and find out what they have been doing.	I CAUGHT UP WITH her at the conference.
<b>Catch up with</b>	When something negative starts to have an effect.	His criminal behaviour is starting to CATCH UP WITH him.
<b>Catch up with</b>	Punish someone after they have been doing something wrong for a long time.	The tax authorities CAUGHT UP WITH me for not submitting my tax returns.
<b>Catch up</b>	Learn something new that many people	My mother's trying to CATCH UP WITH

<b>with</b>	already understand.	computers.
<b>Cater for</b>	To provide what is necessary.	The college CATERS FOR students of all ages.
<b>Cater to</b>	To provide what is needed, often seen negatively.	The film CATERS TO the audience's worst instincts.
<b>Cave in</b>	Collapse.	The roof CAVED IN because of the weight of the snow.
<b>Cave in</b>	Stop resisting or refusing.	The government has refused to CAVE IN despite the protests and demonstrations.
<b>Chalk out</b>	To cut a line of cocaine.	He went into the toilets to CHALK a line OUT.
<b>Chalk up</b>	To achieve something good.	The company has CHALKED UP its highest ever profits.
<b>Chalk up to</b>	Explain the reason for a problem.	They CHALKED the poor sales UP TO the lower numbers of tourists visiting this year.
<b>Chance upon</b>	Find something by accident.	I CHANCED UPON a very rare book in car boot sale and bought it for 65p.
<b>Change over</b>	Change a system.	The Irish CHANGED OVER to using kilometres in 2005.
<b>Charge up</b>	Put electricity into a battery.	I need to CHARGE my phone UP- the battery's dead.
<b>Charge with</b>	Accuse somebody of a crime.	She was arrested in customs last night and has been CHARGED WITH smuggling.
<b>Chase down</b>	Try hard to find or get something.	The press CHASED us DOWN when the story broke.
<b>Chase off</b>	Force a person to leave or go away.	The dog CHASED the postal worker OFF.
<b>Chase up</b>	Ensure that someone remembers to do something.	The librarian is CHASING me UP about my overdue books.
<b>Chase up</b>	Try to get someone to pay a bill, debt, etc.	I CHASED her UP as she hadn't paid for several months.
<b>Chase up</b>	Try to get more information about the progress of something.	I didn't get a reply so I have been CHASING them UP.
<b>Chat up</b>	Talk to someone you are sexually interested in to get them interested in you.	He spent the whole night CHATTING her UP.
<b>Cheat on</b>	Be sexually unfaithful.	She CHEATED ON me with my friend.
<b>Cheat on</b>	Deceive or betray, often in a sexual and/or emotional context.	She thought he had always been faithful to her, but he had been CHEATING ON her ever since their wedding day (with one of the bridesmaids).
<b>Cheat out of</b>	Get money from someone under false pretences.	I hate him- he CHEATED me OUT OF £100.
<b>Check by</b>	Visit a place to check something.	We CHECKED BY the office to see if the stuff was ready.
<b>Check in</b>	Register on arriving at a hotel or at the airport.	They CHECKED IN at the Ritz yesterday.



<b>Check into</b>	Register on arriving at a hotel or at the airport.	They CHECKED INTO the Ritz yesterday.
<b>Check off</b>	Mark something on a list as done.	She CHECKED OFF the candidates' names as they arrived.
<b>Check out</b>	Pay the bill when leaving a hotel.	She CHECKED OUT and took a cab to the airport.
<b>Check out</b>	Die.	She CHECKED OUT last week; the funeral's tomorrow.
<b>Check out</b>	Get information about or inspect something to see if it's satisfactory.	I CHECKED the new restaurant OUT as soon as it opened.
<b>Check out of</b>	Settle up and pay before leaving a hotel.	Guests have to CHECK OUT OF the hotel before midday.
<b>Check over</b>	Check something very carefully.	We CHECKED the contract OVER before signing it.
<b>Cheer on</b>	Encourage.	Their CHEERED their team ON throughout the match.
<b>Cheer up</b>	Be less unhappy.	Come on, CHEER UP; it isn't all bad, you know.
<b>Chew off</b>	Remove by biting.	The dog CHEWED OFF the man's face.
<b>Chew on</b>	Thinks about something carefully before deciding.	I'll CHEW ON it for a day or two and let you know what I think.
<b>Chew out</b>	Criticize someone angrily.	They CHEWED him OUT for being late.
<b>Chew over</b>	Think about an issue.	He asked for a few days to CHEW the matter OVER before he made a final decision.
<b>Chew up</b>	Cut into small pieces with your teeth.	The puppy CHEWED UP the newspaper.
<b>Chew up</b>	Damage something inside a machine.	The video CHEWED my tape UP.
<b>Chicken out</b>	Be too afraid to do something.	I CHICKENED OUT of the bungee jumping when I saw how high it was.
<b>Chill out</b>	Relax.	I'm staying at home and CHILLING OUT this evening.
<b>Chime in</b>	Contribute to a discussion.	If it's OK, I'd like to CHIME IN because I think it's a good idea.
<b>Chip away at</b>	Gradually reduce something to make it less powerful, effective, etc.	They have been CHIPPING AWAY AT his reputation ever since he took office.
<b>Chip in</b>	Contribute some money.	Everybody CHIPPED IN to pay the bill.
<b>Chip in</b>	Contribute to a discussion.	If I could CHIP IN, there are a couple of issues I'd like to raise.
<b>Choke off</b>	Stop or restrict.	These guerilla attacks are CHOKING OFF our food shipments.
<b>Choke out</b>	Clog or overwhelm.	Water hyacinth is CHOKING OUT the native vegetation in our rivers.
<b>Choke up</b>	Become tearfully emotional.	Jeff CHOKED UP during his retirement speech.
<b>Choke up</b>	Grip a handle farther from the end for better control.	He CHOKED UP on the bat and hit the ball better.

<b>Choose up</b>	Form groups or teams.	We <b>CHOSE UP</b> to play the game.
<b>Chop down</b>	Fell or cut down a tree.	They <b>CHOPPED DOWN</b> most of the forest and now it looks like a desert.
<b>Chop up</b>	Cut into small pieces.	I <b>CHOPPED UP</b> the vegetables for the soup.
<b>Chow down</b>	Eat.	Dinner's ready- <b>CHOW DOWN!</b>
<b>Chow down on</b>	Eat something.	We're going to <b>CHOW DOWN ON</b> that barbecued pork.
<b>Chuck away</b>	Dispose of something you no longer need or want.	I <b>CHUCKED AWAY</b> all my old records years ago when CDs came out.
<b>Chuck in</b>	Quit something.	I <b>CHUCKED</b> my job <b>IN</b> to go travelling.
<b>Chuck in</b>	Make a comment.	I <b>CHUCKED IN</b> a few points at the end of the discussion.
<b>Chuck out</b>	Dispose of something you no longer need or want.	I <b>CHUCKED OUT</b> some stuff I found in the fridge that had gone bad.
<b>Chuck up</b>	Vomit, be sick.	He got ridiculously drunk and <b>CHUCKED UP</b> in the back of the minicab on the way home.
<b>Chuck up</b>	Quit something.	She didn't like the course, so she <b>CHUCKED</b> it <b>UP</b> after a few weeks.
<b>Churn out</b>	Produce, usually quickly or in large amounts without much regard to quality.	The government <b>CHURNS OUT</b> educational policies every few months.
<b>Clag up</b>	Make something sticky.	His arteries are <b>CLAGGED UP</b> because he eats so much saturated fat.
<b>Clam up</b>	Be quiet, refuse to speak.	Everybody <b>CLAMMED UP</b> when the Principal entered.
<b>Clamp down on</b>	Restrict or try to stop something.	The government are <b>CLAMPING DOWN ON</b> antisocial behaviour.
<b>Claw back</b>	Get money back.	The new tax will <b>CLAW BACK</b> what the government has given out in grants.
<b>Claw back</b>	Retake possession with difficulty.	The opposition parties are trying to <b>CLAW BACK</b> the voters they lost in the last election.
<b>Claw back</b>	Regain possession with difficulty.	They are <b>CLAWING BACK</b> their market share from their competitors.
<b>Clean off</b>	Remove dirt or something dirty.	After dinner, I <b>CLEANED OFF</b> the table.
<b>Clean out</b>	Tidy up thoroughly and throw away unwanted things..	I really must <b>CLEAN</b> the study <b>OUT</b> ; there's stuff all over the floor and piles of paper everywhere.
<b>Clean out</b>	Cause someone to spend all their money.	The holiday <b>CLEANED</b> me <b>OUT</b> - I'm broke till the end of the month.
<b>Clean up</b>	Tidy and clean.	<b>CLEAN</b> this bedroom <b>UP</b> ; it's a disgrace.
<b>Clean up</b>	Profit, sometimes suddenly.	At the horse races yesterday we really <b>CLEANED UP</b> .
<b>Clear away</b>	Leave a place.	We were told to <b>CLEAR AWAY</b> from the scene of the accident.

<b>Clear away</b>	Remove or tidy.	After dinner, I <b>CLEARED AWAY</b> the plates and dishes.
<b>Clear off</b>	Leave somewhere quickly.	As soon as the trouble started, we <b>CLEARED OFF</b> .
<b>Clear out</b>	Tidy up thoroughly and throw away unwanted stuff..	I spent the whole weekend <b>CLEARING OUT</b> the attic as it was full of papers and other junk.
<b>Clear out</b>	Leave somewhere.	I told them to <b>CLEAR OUT</b> because they were making so much noise.
<b>Clear up</b>	Cure or recover from an infection.	I took the antihistamines and the rash <b>CLEARED UP</b> right away.
<b>Clear up</b>	Tidy up.	I'd better <b>CLEAR AWAY</b> the mess before leave.
<b>Clear up</b>	Explain.	Could you <b>CLEAR</b> these points <b>UP</b> before we go any further?
<b>Clear up</b>	Improve (weather).	The skies <b>CLEARED UP</b> and the sun came out.
<b>Click through</b>	Open an advertisement on the Internet.	Only a tiny fraction of users ever bother <b>CLICKING THROUGH</b> the banner adverts.
<b>Climb down</b>	Accept that you are wrong and change your position.	The Prime Minister had to <b>CLIMB DOWN</b> over his tax proposals because there was so much opposition from the members of his own party.
<b>Cling on</b>	Hold tight.	He told me to <b>CLING ON</b> as the motorbike accelerated.
<b>Cling on to</b>	Try to keep something.	They <b>CLUNG ON TO</b> power despite the protests.
<b>Cling to</b>	Try to maintain beliefs, hopes, etc..	They <b>CLING TO</b> their old way of thinking.
<b>Clog up</b>	Block, slow movement right down.	The traffic's so bad the roads get <b>CLOGGED UP</b> at rush hour.
<b>Close down</b>	Close a shop, branch or business permanently.	The banks have <b>CLOSED DOWN</b> a lot of branches in villages over the last few years.
<b>Close down</b>	Stop an opponent being a challenge.	He <b>CLOSED</b> the player <b>DOWN</b> and stopped him being a threat.
<b>Close in</b>	Surround, envelop.	The fog <b>CLOSED IN</b> and we couldn't see two yards in front of us.
<b>Close in</b>	Approach, get near.	The police were <b>CLOSING IN</b> so they decided to try to make a break.
<b>Close in on</b>	Get near someone.	The police were <b>CLOSING IN ON</b> the gang.
<b>Close in upon</b>	Get near someone.	The police were <b>CLOSING IN UPON</b> the gang.
<b>Close off</b>	Block a place to stop people entering.	The police <b>CLOSED</b> the road <b>OFF</b> after the explosion.

<b>Close on</b>	Get nearer.	She is CLOSING ON the leader of the race.
<b>Close out</b>	Bring something to an end.	We CLOSED OUT the meeting early and went home.
<b>Close out</b>	Close or stop using.	She CLOSED OUT the account and changed to another bank.
<b>Close out</b>	Ignore, exclude.	They always CLOSE me OUT of their plans.
<b>Close up</b>	Completely close something.	They CLOSE UP the building after everyone has left.
<b>Close up</b>	Join together.	The leaves CLOSE UP when it rains.
<b>Close up</b>	Move closer together.	They CLOSED UP when they saw the gang coming towards them.
<b>Cloud over</b>	Get very cloudy.	The morning started bright and warm, but it CLOUDED OVER around midday and poured with rain.
<b>Clown about</b>	Behave stupidly or waste time.	The students were CLOWNING ABOUT all lesson.
<b>Clown around</b>	Behave stupidly or waste time.	I couldn't concentrate because they were CLOWNING AROUND all afternoon.
<b>Coast along</b>	Do something without making much effort or trying to improve.	She's been COASTING ALONG all year and hasn't made a lot of progress.
<b>Cobble together</b>	Make, assemble or produce something quickly, without much care.	They COBBLED a few pages TOGETHER and submitted it.
<b>Cock up</b>	Ruin or spoil something.	It was so easy, but he managed to COCK everything UP.
<b>Colour (Color) up</b>	Blush.	He COLOURED (COLORED) UP when he was caught stealing from the till.
<b>Come about</b>	Happen, occur.	The meeting CAME ABOUT because both sides were sick of fighting.
<b>Come about</b>	Shift direction (nautical).	The yacht CAME ABOUT to a heading of 240 degrees.
<b>Come across</b>	Find by accident.	I CAME ACROSS my old school reports when I was clearing out my desk.
<b>Come across</b>	Agree to have sex with someone.	I was surprised when she CAME ACROSS on the first night.
<b>Come across</b>	The way other people see you.	He CAME ACROSS as shy because he spoke so quietly.
<b>Come along</b>	Accompany.	May I COME ALONG on your trip tomorrow?
<b>Come along</b>	Move faster or keep up.	COME ALONG, we'll never get there if you don't keep up with us.
<b>Come apart</b>	Break into pieces.	It CAME APART when I tried to lift it off the floor and I had to glue it back together.
<b>Come around</b>	Recover consciousness.	It took several hours after the operation before he CAME AROUND.

<b>Come around to</b>	Agree with or accept something you had previously disapproved of or disliked..	They have started COMING AROUND TO our way of thinking and are less hostile.
<b>Come back</b>	Return.	I left work and CAME BACK home early.
<b>Come before</b>	Appear in court charged with a crime or offence.	He CAME BEFORE the court on charges of speeding.
<b>Come by</b>	Visit.	I'll COME BY after work and see if you need any help.
<b>Come by</b>	Acquire.	How did you COME BY that Rolex?
<b>Come down</b>	Rain.	Just look at the rain COMING DOWN! I'm not going out in that.
<b>Come down</b>	Travel.	When you're next in London, COME DOWN and see us.
<b>Come down on</b>	Criticise heavily.	The management really CAME DOWN ON him for losing the contract.
<b>Come down upon</b>	Criticise, reprimand severely.	They will COME DOWN UPON us if we are late.
<b>Come down with</b>	Fall ill.	She CAME DOWN WITH a virus.
<b>Come forth</b>	Appear.	The draft proposal CAME FORTH in April.
<b>Come forth with</b>	Provide information.	None of the witnesses CAME FORTH WITH an accurate description of the gang.
<b>Come from</b>	Country or town where you were born.	She COMES FROM Somalia.
<b>Come in</b>	Arrive for flights.	The plane CAME IN at two-thirty in the morning.
<b>Come in</b>	Place or ranking in a competition, etc..	I did my best but CAME IN last but one in the race.
<b>Come in</b>	Receive news.	Reports are just COMING IN of an assassination attempt on the President.
<b>Come in for</b>	Receive (criticism or praise).	Jack's COME IN FOR quite a lot of criticism of late.
<b>Come into</b>	Be important or relevant.	Money doesn't COME INTO it; I simply will not do it under any circumstances.
<b>Come into</b>	Inherit.	She CAME INTO a lot of money when her grandmother died.
<b>Come into use</b>	Start being used.	The computerised system CAME INTO USE at the end of last year.
<b>Come off</b>	When something breaks off.	I picked it up and the handle CAME OFF in my hand.
<b>Come off</b>	Be successful.	I was surprised when the plan CAME OFF so easily.
<b>Come off it</b>	I don't believe what you're saying; used as an imperative.	COME OFF IT; tell me the truth for goodness' sake.
<b>Come on</b>	Encouragement.	COME ON; don't give up now when



<b>Come on</b>	Start an illness.	you're so close to finishing. I've got a bit of a headache. I hope it doesn't mean I've got flu <b>COMING ON</b> .
<b>Come on</b>	Start functioning (machines, etc).	The central heating <b>COMES ON</b> automatically an hour before I have to get up.
<b>Come out</b>	A secret is revealed.	The details of the scandal <b>CAME OUT</b> in the press and she had to resign.
<b>Come out</b>	Be published or otherwise available to the public.	The band's new CD is <b>COMING OUT</b> in September.
<b>Come out</b>	Disappear when washed.	The red wine I spilt just will not <b>COME OUT</b> of the carpet no matter what I try to clean it with.
<b>Come out</b>	Let people know that you are lesbian or gay.	She <b>CAME OUT</b> at university and has been living with her partner, Jane, for the last couple of years.
<b>Come out</b>	When the sun appears.	It started cloudy, but then the sun <b>CAME OUT</b> and we all went to the park.
<b>Come out in</b>	Have a rash or similar skin problem.	She <b>CAME OUT IN</b> a nasty rash after touching the poisonous plant by mistake.
<b>Come out of</b>	Recover consciousness.	After three years, he <b>CAME OUT OF</b> the coma.
<b>Come out with</b>	Make something available.	They have just <b>COME OUT WITH</b> a new version.
<b>Come out with</b>	Say something publicly and unexpectedly.	She <b>CAME OUT WITH</b> the answer when everyone was expecting it to remain unsolved.
<b>Come over</b>	Feel strange.	I <b>CAME OVER</b> all faint and weak because my sugar level was too low. (British)
<b>Come over</b>	Affect mentally in such a way as to change behaviour (possibly related to 'overcome').	I'm sorry about last night - I don't know what <b>CAME OVER</b> me.
<b>Come round</b>	Become conscious, wake up from anaesthetic.	She <b>CAME ROUND</b> and learned that the operation had been a complete success.
<b>Come round</b>	Change your opinion.	At first she didn't like the idea, but she <b>CAME ROUND</b> to our way of thinking in the end.
<b>Come through</b>	Arrive (messages and information).	News is <b>COMING THROUGH</b> of a major accident on the M25, where freezing fog has been making driving conditions extremely dangerous.
<b>Come through</b>	Communicate an emotion.	The anger she felt <b>COMES THROUGH</b> .
<b>Come through</b>	Produce a result.	They promised they'd do it, but they haven't <b>COME THROUGH</b> yet.
<b>Come through with</b>	Provide something needed.	He didn't <b>COME THROUGH WITH</b> the money and they went bust.

<b>Come to</b>	Become conscious, wake up from anaesthetic.	She CAME TO an hour after the operation.
<b>Come to</b>	Result in.	The two men started arguing but they soon CAME TO blows and started fighting in earnest.
<b>Come up</b>	Appear.	I'll be late home tonight because something's COME UP at work has to be ready for tomorrow morning.
<b>Come up</b>	Rise (the sun).	The sun CAME UP just as we reached the outskirts of the town.
<b>Come up against</b>	Encounter problems or difficulties.	They CAME UP AGAINST a lot of opposition to their plans for an out-of-town supermarket development.
<b>Come up with</b>	Think of a solution, excuse, etc..	Nobody could COME UP WITH a satisfactory explanation for the accident.
<b>Come upon</b>	Find by chance.	I CAME UPON the book in a little second-hand bookshop in Dorset.
<b>Conjure up</b>	Create a picture or memory in someone's mind.	It CONJURES UP memories of my school days.
<b>Conjure up</b>	Create something without many resources.	I had to CONJURE UP a full weekend's entertainment for the visitors with no notice at all.
<b>Conk out</b>	Fall fast asleep.	I was exhausted and CONKED OUT on the sofa.
<b>Conk out</b>	Suddenly breakdown or stop working.	The printer CONKED OUT so I couldn't get a hard copy.
<b>Contract in</b>	Become involved or committed to something.	Since it started, many companies have CONTRACTED IN to lend their support.
<b>Contract out</b>	Give a contract for a service outside the company you work for.	They have CONTRACTED OUT their catering services to save money.
<b>Contract out of</b>	Formally leave and agreement.	I CONTRACTED OUT OF the deal years ago.
<b>Cool down</b>	Get cooler.	I left the tea for a minute until it had COOLED DOWN enough to drink.
<b>Cool down</b>	Become calm.	It took me ages to COOL DOWN after the argument.
<b>Cool off</b>	Become calmer.	We'll talk to Fred once he COOLS OFF and can talk rationally.
<b>Coop up</b>	Confine in a small area.	They COOPED the dog UP in a tiny room.
<b>Cop it</b>	Get into trouble.	They really COPPED IT when they got caught shoplifting.
<b>Cop off</b>	Leave work or school early.	We COPPED OFF early on Friday because there was nothing to do.
<b>Cop off</b>	Kiss, pet or have sex with someone.	She COPPED OFF with Damian at the end-of-term party.
<b>Cop out</b>	Choose an easy alternative.	She was going to take a Master's degree

		but COPPED OUT and chose the Diploma course instead.
<b>Cost up</b>	Calculate how expensive some work is going to be.	The decorators are going to COST UP the work tomorrow.
<b>Cotton on</b>	To work out the truth.	It took me ages to COTTON ON to what they were planning.
<b>Cough up</b>	Lose possession of a ball, etc. in a contact sport.	He was checked so hard he COUGHED UP the puck in front of his own goal.
<b>Cough up</b>	Expel something from your lungs or throat by coughing.	He gave up smoking after he COUGHED UP some blood.
<b>Could do with</b>	Need or want something.	I COULD really DO WITH a cup of tea.
<b>Count against</b>	Affect negatively, make less likely to succeed.	Not having a university degree will COUNT AGAINST her.
<b>Count among</b>	Include someone or something in a group, category, etc.	I COUNT her AMONG my closest friends.
<b>Count down</b>	Wait impatiently or excitedly for something to happen.	I'm COUNTING DOWN the days till they leave.
<b>Count for</b>	Be recognised as important, worthwhile or valuable.	Experience COUNTS FOR a lot in decision making.
<b>Count in</b>	Include or involve.	If you're going on that skiing holiday, you can COUNT me IN; I'd love to go.
<b>Count off</b>	Say numbers aloud in a sequence.	They COUNTED the students OFF as they arrived.
<b>Count on</b>	Depend, rely.	You can COUNT ON them; if they have promised to do something, they'll do it.
<b>Count on</b>	Expect something to happen and base plans on it.	I was COUNTING ON the payment arriving last week and was really angry when it didn't arrive as I didn't have enough money to pay for everything.
<b>Count out</b>	Exclude.	I don't want to go- you can COUNT me OUT.
<b>Count out</b>	Count a certain amount of money.	He COUNTED OUT £250 and paid me.
<b>Count towards</b>	Be a part needed to complete something.	The coursework COUNTS TOWARDS the final grade.
<b>Count up</b>	Add.	COUNT UP the number of tickets sold, please.
<b>Count upon</b>	Expect something to happen and base plans on it.	I was COUNTING UPON their support and lost because they didn't vote my way.
<b>Count upon</b>	Depend, rely.	I COUNT UPON them to help me.
<b>Cover for</b>	Provide an excuse or alibi.	She asked me to COVER FOR her if anyone asked where she'd gone.
<b>Cover for</b>	Do someone's work while they are temporarily absent.	I COVERED FOR her while she was off sick.
<b>Cover up</b>	Conceal, try to stop people finding out.	They tried to COVER UP the incident but it got into the newspapers.
<b>Cozy up</b>	Make yourself comfortable.	It was cold and I COZIED UP by the fire.

**Cozy up to** Make yourself popular with someone.

**Crack down on** Use more authority than usual.

**Crack on** Continue doing something with energy.

**Crack up** Have a nervous breakdown.

**Crack up** Have bad reception on a mobile phone.

**Crack up** Burst out laughing.

**Crack up** Damage a car badly.

**Crank out** Produce a lot of something fast.

**Crank up** Inject non-medical drugs.

**Crank up** Start a machine, originally with a handle.

**Crank up** Increase, make something bigger.

**Crash out** Sleep at someone's house because you are too tired, drunk, etc. to leave.

**Crash out** Fall asleep.

**Cream off** Separate the best or most talented people so that they can receive special or different treatment.

**Cream off** Take money or divert funds, usually wrongfully or unfairly.

**Creep in** Start to be noticeable.

**Creep in** Get included despite attempts to keep it or them out.

**Creep into** Become noticeable in something.

**Creep out** make someone feel worried or uneasy.

**Creep out on** To do the same activity for a very long time.

**Creep over** Start to have a negative feeling.

**Creep up on** Approach without someone realising.

**Crop up** Appear unexpectedly.

**Cross off** Delete, remove from a list.

He's been COZYING UP TO our boss because he wants a pay rise.

The police always CRACK DOWN ON drink-driving offences over the Christmas period.

We had to CRACK ON to get everything finished on time.

He CRACKED UP after his son died and had to take a couple of months off work.

You'll have to talk louder- you're CRACKING UP.

Everybody CRACKED UP when he told the joke.

He CRACKED his car UP last night when he came off the road.

My boss keeps CRANKING OUT stupid memos.

He's been CRANKING UP heroin for years.

He CRANKED the saw UP.

I CRANKED the volume UP as high as it would go.

Dave CRASHED OUT at a friend's flat after the end-of-term party.

I CRASHED OUT in front of the TV last night.

The private schools CREAM OFF many of the best pupils.

This means smaller banks can CREAM OFF excess profits during lending booms.

He tried to stay calm, but you could hear the anger CREEPING IN.

Errors CREPT IN as the text got longer.

An angry tone CREPT INTO her voice.

He CREEPS me OUT when he gets drunk.

He's been CREEPING OUT ON that computer game all day.

Fear CREPT OVER me as I walked through the graveyard.

They CREPT UP ON their rivals and overtook them.

I'm going to be late tonight as something has just CROPPED UP at work.

She CROSSED him OFF her Christmas

		card list after they argued.
<b>Cross out</b>	Put a line through some writing to show it is wrong.	She <b>CROSSED OUT</b> her mistakes and wrote the correct answers above them.
<b>Cross up</b>	Confuse, deceive.	The treasure map was deliberately drawn to <b>CROSS</b> us <b>UP</b> .
<b>Cruise through</b>	Pass or succeed easily.	He <b>CRUISED THROUGH</b> the exam.
<b>Crumb down</b>	Clear a table in a restaurant.	The waiter <b>CRUMBED DOWN</b> before the coffee was served.
<b>Cry off</b>	To cancel an arrangement.	I've got to work tonight; can I <b>CRY OFF</b> going out for dinner?
<b>Cry out</b>	Shout because you are in pain.	He <b>CRIED OUT</b> when he dropped the box on his toes.
<b>Cut across</b>	Go across a place rather than around it to make the journey quicker.	It'll be quicker if we <b>CUT ACROSS</b> the park.
<b>Cut across</b>	Affect people of different groups, classes, etc.	The issue <b>CUTS ACROSS</b> social backgrounds as it affects us all equally.
<b>Cut back</b>	Reduce.	The firm <b>CUT BACK</b> production because sales were sluggish.
<b>Cut back</b>	Remove branches from a plant or tree to encourage future growth.	We <b>CUT</b> the tree <b>BACK</b> every winter.
<b>Cut back on</b>	Reduce expenditure.	The government has decided to <b>CUT BACK ON</b> spending on the armed forces.
<b>Cut down</b>	Consume less.	I'm trying to <b>CUT DOWN</b> the amount of coffee I drink during the day.
<b>Cut down</b>	Shoot.	A lot of soldiers were <b>CUT DOWN</b> by enemy fire as they stormed the airport.
<b>Cut down</b>	Reduce a vertical thing to ground level by cutting.	The logger <b>CUT</b> the tree <b>DOWN</b> .
<b>Cut down</b>	Cut something from a high position.	After Christmas he didn't carefully detach all the decorations, he just <b>CUT</b> them all <b>DOWN</b> .
<b>Cut down on</b>	Reduce.	Doctors advised her to <b>CUT DOWN ON</b> the amount of saturated fats in her diet.
<b>Cut in</b>	Start functioning.	The fans <b>CUT IN</b> when the engine starts getting too hot.
<b>Cut in</b>	Drive in front of another vehicle without warning.	A car <b>CUT IN</b> and nearly caused an accident.
<b>Cut in</b>	Interrupt.	We were having a conversation when he came up and <b>CUT IN</b> .
<b>Cut in</b>	Include someone in a deal that makes money.	We had to <b>CUT</b> the police <b>IN</b> on the deal to avoid trouble.
<b>Cut in</b>	Mix fat and flour until the combine.	<b>CUT</b> the butter <b>IN</b> with the flour.
<b>Cut it out</b>	Stop your unfair or unreasonable behaviour.	Will you two idiots <b>CUT IT OUT</b> and keep quiet.
<b>Cut off</b>	Disconnect.	The telephone's been <b>CUT OFF</b> because we didn't pay the bill.



<b>Cut off</b>	Isolate or make inaccessible.	The heavy snow has blocked many roads and CUT OFF a number of villages.
<b>Cut out</b>	Exclude.	I'm CUTTING OUT salt from my diet.
<b>Cut out</b>	When an engine or motor stops.	The car CUT OUT at the traffic lights just as they went green.
<b>Cut out</b>	Cut a picture or similar from a magazine, etc.	I CUT some pictures OUT to use as visual aids.
<b>Cut out</b>	Leave quickly.	We'd better CUT OUT, the security men are on the way.
<b>Cut out</b>	Separate livestock from a group.	They CUT OUT three prime bulls from the herd.
<b>Cut out on</b>	Let down, snub.	Although he'd promised to help, the star CUT OUT ON the charity when offered more money.
<b>Cut up</b>	Cut into smaller pieces.	After cutting the tree down, the logger CUT it UP into logs.
<b>Cut up</b>	Drive into a neighbouring lane, directly in front of another vehicle.	I was just driving onto the motorway slip-road, when a red Mini CUT me UP and I had to brake suddenly to avoid an accident.
<b>Cut up</b>	Upset.	Her reaction really CUT me UP.
<b>Cut up</b>	Have a lot of small injuries.	I CUT my hand UP when I broke the glass.
<b>Damp down</b>	Calm or reduce feelings, emotions.	They tried to DAMP DOWN the anger over the announcement.
<b>Damp down</b>	Make a fire burn less.	They tried to DAMP DOWN the flames before the fire spread.
<b>Damp off</b>	When there is too much moisture and a plant is affected by fungal parasites.	The seedlings DAMP OFF in the spring if it's very wet.
<b>Dash down</b>	Write something quickly.	He DASHED DOWN a memo and sent it to everybody.
<b>Dash off</b>	Leave somewhere quickly.	It's late- I'm going to DASH OFF home.
<b>Dash off</b>	Do something quickly, especially writing.	He DASHED OFF the report in a couple of hours.
<b>Dawn on</b>	Finally realise or understand something.	The truth only DAWNED ON me much later.
<b>Decide on</b>	Choose, select.	Trevor spent a long time looking at flats before he bought one, but eventually DECIDED ON one near his work.
<b>Decide upon</b>	Choose, select.	Jane spent a long time looking at houses before she bought one, but eventually DECIDED UPON one near her office.
<b>Die away</b>	Become quieter or inaudible (of a sound).	The last notes DIED AWAY and the audience burst into applause.
<b>Die back</b>	When the parts of a plant above ground die, but the roots remain alive.	The plant DIES BACK in the winter.
<b>Die down</b>	Decrease or become quieter.	It was on the front pages of all the papers

<b>Die for</b>	Want something a lot.	for a few days, but the interest gradually DIED DOWN.
<b>Die off</b>	Become extinct.	I'm DYING FOR the weekend- this week's been so hard.
<b>Die out</b>	Become extinct or disappear.	Most of the elm trees in the UK DIED OFF when Dutch elm disease arrived.
<b>Dig in</b>	Start eating greedily.	Some scientists say that the dinosaurs DIED OUT when a comet hit the earth and caused a nuclear winter.
<b>Dig in</b>	Excavate a protective shelter (military).	We were starving so we really DUG IN when the food finally did arrive.
<b>Dig into</b>	Reach inside to get something.	Anticipating an artillery barrage, we quickly DUG IN.
<b>Dig out</b>	Find something you haven't used, seen, etc, for a long time.	She DUG INTO her handbag and pulled out a bunch of keys.
<b>Dig out</b>	Dig to remove something or someone.	I DUG OUT my old university essays.
<b>Dig up</b>	Find something that is supposed to be secret.	They had to DIG the survivors of the earthquake OUT from the ruins.
<b>Dig up</b>	Remove something from the ground.	The reporters eventually DUG UP the truth about the affair.
<b>Dig up</b>	Make a hole in a road, the ground, etc.	The police DUG UP a body.
<b>Dine out</b>	Have dinner outside your home.	The council have DUG the road UP.
<b>Dine out on</b>	Tell a story repeatedly that is well received.	We DINED OUT because we couldn't be bothered to cook.
<b>Dip in</b>	Put something in a liquid for a short time.	I've DINED OUT ON the story of his accident.
<b>Dip into</b>	Read parts of a book, but not all.	I DIPPED the brush IN the paint and began painting the wall.
<b>Dip into</b>	Take money out of your savings.	I've been DIPPING INTO the book, but haven't read it properly.
<b>Dip out</b>	Leave a place without telling anyone.	I've had to DIP INTO my savings account to pay for the works on my house.
<b>Disagree with</b>	Make someone feel sick or ill.	The party was so dull I DIPPED OUT.
<b>Dish out</b>	Serve food.	I feel dreadful; the prawns I had for lunch are DISAGREEING WITH me.
<b>Dish out</b>	Give something, usually when you shouldn't.	I DISHED OUT the dinner.
<b>Dish out</b>	Criticise, when you can't take criticism in return.	Doctors have been DISHING OUT viagra to anyone who asks for it.
<b>Dish up</b>	Serve food.	He DISHES it OUT, but gets all hurt when anyone responds.
<b>Dive in</b>	Start doing something, usually without planning.	He DISHED UP a great dinner when we got back.
<b>Dive in</b>	Start eating.	When we saw what was happening, we all DIVED IN to help.
		Dinner's on the table, so DIVE IN.

<b>Dive into</b>	Reach inside something quickly.	She DIVED INTO her bag and pulled out a lighter.
<b>Divide up</b>	Share.	They divided up the profits.
<b>Divvy out</b>	Divide, share.	The waiters and waitresses DIVVY OUT the tips at the end of the night.
<b>Divvy up</b>	Divide, share.	We DIVVIED UP the money equally.
<b>Do away with</b>	Abolish, get rid of.	The United Kingdom DID AWAY WITH the death penalty in 1965.
<b>Do in</b>	Kill.	After he reported the gang, he feared they would DO him IN.
<b>Do out of</b>	Cheat somebody out of something that is rightfully theirs.	They lied on the reference and DID me OUT OF any chance of getting the job.
<b>Do up</b>	Close or fasten clothes, etc..	You must DO UP your safety belt in the back of cars and taxis now.
<b>Do up</b>	Repair and renovate.	It took them six months to DO UP the house before they could actually move in.
<b>Do with</b>	Wish for or ask for (usually after can or could).	I could DO WITH a cold beer about now.
<b>Do without</b>	Manage without something.	There's no sugar, so you'll have to DO WITHOUT.
<b>Dob in</b>	Report someone to teachers, authorities, etc.	He DOBBED me IN to the teacher.
<b>Dob in</b>	Contribute money.	Everyone DOBBED IN some cash to help.
<b>Dob in</b>	Pressure someone into doing something.	He needed some help, so DOBBED us IN.
<b>Dole out</b>	Give out, distribute.	They were DOLING OUT leaflets in front of the station.
<b>Doss about</b>	Spend time doing very little or being unproductive.	I couldn't get down to my work and DOSSED ABOUT all night.
<b>Doss around</b>	Spend time doing very little or being unproductive.	I spent the afternoon DOSSING AROUND.
<b>Doss down</b>	Sleep somewhere temporarily because you don't go home.	I was feeling really tired, so I DOSSED DOWN on his sofa for the night.
<b>Double as</b>	Have a second function or purpose.	My study DOUBLES AS a spare bedroom when we have visitors.
<b>Double back</b>	Go back the way you were coming.	When he saw the police, he DOUBLED BACK and went home.
<b>Double over</b>	Bend over at the waist.	She DOUBLED OVER in pain after being hit in the stomach.
<b>Double up</b>	Bend over at the waist.	He DOUBLED UP in pain after being hit in the stomach.
<b>Double up</b>	Share accommodation because there are too many people.	We had to DOUBLE UP because we hadn't booked enough rooms.
<b>Double up as</b>	Have a second function or purpose.	The display screen DOUBLES UP AS a solar panel.

<b>Doze off</b>	Fall asleep.	The movie was a bit boring and I DOZED OFF halfway through.
<b>Drag on</b>	Be unnecessarily long.	The meeting DRAGGED ON for two and a half hours.
<b>Draw back</b>	Retreat, move backwards.	He DREW BACK when the dog barked.
<b>Draw down</b>	Reduce levels.	The administration want to DRAW DOWN troop numbers as soon as they can.
<b>Draw down</b>	Get funding.	The college wants to DRAW DOWN extra funding for IT provision.
<b>Draw down</b>	To deplete by consumption or heavy spending.	Gas reserves were DRAWN DOWN in the recent cold spell.
<b>Draw even</b>	Equalize one's competitive position.	The exhausted horse DREW EVEN at the finish line.
<b>Draw in</b>	Get dark earlier.	The nights are DRAWING IN now it's winter.
<b>Draw in</b>	Arrive at a station (for trains).	The train DREW IN and we got off.
<b>Draw into</b>	Get involved in something unpleasant.	I didn't want to take sides because I didn't want to get DRAWN INTO their arguments.
<b>Draw on</b>	Pass slowly (time).	As the lesson DREW ON, the students started to get bored.
<b>Draw on</b>	Inhale smoke from a cigarette, cigar, etc.	He DREW ON his cigarette and coughed.
<b>Draw out</b>	Make something continue longer than needed.	The director DREW the meeting OUT with a lengthy speech.
<b>Draw out</b>	Make a shy person more outgoing.	He was so quiet at first, but the teacher managed to DRAW him OUT and get him to participate.
<b>Draw up</b>	Prepare a contract.	The contract was DRAWN UP by our solicitor.
<b>Draw up</b>	When a vehicle stops.	The police car DREW UP alongside him at the red lights and asked him to pull over.
<b>Dream of</b>	Not think or consider.	I wouldn't even DREAM OF telling her that.
<b>Dream up</b>	Invent something, have an idea.	They DREAMED UP the scheme for the improvements and it was accepted by the board.
<b>Dredge up</b>	Discover things about someone's past.	The newspapers DREDGED UP the details of his affair with his research assistant.
<b>Dress down</b>	Dress casually.	The staff are allowed to DRESS DOWN on Fridays.
<b>Dress down</b>	Scold.	She DRESSED me DOWN for being rude.
<b>Dress up</b>	Dress very smartly.	It's an informal party so there's no need to DRESS UP.

<b>Drift apart</b>	Slowly cease to be close to or friends with someone.	We were great friends at school but DRIFTED APART when we went to different universities.
<b>Drift off</b>	Start to fall asleep.	I was DRIFTING OFF when the noise disturbed me.
<b>Drill down</b>	Search through layers of information on a computer.	I really had to DRILL DOWN to get the answers from the database.
<b>Drill down through</b>	Get to the bottom of something, get detailed data.	They DRILLED DOWN THROUGH the information to find the truth.
<b>Drill into</b>	Repeat something many times to make someone learn it.	The teacher DRILLED the rules INTO the students.
<b>Drink up</b>	Finish a drink.	DRINK UP, please; it's closing time.
<b>Drive away</b>	Force an animal or someone to leave a place.	Their unfriendliness DRIVES customers AWAY.
<b>Drive back</b>	Repulse, force back.	The police DROVE the crowd BACK to give the rescue workers more space.
<b>Drive by</b>	Do something out of a car.	He was killed in a DRIVE-BY shooting.
<b>Drive off</b>	Drive away from a place.	She slammed the car door shut and DROVE OFF without saying a word.
<b>Drive out</b>	Force someone to leave a place.	The soldiers DROVE them OUT of their homes.
<b>Drive up</b>	Make something increase.	The market uncertainty has DRIVEN prices UP.
<b>Drive up</b>	Arrive in a vehicle.	They DROVE UP just as we were about to leave.
<b>Drone on</b>	Talk boringly for a long time.	The minister DRONED ON for an hour and the audience looked increasingly bored.
<b>Drop around</b>	Visit someone, often without making an arrangement.	We DROPPED AROUND to collect the stuff we'd left there last week.
<b>Drop around</b>	Deliver.	I DROPPED AROUND the things they needed.
<b>Drop away</b>	Become smaller- amount, numbers.	The numbers of people attending began the DROP AWAY after a few months.
<b>Drop back</b>	Move towards the back of a group.	He stared at the front, but got tired and DROPPED BACK as the race went on.
<b>Drop by</b>	Pay a brief visit.	He DROPPED BY on his way home from work.
<b>Drop in</b>	Visit without having made arrangements.	I was in the area so I DROPPED IN at the office to see her.
<b>Drop off</b>	Take something or someone to a place and leave it or them there..	I DROPPED the kids OFF at school on my way to work.
<b>Drop off</b>	Fall asleep.	I DROPPED OFF during the play and woke up when it ended.
<b>Drop off</b>	Decrease in number or amount.	Sales have DROPPED OFF in the last few months.
<b>Drop out</b>	Quit a course.	She DROPPED OUT of college and went



<b>Drop over</b>	Visit for a short time.	straight into a good job.
<b>Drop round</b>	Visit someone, often without making an arrangement.	I'll DROP OVER on my way back.
<b>Drop round</b>	Deliver.	We DROPPED ROUND their house on our way.
<b>Drop someone in it</b>	Get someone into trouble.	I DROPPED the papers ROUND so she could read them before the meeting.
<b>Drop through</b>	Come to nothing, produce no results.	I really DROPPED him IN IT when I told them what he'd done.
<b>Drown in</b>	Cover excessively.	The big scheme he was talking about seems to have DROPPED THROUGH.
<b>Drown out</b>	Be so loud that another sound cannot be heard.	They DROWN the food IN sauce.
<b>Drum into</b>	To make someone learn or believe something by constant repetition.	The music DROWNED OUT the sound of the phone ringing.
<b>Drum out</b>	Force someone out of their job or position.	They DRUM all the traps INTO you before the test, so you can't go wrong.
<b>Drum up</b>	Increase support or interest.	They DRUMMED the minister OUT when she was caught lying. The minister was DRUMMED OUT of her post for lying. (The passive form with OF is more common)
<b>Dry off</b>	Dry something quickly, or dry the surface.	They are trying to DRUM UP support for the referendum.
<b>Dry out</b>	Stop drinking or taking drugs when addicted.	I had a shower and DRIED myself OFF.
<b>Dry out</b>	Dry something fully.	He checked into a clinic to DRY OUT after being arrested for drink-driving.
<b>Dry up</b>	Lose all the water from a river, lake, source, etc.	They DRIED the fruit OUT in the sun.
<b>Dry up</b>	Stop being supplied with something.	The lake DRIED UP because of the water extraction for cotton farming.
<b>Dry up</b>	Be unable to speak.	His income DRIED UP when cheaper options became available.
<b>Dry up</b>	Dry plates, dishes, cutlery, etc, after washing them up.	She DRIED UP in the press conference.
<b>Duck out of</b>	Avoid doing something.	I washed and DRIED UP.
<b>Duff up</b>	Beat or hit someone repeatedly.	He DUCKED OUT OF helping us last night.
<b>Dumb down</b>	Reduce the intellectual level of something in search of popularity.	He was DUFFED UP in a night club last night.
<b>Dump on</b>	Treat someone badly.	Television has been DUMBING DOWN the news for years.
<b>Dump on</b>	Criticize heavily, often unfairly.	Her boss DUMPS ON everyone when things go wrong.
<b>Dump on</b>	Tell someone your problems.	She DUMPS ON her family a lot.
<b>Dwell on</b>	Spend a lot of time on something.	When he's depressed, he needs someone to DUMP ON.
		The programme DWELLED ON little

**Dwell upon** Spend a lot of time on something.

**Ease off** Reduce pressure.

**Ease up** Relax, calm down.

**Eat away** Destroy slowly.

**Eat in** Eat at home.

**Eat into** Use something valuable when you don't want to.

**Eat out** Eat in a restaurant.

**Eat up** Eat all of something.

**Eat up** Consume.

**Eat up** Consume something you don't want to be consumed.

**Ebb away** Disappear gradually.

**Edge out** Gradually push someone or something out of their position.

**Edge up** Approach slowly.

**Egg on** Encourage.

**Eke out** Make something like money last as long as possible.

**Embark on** Start a project or venture.

**Embark upon** Start a project or venture.

**Empty out** Empty something completely.

**Empty out** Remove some things or everything from a container.

**End in** Finish a certain way.

**End up** Become or do something unplanned.

**End up with** Get as a result of something.

**Enter for** Join or enter a competition.

**Enter into** Become involved in or accept.

other than the scandal.

She DWELT UPON the economic situation in her speech.

She EASED OFF the accelerator to let the car slow down.

She asked her teacher to EASE UP because she was feeling very stressed.

The disease EATS the liver AWAY.

We didn't feel like going to a restaurant so we ATE IN.

We've had to EAT INTO our savings since I lost my job.

We couldn't be bothered to cook so we ATE OUT last night.

If you don't EAT UP your greens, you won't get any dessert.

This car EATS UP petrol.

The graphics EAT UP our bandwidth-they're costing us a fortune.

His life was EBBED AWAY as the illness progressed.

The shareholders EDGED the CEO out because results were getting worse.

She EDGED UP behind the bus at the red light.

The other students EGGED him ON when he started arguing with the teacher.

Most students have to EKE OUT their income because they have so little money to live on.

Piere EMBARKED ON an MBA at Insead last autumn.

Fernanda has just EMBARKED UPON a new professional challenge.

I must EMPTY OUT the rubbish before I leave for work.

I EMPTIED some of the coffee OUT so I could pour more milk in.

It'll END IN tears.

We couldn't get tickets for Egypt so we ENDED UP going to Turkey instead.

He tried hard but ENDED UP WITH a poor grade.

They ENTERED FOR the national championship but weren't good enough.

They ENTERED INTO an agreement

<b>Eye up</b>	Look carefully at someone.
<b>Face off</b>	Confront.
<b>Face up to</b>	Accept an unpleasant truth.
<b>Faff about</b>	Behave indecisively.
<b>Faff around</b>	Behave indecisively.
<b>Fall about</b>	Laugh a lot.
<b>Fall apart</b>	Break into pieces.
<b>Fall apart</b>	Become emotionally disturbed and unable to behave normally.
<b>Fall back</b>	Retreat.
<b>Fall back on</b>	Be able to use in an emergency.
<b>Fall behind</b>	Make less progress.
<b>Fall down</b>	Fall on the ground.
<b>Fall down</b>	Have a weak point.
<b>Fall for</b>	Be attracted to somebody, fall in love.
<b>Fall for</b>	Believe a lie or a piece of deception.
<b>Fall in</b>	Collapse.
<b>Fall into</b>	Start doing something unplanned.
<b>Fall off</b>	Decrease.
<b>Fall out</b>	Argue and be on bad terms with someone.
<b>Fall out</b>	Lose hair.
<b>Fall over</b>	Fall on the ground.
<b>Fall through</b>	Be unsuccessful.

with their rivals.

The guy EYED the other man UP because he was behaving suspiciously.

The company FACED OFF the competition.

Many people find it hard to FACE UP TO the fact that they are getting old.

He told her to stop FAFFING ABOUT and make her mind up.

She told him to stop FAFFING AROUND and make his mind up.

We FELL ABOUT when we heard what she'd done.

The box FELL APART when I picked it up.

He FELL APART when they sacked him.

The army FELL BACK after losing the battle.

It was good to have some money in the bank to FALL BACK ON when I lost my job.

I was ill for a week and FELL BEHIND with my work.

I slipped on the ice and FELL DOWN.

The argument FALLS DOWN when you look at how much it'll cost.

He FELL FOR her the moment their eyes met.

He FELL FOR my story and allowed me yet another extension for the submission of my thesis.

The ceiling FELL IN hurting a lot of people.

I just FELL INTO my job when an opportunity came up.

The membership FELL OFF dramatically when the chairperson resigned.

They FELL OUT over the decision and hardly speak to each other any more.

He's started getting worried about baldness because his hair is FALLING OUT rather quickly.

I slipped on the ice and FELL OVER.

The plans FELL THROUGH when planning permission was refused.

<b>Fall under</b>	Become controlled.	At first he was independent, but then he <b>FELL UNDER</b> their influence.
<b>Farm out</b>	Give or contract work to someone else.	The company wants to <b>FARM OUT</b> their maintenance.
<b>Fart about</b>	Waste time doing silly things.	The manager was angry because the staff were <b>FARTING ABOUT</b> .
<b>Fart around</b>	Waste time doing pointless things.	We were really bored in the lecture so we started <b>FARTING AROUND</b> .
<b>Fasten down</b>	Tie something so that it doesn't move.	We <b>FASTENED</b> it <b>DOWN</b> to keep the wind from blowing it away.
<b>Fasten on</b>	Give attention to something that confirms your beliefs.	They have <b>FASTENED ON</b> the speech as a source of inspiration.
<b>Fasten onto</b>	Follow someone closely, normally when they don't want your company.	He <b>FASTENED ONTO</b> the minister on his visit and asked him repeatedly about the scandal.
<b>Fasten onto</b>	Give attention to something that confirms your beliefs.	They <b>FASTEN ONTO</b> any figures that they think can support their case.
<b>Fasten up</b>	Close, attach.	<b>FASTEN UP</b> your seatbelts.
<b>Fathom out</b>	Understand something.	I couldn't <b>FATHOM OUT</b> what she wanted from me.
<b>Fatten up</b>	Give an animal a lot to eat to make it fat.	They <b>FATTEN</b> the cows <b>UP</b> before slaughtering them.
<b>Fawn on</b>	Praise someone in an excessive way to get their favour or something from them.	He's always <b>FAWNING ON</b> his boss to try to get promoted.
<b>Fawn over</b>	Praise someone in an excessive way to get their favour or something from them.	She <b>FAWNED OVER</b> the inspectors in the hope that they would give her a good grade.
<b>Feed off</b>	Eat a food as part of an animals diet.	The gecko <b>FEEDS OFF</b> mosquitoes and other insects.
<b>Feed off</b>	Use something to your advantage.	He <b>FEEDS OFF</b> people's fear of crime to get them to support his proposals.
<b>Feed on</b>	Grow stronger.	The opposition party's <b>FEEDING ON</b> the government's weaknesses.
<b>Feed on</b>	Consume in an animal's diet.	The bats <b>FEED ON</b> insects.
<b>Feed on</b>	Give someone a particular food.	He <b>FEEDS</b> his cat <b>ON</b> dry food.
<b>Feed up</b>	Give someone a lot of food to restore their health, make them bigger, etc.	She's been ill for a fortnight so we're <b>FEEDING</b> her <b>UP</b> .
<b>Feel up</b>	Touch sexually, grope.	Someone <b>FELT</b> me <b>UP</b> in the club as I was trying to get to the bar.
<b>Feel up to</b>	Feel capable of doing something.	I'm so tired. I don't think I <b>FEEL UP TO</b> going out tonight.
<b>Fence in</b>	Enclose an area.	They <b>FENCED</b> the whole garden <b>IN</b> .
<b>Fence off</b>	Enclose an area to keep animals or people out.	They <b>FENCED OFF</b> one side of the park to keep dogs out.
<b>Fend for</b>	Take care of yourself or someone with help from other people.	The children had to <b>FEND FOR</b> themselves after their parents died.

<b>Fend off</b>	Resist something successfully.	He managed to FEND OFF the criticism in the press.
<b>Fend off</b>	Push an attacker away.	She FENDED OFF the dog when it attacked her.
<b>Ferret out</b>	Search and discover something.	The investigation finally managed to FERRET OUT the truth.
<b>Fess up</b>	Confess, admit something reluctantly.	The company FESSED UP after they were exposed in the newspapers.
<b>Fess up</b>	Give.	FESS UP your share of the bill.
<b>Fess up to</b>	Confess, admit reluctantly to something.	They FESSED UP TO the crime.
<b>Fiddle about</b>	Waste time doing silly things, or doing things unsuccessfully.	We spent the whole afternoon FIDDLING ABOUT with the computer but couldn't get it to work.
<b>Fiddle around</b>	Waste time doing silly things, or unsuccessful things.	I FIDDLED AROUND with the phone but couldn't get any signal.
<b>Fiddle around</b>	Make small movements with your hands.	He FIDDLED AROUND for something in his pockets.
<b>Fiddle away</b>	Waste time.	He FIDDLED AWAY the afternoon.
<b>Fight back</b>	Defend yourself, resist an attack.	The army attacked the town and the inhabitants FOUGHT BACK fiercely.
<b>Fight back</b>	Try to control and emotion and keep it hidden.	He tried to FIGHT BACK the tears when he heard the news of her death.
<b>Fight it out</b>	Struggle to see who wins, both by arguing or fighting.	Their FIGHTING IT OUT to see who will become the next CEO.
<b>Fight off</b>	Fight an attacker and force them back.	The old lady managed to FIGHT the muggers OFF and they didn't get her purse.
<b>Fight off</b>	Resist an illness or emotion.	I'm FIGHTING OFF a cold.
<b>Figure on</b>	Plan, expect.	What job do you FIGURE ON doing when you graduate?
<b>Figure out</b>	Find the answer to a problem.	The police couldn't FIGURE OUT how the burglars had got into the warehouse.
<b>File away</b>	Put a document in the correct place for storage in a filing system.	I FILED a copy of the letter AWAY for my records.
<b>File for</b>	Apply for something legally, like divorce or bankruptcy.	They FILED FOR divorce after two years of marriage.
<b>Fill in</b>	Complete a form.	I FILLED IN the application form and posted it off.
<b>Fill in</b>	Substitute someone at work.	She's just had a baby, so we have hired someone to FILL IN for her.
<b>Fill in for</b>	Substitute.	I was away for a few days, so they had to get someone to FILL IN FOR me.
<b>Fill in on</b>	Give someone information.	I'm sorry I missed the meeting; could you FILL me IN ON what happened.
<b>Fill out</b>	Complete a form.	I FILLED OUT the application form and mailed it.



<b>Fill up</b>	Fill something completely.	I stopped at the garage and <b>FILLED UP</b> with petrol.
<b>Filter in</b>	Move into a lane of traffic without making other cars stop.	The slip lane allows traffic to <b>FILTER IN</b> at the junction.
<b>Filter out</b>	Remove something unwanted.	It <b>FILTERS OUT</b> all the impurities and chemicals in tap water so that it tastes better.
<b>Find out</b>	Discover.	I went to the library to <b>FIND OUT</b> all I could about the life and work of Joe Meek.
<b>Finish off</b>	Finish completely.	They <b>FINISHED OFF</b> all the chocolates and had to go to the all-night garage to buy some more.
<b>Finish off</b>	Kill a person or animal, often when they have already been hurt.	The animal was badly hurt, so they <b>FINISHED</b> it <b>OFF</b> to end its suffering.
<b>Finish off</b>	Beat, make victory certain in sport.	The second goal <b>FINISHED</b> them <b>OFF</b> .
<b>Finish off</b>	Consume all.	We <b>FINISHED OFF</b> the coffee and had to get some more.
<b>Finish up</b>	Finally get somewhere, usually without planning to go there.	We went out for diner and <b>FINISHED UP</b> in a club.
<b>Finish up with</b>	Have or do something at the end or as the last of something.	We attended some workshops and <b>FINISHED UP WITH</b> the keynote speaker.
<b>Finish with</b>	End a relationship.	She <b>FINISHED WITH</b> him a few months ago.
<b>Finish with</b>	Stop dealing with someone.	He wanted to leave but I was furious and hadn't <b>FINISHED WITH</b> him.
<b>Finish with</b>	Finish using or requiring.	Can I read the paper when you've <b>FINISHED WITH</b> it.
<b>Fink on</b>	Give away secrets about someone.	He <b>FINKED ON</b> her to the authorities.
<b>Fink out</b>	Fail to keep a promise, arrangement, etc.	He said he'd come with us then <b>FINKED OUT</b> at the last minute.
<b>Fire away</b>	Ask questions.	What do you want to know? <b>FIRE AWAY</b> and I'll tell you.
<b>Fire off</b>	Send quickly, angrily or many (letter, emails, etc).	He <b>FIRED OFF</b> an email complaining about the report.
<b>Fire off</b>	Shoot, fire a gun (usually repeatedly).	The police <b>FIRED OFF</b> several rounds and killed the man.
<b>Fire up</b>	Start a computer.	She <b>FIRED UP</b> the computer and printed out a hard copy of the files.
<b>Fire up</b>	Excite, become excited.	Everyone was <b>FIRED UP</b> and desperate to get it finished in time.
<b>Firm up</b>	Make things clearer in a negotiation or discussion.	We need to <b>FIRM UP</b> some aspects of the contract before we sign it.
<b>Firm up</b>	Exercise to make muscles harder and remove fat.	I go swimming every day to <b>FIRM UP</b> my body.
<b>Fish for</b>	Try to get some information or to get	He's always <b>FISHING FOR</b> compliments.

someone to say something.

**Fish out**

Remove something from a bag, pocket, etc.

She reached into her handbag and FISHED some coins OUT.

**Fish out**

Remove from water, such as the sea, rivers, etc.

It's fallen in the pool- I'll have to FISH it OUT.

**Fit in**

Get on in a group of people.

I didn't FIT IN with the other people working there so I left and found another job.

**Fit in**

Have enough time or space for something.

I didn't have time to FIT IN another appointment.

**Fit in with**

Be convenient or occur conveniently.

They're not arriving until Thursday, which FITS IN WITH my schedule for the week.

**Fit in with**

Occur or happen in a way that shows that plans or ideas have not changed.

His rudeness yesterday FITS IN WITH what I have always thought of his behaviour.

**Fit into**

Become part of.

Their ideas didn't FIT INTO our plans.

**Fit out**

Provide with necessary equipment.

They FITTED OUT the boat for the race.

**Fit out with**

Provide someone with necessary equipment.

They didn't FIT the troops OUT WITH the necessary protective gear.

**Fit up**

Frame someone- make them look guilty of something they haven't done.

The police FITTED him UP for dealing drugs.

**Fit up**

Provide equipment.

They FITTED us UP with the latest IT.

**Fix up**

Make an arrangement.

He FIXED UP an appointment for me to see a specialist.

**Fizzle out**

End in an unsuccessful way.

The campaign started well, but FIZZLED OUT when they ran out of money.

**Flag down**

Signal at a vehicle to get it to stop.

The police officer FLAGGED the car DOWN because it didn't have its headlights on.

**Flag up**

Raise an issue, or highlight its importance.

We should FLAG UP working conditions at the meeting.

**Flake out**

Fall asleep from exhaustion.

I worked till midnight then FLAKED OUT.

**Flame out**

Fail.

The company FLAMED OUT in the recession.

**Flame up**

Burn brightly.

The wood FLAMED UP in the fire.

**Flare out**

Get angry suddenly.

He FLARED OUT when he saw the dreadful report.

**Flare up**

When trouble suddenly appears.

The argument FLARED UP when he was rude to them.

**Flesh out**

Add more details or information.

The recent government report FLESHED OUT the draft proposals.

**Flick over**

Change TV channels quickly.

She FLICKED OVER to see if the news had started.

**Flick**

Change TV channels repeatedly.

I FLICKED THROUGH the channels to

<b>through</b>		see if there was anything worth watching.
<b>Flick through</b>	Look through something quickly.	I FLICKED THROUGH the magazine and decided to buy it.
<b>Flip off</b>	Extend your middle finger as a gesture of contempt.	When the police were walking away, he FLIPPED them OFF.
<b>Flip out</b>	Become very excited and lose control.	He FLIPPED OUT when he won the final.
<b>Flip through</b>	Look quickly through a magazine, book, etc.	I FLIPPED THROUGH the latest issue of the magazine in the shop and decided to buy it.
<b>Flog off</b>	Sell something cheaply to get rid of it.	The council FLOGGED OFF the land cheaply to a developer who had close links to a few of the councillors.
<b>Floor it</b>	Drive a vehicle as fast as possible.	She FLOORED IT when the police arrived.
<b>Flounce off</b>	Leave a place or walk away from someone angrily.	He FLOUNCED OFF when they laughed at him.
<b>Flounce out</b>	Leave a place angrily.	He FLOUNCED OUT when the press started criticising him.
<b>Fluff out</b>	Shake or pat a cushion so that it fills with air.	She FLUFFED OUT the sofa cushions.
<b>Fluff up</b>	Shake or pat a cushion so that it fills with air.	He FLUFFED UP the pillow before going to bed.
<b>Fly about</b>	Circulate (rumours, etc).	The rumour has been FLYING ABOUT for the past week, but no one has confirmed it.
<b>Fly around</b>	Circulate (rumours, etc).	There are a lot of stories FLYING AROUND about her past.
<b>Fly at</b>	Attack.	The dog FLEW AT the cat when it came into the garden.
<b>Fly at</b>	Criticise or shout angrily.	He FLEW AT them for not trying hard enough.
<b>Fly by</b>	When time appears to move quickly.	As I get older, the years just FLY BY.
<b>Fly into</b>	Change emotion quickly.	He FLEW INTO a rage.
<b>Fob off</b>	Make or persuade someone to accept something.	I FOBBED it OFF Paul.
<b>Fob off</b>	Lie or deceive someone.	He FOBBED us OFF with a really stupid excuse.
<b>Fob off on</b>	Make or persuade someone to accept something you don't want.	I FOBBED the work ON the others.
<b>Fob off onto</b>	Make or persuade someone to accept something you don't want.	I FOBBED the fake note ONTO a shopkeeper.
<b>Fob off with</b>	Make or persuade someone to accept something of lower quality than they wanted.	He FOBBED her OFF WITH some fake gold.
<b>Focus on</b>	Concentrate.	The report FOCUSES ON the company's weak points.

<b>Fold up</b>	Make a sheet of paper smaller.	Darren FOLDED UP the letter and put it in an envelope.
<b>Follow on</b>	Leave to meet someone after they have left the place you're at.	He left an hour ago and I'll be FOLLOWING ON soon.
<b>Follow on</b>	In cricket, if the second team to bat doesn't score enough runs, it has to bat again.	They were over 200 runs behind and had to FOLLOW ON.
<b>Follow on from</b>	Be the part of something.	The film FOLLOWS ON from the original.
<b>Follow through</b>	Do what is necessary to complete something or make it successful.	The project went wrong when the staff failed to FOLLOW THROUGH.
<b>Follow through</b>	Continue moving limbs after hitting a ball.	You need to FOLLOW THROUGH smoothly when playing golf.
<b>Follow up</b>	Do something to check or improve an earlier action.	He FOLLOWED UP the meeting with a report.
<b>Follow up</b>	Find out about a problem and act.	The police didn't FOLLOW UP the allegations.
<b>Fool about</b>	Not be serious.	They were FOOLING ABOUT and wouldn't settle down.
<b>Fool about</b>	Be unfaithful.	Their marriage broke down because he kept FOOLING ABOUT.
<b>Fool around</b>	Not be serious.	The teacher was angry because the class were FOOLING AROUND.
<b>Fool around</b>	Be unfaithful.	She suspects her husband is FOOLING AROUND with one of her friends.
<b>Fool with</b>	Play with something dangerous.	Don't FOOL WITH that- it could explode.
<b>Forge ahead</b>	Make a lot of progress in a short time.	We've been FORGING AHEAD with the work and should be finished well before the deadline.
<b>Forge ahead</b>	Move forwards very quickly.	She FORGED AHEAD of the other runners and won.
<b>Freak out</b>	Become very disturbed or angry.	She FREAKED OUT completely when she didn't get the grades to get into university.
<b>Free up</b>	Make money or time available by not using it elsewhere.	If we get the work done tonight, it will FREE UP the weekend to go away.
<b>Free up</b>	Do work or a task for someone to make them available for something.	If you proofread this text, it will FREE me UP to get on with the next part.
<b>Freeze out</b>	Shut out or exclude by unfriendly treatment.	They tried to FREEZE me OUT of the conversation.
<b>Freeze out</b>	Force to retire or withdraw from membership, a job, etc.	After Jim was FROZEN OUT of the case, they hired a new lawyer.
<b>Freeze over</b>	Become covered with ice (lake, river, pond, etc).	The winter was very severe and the lake FROZE OVER.
<b>Freeze up</b>	Be blocked with ice.	The pipes all FROZE UP so no water came through.
<b>Freeze up</b>	Stop working because the parts of a machine won't move.	The gears had FROZEN UP.

<b>Freeze up</b>	When a computer stops working.	The computer <b>FROZE UP</b> ; it showed me the blue screen of death and I couldn't reboot.
<b>Freeze up</b>	Be paralysed with fear.	<b>WE FROZE UP</b> when we heard the window break.
<b>Freshen up</b>	Wash quickly and improve appearance.	I'm going to the bathroom to <b>FRESHEN UP</b> before they arrive.
<b>Freshen up</b>	Add more alcohol to a glass before it is empty.	Here, let me <b>FRESHEN UP</b> your drink.
<b>Freshen up</b>	Quickly improve the appearance of something.	The magazine gives you tips on how to <b>FRESHEN UP</b> your home cheaply.
<b>Frighten away</b>	Scare someone so much that they go away.	The noise <b>FRIGHTENED</b> the birds <b>AWAY</b> .
<b>Frighten away</b>	Scare or worry someone enough to stop them doing something they had planned.	The strikes <b>FRIGHTENED</b> many visitors <b>AWAY</b> .
<b>Frighten off</b>	Scare someone so much that they go away.	The dog <b>FRIGHTENED</b> the burglars <b>OFF</b> .
<b>Frighten off</b>	Scare or worry someone enough to stop them doing something they had planned.	The crash in share prices <b>FRIGHTENED</b> investors <b>OFF</b> .
<b>Front for</b>	Represent someone, especially when covering illegal or wrongful activities.	The solicitor <b>FRONTS FOR</b> a number of criminal gangs.
<b>Front off</b>	Confront someone and let them know you are prepared to fight.	The two guys <b>FRONTED</b> each other <b>OFF</b> , but someone managed to calm them down before it got out of hand.
<b>Front onto</b>	Face (of a building).	My house <b>FRONTS ONTO</b> the main square.
<b>Front out</b>	Face up to someone, withstand criticism.	He accused her of lying, but she <b>FRONTED</b> him <b>OUT</b> .
<b>Front up</b>	Appear somewhere for a short time.	I hate these occasions, but I'll <b>FRONT UP</b> for the first half.
<b>Front up</b>	Advance cash for something.	She <b>FRONTED UP</b> the money we needed.
<b>Frown on</b>	Disapprove.	He <b>FROWNS ON</b> people making personal calls at work.
<b>Fuel up</b>	Put petrol or other fuel into a vehicle.	We stopped to <b>FUEL UP</b> before the car ran out.
<b>Gad about</b>	Visit a lot of different places for pleasure.	I spent the afternoon <b>GADDING ABOUT</b> in the West End.
<b>Gad around</b>	Visit different places for pleasure.	I spent the afternoon <b>GADDING AROUND</b> looking for some books.
<b>Gag for</b>	Want something a lot.	I'm <b>GAGGING FOR</b> a drink.
<b>Gang up</b>	Form a group against something or someone.	They <b>GANGED UP</b> to try to stop the new system.
<b>Gang up against</b>	Harass, bully (in a group).	They <b>GANGED UP AGAINST</b> me because I wouldn't accept their ideas.
<b>Gang up on</b>	Harass, bully.	They <b>GANGED UP ON</b> him because of the way he spoke.



<b>Gear to</b>	Organise or arrange something for a particular purpose, audience, etc. (Often passive).	It's not GEARED TO non-specialists.
<b>Gear towards</b>	Organise or arrange something for a particular purpose, audience, etc.	The project is GEARED TOWARDS older people.
<b>Gear up</b>	Get ready for a busy period.	The shops are GEARING UP for the New Year sales.
<b>Geek out</b>	Talk at length about computing.	Henry always GEEKS OUT at parties and bores all the people who don't know much about computers.
<b>Get about</b>	Visit many places.	I GET ABOUT a lot with my job- last years I visited eleven countries.
<b>Get about</b>	Become known.	It didn't take long for the news to GET ABOUT- everyone's talking about it.
<b>Get about</b>	Walk or visit places.	She can't GET ABOUT much, but she is in her eighties.
<b>Get about</b>	Have personal or sexual relationships with many people.	She GETS ABOUT a bit; she's always with some new guy.
<b>Get above</b>	Behave as if you are better or more important than others.	She's been GETTING ABOVE HERSELF since she got promoted. (This is normally used in progressive forms and followed by a reflexive pronoun, though 'get above your station' is also used.)
<b>Get across</b>	Communicate successfully.	I just couldn't GET my message ACROSS at the meeting.
<b>Get across</b>	Go from one side to the other.	It's impossible to GET ACROSS the road with all this traffic.
<b>Get across</b>	Move something from one side to the other.	How are we going to GET these bags ACROSS the river?
<b>Get across to</b>	Be convincing or make a good impression.	How can I GET ACROSS TO my audience?
<b>Get after</b>	Nag or exhort someone.	You should GET AFTER them to finish the work.
<b>Get after</b>	Chase.	GET AFTER her and give her the message before she leaves the building.
<b>Get ahead</b>	Progress.	Nowadays, you need IT skills if you want to GET AHEAD.
<b>Get ahead of</b>	Move in front of.	I work at home in the evening to GET AHEAD OF schedule.
<b>Get along</b>	Have a good relationship.	Why don't you two GET ALONG? You're always arguing.
<b>Get along</b>	Leave.	It's late; we must be GETTING ALONG.
<b>Get along</b>	Progress.	How's the homework GETTING ALONG?
<b>Get along in</b>	Progress.	How are you GETTING ALONG IN the company.
<b>Get along</b>	Have a good relationship with someone.	I don't GET ALONG WITH my sister- we

**with**

**Get along with** Deal with, handle.

**Get around** Become known.

**Get around** Visit many different places.

**Get around** Walk or go to places.

**Get around** Avoid a problem.

**Get around** Persuade, convince.

**Get around** Have personal or sexual relationships with many people.

**Get around to** Finally manage to do something, make the effort to do something.

**Get at** Criticise.

**Get at** Mean.

**Get at** Be able to reach, find, access.

**Get at** Use threats, payments, bribes, etc, to affect someone's testimony or decision.

**Get away** Escape.

**Get away** Go on holiday or for a short break.

**Get away** Move, leave somewhere.

**Get away from** Go somewhere different or do something different.

**Get away from** Start to talk about something that is not relevant to the discussion.

**Get away with** Not get caught, criticised or punished for doing something wrong.

**Get away with** Achieve something, despite not doing it correctly or properly.

**Get away!** An expression of disbelief.

**Get back** Return.

have nothing in common.

How are you **GETTING ALONG WITH** the training course?

It didn't take long for the news to **GET AROUND** once it got into the newspapers.

He **GETS AROUND** a lot- he's always flying somewhere different.

He's finding it hard to **GET AROUND** since the operation and spends most of his time at home.

It'll be tricky, but we will find a way to **GET AROUND** the regulations.

She didn't want to accept my application because it was late, but I managed to **GET AROUND** her.

He **GETS AROUND** a bit; he's always with some new girlfriend.

It always takes me ages to **GET AROUND** to replying to letters.

His boss is always **GETTING AT** him for arriving late.

What do you think she's **GETTING AT**? I've no idea what she wants.

It's on the top shelf and I can't **GET AT** it.

The gangsters **GOT AT** the jury, who found them not guilty of all charges despite the evidence presented in court.

The robbers **GOT AWAY** in a stolen car, which the police later found abandoned.

We love to **GET AWAY** from everything and relax in the country.

He didn't come because he was stuck at work and couldn't **GET AWAY**.

Work's getting on top of me; I need to **GET AWAY FROM** it.

I think we're **GETTING AWAY FROM** the point here- we need to concentrate on the main ideas.

Thieves **GOT AWAY WITH** two Picassos, which were never found.

Do you think we could **GET AWAY WITH** using the cheaper product?

"I passed." "GET AWAY! You couldn't have passed."

The train was held up so we didn't **GET BACK** home until midnight.

<b>Get back</b>	Return something.	Don't lend him any money; you'll never GET it BACK.
<b>Get back</b>	Revenge.	He was rude and embarrassed me, but I'll GET him BACK.
<b>Get back</b>	Move away.	The police told the crowd to GET BACK to allow the ambulance through.
<b>Get back at</b>	Take revenge.	I'll GET BACK AT her for landing me in trouble.
<b>Get back into</b>	Start doing something after stopping for some time.	I am GETTING BACK INTO my Khmer lessons after the summer break.
<b>Get back into</b>	Find a new enthusiasm for something.	I lost interest for a while, but I'm GETTING BACK INTO it.
<b>Get back to</b>	Respond to a contact.	I'll GET BACK TO you as soon as I hear any news.
<b>Get back to</b>	Respond when you know the answer.	I don't know at the moment, but I will GET BACK TO you as soon as I have the information.
<b>Get back to</b>	Start doing something again after an interruption.	It took me ages to GET BACK TO sleep after the phone rang.
<b>Get back together</b>	Restart a relationship.	We split up a few months ago but GOT BACK TOGETHER last week.
<b>Get behind</b>	Support.	All the students GOT BEHIND the teacher.
<b>Get behind with</b>	Be late paying instalments for something..	If you GET BEHIND WITH mortgage payments, you might lose your home.
<b>Get by</b>	Have just enough money to live on.	They're finding it increasingly difficult to GET BY since their daughter was born.
<b>Get by</b>	Not be noticed (problems, errors, etc).	I had checked it, but there still were a few mistakes that didn't GET BY the editor.
<b>Get by on</b>	Manage on a certain amount of money.	It's hard to GET BY ON my salary.
<b>Get by with</b>	Have enough of something to do the job.	We should be able to GET BY WITH three PCs, but four would be better.
<b>Get down</b>	Make someone depressed, unhappy, exhausted, etc..	The miserable weather in winter really GETS me DOWN.
<b>Get down</b>	Write, record.	I couldn't GET DOWN everything he said.
<b>Get down</b>	Manage to swallow.	The medicine tasted horrible and it was difficult to GET it DOWN.
<b>Get down</b>	Descend, leave a vehicle.	The trained pulled in and we GOT DOWN.
<b>Get down</b>	Leave the table after eating.	When they had finished dinner, the children asked if they could GET DOWN.
<b>Get down</b>	Reduce.	The doctor says I my GET my cholesterol levels DOWN.
<b>Get down</b>	Have an affair or sexual relations.	They GOT DOWN at the party last week.
<b>Get down</b>	Criticise.	My mother used to GET DOWN ON us

**on**

**Get down to** Start working seriously.

**Get down to** Enjoy something a lot.

**Get in** Arrange for someone to do a job in your home, workplace, etc.

**Get in** Arrive (train, plane, etc.).

**Get in** Arrive home.

**Get in** Enter a car or taxi.

**Get in** Buy or obtain supplies, like food.

**Get in** Arrive at work, school, home.

**Get in** Enter a building or place.

**Get in** Be elected.

**Get in** Manage to say or do.

**Get in** Be admitted to a university, club, etc.

**Get in** Bring inside a place.

**Get in** Submit, apply.

**Get in** Pay for drinks.

**Get in on** Become involved.

**Get in with** Become friendly with, ingratiate with.

**Get into** Become involved or interested.

**Get into** Become involved in something bad or criminal.

**Get into** Be accepted or admitted.

**Get into** Become or be accepted as a member.

**Get into** Start a habit or way of acting or behaving.

**Get into** Be small enough to wear something.

**Get into** Criticise.

for not doing enough homework.

I find it extremely difficult to GET DOWN TO doing any revision for examinations.

People were GETTING DOWN TO the concert.

The air conditioning has broken down; we'll have to GET a technician IN to fix it.

Her plane GETS IN at 2am our time.

She didn't GET IN till well after twelve o'clock because she'd been out for a few drinks with her mates.

The taxi pulled up and we GOT IN.

We need to GET some coffee IN; we're completely out.

I GOT IN late today because the train broke down.

I borrowed her pass to GET IN.

The government GOT IN with a very small majority.

I couldn't GET a word IN throughout the meeting.

He did badly in the entrance exam and didn't GET IN.

It's raining; I'd better GET the washing IN.

We have to GET the forms IN by the end of this week.

He GOT the drinks IN.

The company tried to GET IN ON our market.

I tried to GET IN WITH them as I thought it would help me at work.

She's been GETTING INTO dance music recently.

He GOT INTO drugs when he was at university.

She did well and GOT INTO Cambridge University.

He GOT INTO the first team for football.

It took me ages to GET INTO driving on the left.

I couldn't GET INTO the boots; they were too tight.

He GOT INTO me for doing it badly.

<b>Get it</b>	Be punished or scolded.	If you don't stop that right now, you'll really GET IT!
<b>Get it off</b>	Have sex.	They GOT IT OFF at the party.
<b>Get it off with</b>	Have sex with.	She GOT IT OFF WITH her friend's husband.
<b>Get it on</b>	Become interested or excited.	The talk was dull and nobody GOT IT ON.
<b>Get it on</b>	Have sex.	Did you two GET IT ON?
<b>Get it on with</b>	Have sex with.	Did you GET IT ON WITH him?
<b>Get it together</b>	Control things in your life to achieve your aims.	If I don't GET IT TOGETHER, I will never reach my targets.
<b>Get it together</b>	Begin a relationship.	They only GET IT TOGETHER at the very end of the film.
<b>Get it up</b>	Become aroused (of a man).	He couldn't GET IT UP and felt very embarrassed.
<b>Get off</b>	Escape punishment.	He GOT OFF on a technicality and left the court a free man.
<b>Get off</b>	Leave a bus, train, etc..	We GOT OFF the bus and walked to my house.
<b>Get off</b>	Finish, leave work.	I like to GET OFF early on Fridays.
<b>Get off</b>	Start a journey.	We need to GET OFF early to avoid the rush hour traffic.
<b>Get off</b>	Help a baby or child sleep.	I can't GET the kids OFF because of the noise from next door.
<b>Get off</b>	Orgasm, have sex.	We GOT OFF last night.
<b>Get off</b>	Manage to fire a gun.	She GOT OFF a few shots before she was arrested.
<b>Get off</b>	Stop talking on the phone.	Let me know when he GETS OFF the phone as I need to make a call.
<b>Get off</b>	Write or send letters, messages, etc.	I GOT three emails OFF before the meeting.
<b>Get off</b>	Say or write something funny.	She GOT OFF some jokes at the start of her presentation.
<b>Get off it</b>	A way of expressing disbelief, or telling someone that they're wrong or have an incorrect opinion.	I knew he was lying so I told him to GET OFF IT.
<b>Get off on</b>	Enjoy a drug.	He GETS OFF ON crystal meth every night.
<b>Get off on</b>	Become excited by.	She GETS OFF ON her power over us.
<b>Get off with</b>	Have casual sex with.	He GOT OFF WITH her at the party.
<b>Get off!</b>	Don't touch, leave alone.	If he bothers you, just tell him where to GET OFF.
<b>Get on</b>	Continue doing something.	The teacher asked the pupils to GET ON with some work quietly as she had to leave the classroom.



<b>Get on</b>	Enter a bus, train, plane, etc..	We GOT ON the train at Plymouth and went up to London.
<b>Get on</b>	Make progress, deal with something with a reasonable degree of success.	How are you GETTING ON with your Spanish lessons?
<b>Get on</b>	Have a good relationship.	We have always GOT ON well.
<b>Get on</b>	Become old, age.	He's GETTING ON now and doesn't work so hard.
<b>Get on</b>	Be late or near an arranged time.	I must get home now; it's GETTING ON.
<b>Get on</b>	Wear, fit.	I have put so much weight on that I couldn't GET my old suits ON.
<b>Get on</b>	Leave.	I must be GETTING ON; I have other things to do this evening.
<b>Get on at</b>	Criticise unfairly.	He's always GETTING ON AT me when I haven't done anything wrong.
<b>Get on for</b>	Be near a time.	It's GETTING ON FOR midnight.
<b>Get on to</b>	Start to suspect.	It took the authorities a long time to GET ON TO the gang.
<b>Get on with</b>	Have a good relationship.	Fortunately, I GET ON WITH my boss.
<b>Get on with</b>	Continue or start doing something.	She told us to GET ON WITH our work.
<b>Get onto</b>	Start discussing a topic.	We didn't GET ONTO the third item on the agenda.
<b>Get onto</b>	Be elected, appointed.	He didn't GET ONTO the committee.
<b>Get onto</b>	Appear on the radio or TV.	He GOT ONTO every major channel after the accident.
<b>Get onto</b>	Contact someone because you need or want them to do something.	We'd better GET ONTO someone to fix this.
<b>Get onto</b>	Enter a plane, train, etc.	She GOT ONTO the plane just before it took off.
<b>Get out</b>	Leave the house to visit place and socialise.	She doesn't GET OUT much now she has her baby.
<b>Get out</b>	Become known when people want it to remain secret.	The truth GOT OUT despite the injunction on reporting the case.
<b>Get out</b>	Leave a place, escape.	The dog GOT OUT because I left the door open.
<b>Get out</b>	Remove something from where it is stored to use it.	I GOT the car OUT so that we could load up the suitcases.
<b>Get out</b>	Remove dirt or something unwanted.	I spilled some red wine on my carpet and can't GET the stains OUT.
<b>Get out</b>	Publish, make available for the public to see or buy.	We have to GET the report OUT by the end of the month.
<b>Get out</b>	Say what you want when it is difficult.	He was so upset he couldn't GET the words OUT.
<b>Get out of</b>	Avoid doing something you dislike.	I said I wasn't feeling well and GOT OUT OF the extra work.
<b>Get out of</b>	Leave a car, van, etc..	We GOT OUT OF the taxi and paid the driver.

<b>Get out of</b>	Stop a regular activity or habit.
<b>Get out of</b>	Make someone confess or tell the truth.
<b>Get out of</b>	Make someone give something to you.
<b>Get out of</b>	Derive pleasure or benefit from something.
<b>Get out of</b>	Help someone avoid doing something.
<b>Get out!</b>	Expression of disbelief.
<b>Get over</b>	Recover from something, feel better.
<b>Get over</b>	Solve, find a solution.
<b>Get over</b>	Communicate, make people understand.
<b>Get over</b>	Be shocked or surprised that something is real or true.
<b>Get over</b>	Get to the other side.
<b>Get over</b>	Come somewhere.
<b>Get over with</b>	Do something unpleasant that has to be done rather than delaying it any more.
<b>Get round</b>	Become known.
<b>Get round</b>	Find a solution.
<b>Get round (around) to</b>	Finally manage to do something.
<b>Get round (or around)</b>	Persuade someone.
<b>Get through</b>	Contact.
<b>Get through</b>	Consume.
<b>Get through</b>	Finish.
<b>Get through</b>	Succeed in an exam or test.
<b>Get through</b>	Help someone or something succeed or pass a test or exam.

If you GET OUT OF a routine, it can be hard to start again.

The police couldn't GET any information OUT OF him.

Did you GET a refund OUT OF the travel agency?

She's GETTING a lot OUT OF her university course.

I GOT him OUT OF having to work at the weekend.

'I got 100% on the test.' 'Get out!'

It took me ages to GET OVER the bout of flu.

It took us a long time to GET OVER the problems with the computer system.

He makes jokes to help GET his message OVER.

I couldn't GET OVER how much weight he had put on.

We couldn't GET OVER the river because of the floods.

He said he needed help and ask me to GET OVER as soon as I could.

I GOT the test OVER WITH rather than have to worry about it any longer.

I don't want this to GET ROUND, so please keep it to yourself.

We're nearly ready, but there are few little problems we have to GET ROUND before we finish.

It always takes me ages to GET ROUND to writing letters. (In American English 'around' is used)

She didn't want to let me do it, but I succeeded in GETTING ROUND her. (In American English 'around' is used)

I tried calling her mobile phone, but I couldn't GET THROUGH.

He GETS THROUGH two bottles of wine a day.

I'm going to take some work home because I haven't managed to GET THROUGH it all today.

My car didn't GET THROUGH its inspection.

My teacher GOT me THROUGH the exam.

<b>Get through</b>	Endure or deal with a difficult experience.	We will have to be careful with our money to GET THROUGH the month.
<b>Get through</b>	Be accepted or passed (laws, proposals, etc).	If the proposal GETS THROUGH, it'll make things much better for us.
<b>Get through</b>	Manage to pass.	The water GOT THROUGH the roof and damaged the carpets.
<b>Get through</b>	Arrive.	The message didn't GET THROUGH.
<b>Get through to</b>	Make someone understand.	I explained it carefully, but I just couldn't GET THROUGH TO him.
<b>Get through to</b>	Contact, especially by phone.	I rang but couldn't GET THROUGH TO her.
<b>Get through to</b>	Reach a stage in a competition.	If they win, they'll GET THROUGH TO the quarter finals.
<b>Get to</b>	Annoy, irritate.	Don't let her GET TO you; she's just in a bad mood.
<b>Get to</b>	Arrive.	When I GET TO it, I'll look at the matter carefully.
<b>Get to</b>	Start discussing a topic.	We asked him to GET TO the point, but he just waffled away.
<b>Get to</b>	Have the opportunity to do something.	Last June I GOT TO visit Stonehenge.
<b>Get together</b>	Meet socially.	We GOT TOGETHER in the pub for a drink.
<b>Get up</b>	Get out of bed.	I GET UP at seven o'clock on weekdays, but lie in till noon at the weekend.
<b>Get up</b>	Organise.	They GOT UP a list of two hundred people who were opposed to the local council's plans.
<b>Get up to</b>	Do something wrong or naughty.	The children are always GETTING UP TO some trouble or other.
<b>Ghost away</b>	Remove someone secretly or discreetly.	They GHOSTED him AWAY to a secret location before he could be arrested.
<b>Gin up</b>	Boost, increase or exaggerate.	The candidates tried to GIN UP support at the straw poll by transporting their supporters for free.
<b>Ginger up</b>	Make more lively.	They tried to GINGER UP the party to stop people leaving.
<b>Give away</b>	Entrust your daughter to her husband through the marriage ceremony.	He GAVE his daughter AWAY and told the groom to look after her.
<b>Give away</b>	Tell a secret, often unintentionally.	She didn't GIVE anything AWAY about the party so it came as a complete surprise to me.
<b>Give away</b>	Distribute something for free.	In this issue of the magazine, they are giving away a free DVD.
<b>Give away</b>	Give without asking for or expecting payment.	He decided to GIVE his new album AWAY in a magazine.
<b>Give away</b>	Give an advantage to your opponent in a sport by making a mistake, playing badly,	They GAVE AWAY two goals in the first half.

etc.

<b>Give away</b>	Give an unwanted baby to people to bring up.	She had to GIVE her baby AWAY as she couldn't afford to bring it up.
<b>Give away</b>	Betray, report to authorities.	The gang GAVE him AWAY to the police.
<b>Give away</b>	Give a weight advantage to an opponent in boxing.	He is GIVING AWAY thirty pounds to the challenger.
<b>Give back</b>	Return something you've borrowed.	I GAVE the money BACK that she'd lent to me.
<b>Give back</b>	Return something that someone has lost.	Nothing could GIVE me BACK the way I felt before the scandal.
<b>Give in</b>	Stop doing something because it's too hard or requires too much energy.	I couldn't finish the crossword puzzle and had to GIVE IN and look at the answers.
<b>Give in</b>	Submit homework, etc..	The projects have to be GIVEN IN three weeks before we break up for the end of term.
<b>Give in</b>	Surrender, accept defeat.	They GAVE IN when the police surrounded the building.
<b>Give in</b>	Offer or submit for judgement, approval.	They GAVE IN their complaint to the court.
<b>Give in to</b>	Agree to something you don't like.	The government says it will not GIVE IN TO terrorists.
<b>Give in to</b>	Allow a feeling or desire to control you.	Eventually, I GAVE IN TO my anger and screamed at them.
<b>Give it to</b>	Criticise harshly or punish someone for something.	They really GAVE IT TO me for forgetting to turn up.
<b>Give it up for</b>	Applaud.	Please GIVE IT UP FOR our next guest.
<b>Give it up to</b>	Applaud.	Please GIVE IT UP TO our next guest.
<b>Give of</b>	Contribute without expecting anything in return, usually time or money.	He GIVE OF his free time to help the club.
<b>Give off</b>	Emit pollution or something else unpleasant.	The police stopped the van because it was GIVING OFF a lot of black smoke.
<b>Give off</b>	Behave in a way that makes people think of you in a certain way.	She GIVES OFF an air of nobility.
<b>Give off</b>	Expand.	The company is GIVING OFF all over the country.
<b>Give off</b>	Follow or take one of 2 or more branches (instructions, in machine code) in writing a computer program (using system software for a programming language).	A particular application of a processing code can be GIVEN OFF while requiring minimal run-time support.
<b>Give onto</b>	Open into a place, for a door or window.	The French windows GIVE ONTO the lawn.
<b>Give out</b>	Distribute.	Somebody was GIVING leaflets OUT in front of the underground station.
<b>Give out</b>	Stop working, through age or overuse.	I'd been having trouble with my laptop and it finally GAVE OUT at the weekend.

<b>Give out</b>	Have no more of a supply.	The water GAVE OUT after a week in the desert.
<b>Give out</b>	Make public.	They GAVE the names of the winners OUT last night.
<b>Give out</b>	Emit.	The factory GIVES OUT a lot of fumes.
<b>Give out</b>	End or finish somewhere.	The path GIVES OUT halfway around the lake.
<b>Give out</b>	Make a sound or noise.	She GAVE OUT a moan.
<b>Give out</b>	Read the wordings of a hymn or psalm aloud for congregational singing.	He GAVE OUT the psalm.
<b>Give over</b>	Stop doing something bad or annoying.	They were making a lot of noise so I told them to GIVE OVER.
<b>Give over</b>	Entrust, pass on responsibility.	We've GIVEN the premises OVER to the new company.
<b>Give over</b>	Stop an activity.	The police told the rioters to GIVE OVER.
<b>Give over to</b>	Dedicate, devote.	He GAVE himself OVER TO finding his son.
<b>Give over to</b>	Transfer responsibility.	After her death, they GAVE control of the estate OVER TO her niece.
<b>Give over!</b>	An expression of disbelief.	They've doubled your salary- GIVE OVER!
<b>Give up</b>	Stop doing something that has been a habit.	I GAVE UP taking sugar in tea and coffee to lose weight.
<b>Give up</b>	Stop being friendly, end relationships.	She GAVE UP all her school friends when she went to university.
<b>Give up</b>	Stop doing something.	I have GIVEN UP trying to help them.
<b>Give up</b>	Surrender, stop trying.	I can't think of the answer; I GIVE UP.
<b>Give up</b>	Sacrifice or dedicate time, etc, to something.	I GAVE UP all my free time to the project.
<b>Give up</b>	Allow someone to sit in your chair, take your place, etc.	I GAVE UP my seat to a pregnant woman.
<b>Give up</b>	Allow or give away a run while pitching (baseball).	He has GIVEN UP 14 earned runs in 14 innings.
<b>Give up on</b>	Lose faith in or stop believing in something or someone.	I GAVE UP ON them when I heard what they were saying about me behind my back.
<b>Give up on</b>	Stop feeling hope.	I have GIVEN UP ON them; they never do what they promise.
<b>Give up to</b>	Denounce, report to authorities.	He GAVE his accomplices UP TO the police.
<b>Give way</b>	Stop to allow vehicles to pass.	You must GIVE WAY at this junction.
<b>Give way</b>	Collapse, break.	The dam GAVE WAY when the floods rose.
<b>Give way to</b>	Yield, surrender, retreat.	Don't GIVE WAY TO your worst fears about this.



<b>Give way to</b>	Relinquish position or ascendancy.	Night <b>GIVES WAY TO</b> day.
<b>Give way to</b>	Be replaced by something better, cheaper, more modern, etc.	Cottage industries <b>GAVE WAY TO</b> the big companies.
<b>Give way to</b>	Allow a vehicle to pass in front.	You must <b>GIVE WAY TO</b> oncoming traffic.
<b>Give way to</b>	Surrender to strong emotions.	He <b>GAVE WAY TO</b> his anger and started screaming at them.
<b>Give yourself up</b>	Surrender to the police or authorities.	The gang <b>GAVE THEMSELVES UP</b> last night.
<b>Give yourself up to</b>	Dedicate time, energy, etc, to something.	He <b>GAVE</b> himself <b>UP TO</b> his job.
<b>Gloss over</b>	Try to minimise the importance of something.	The Minister tried to <b>GLOSS OVER</b> the report that was critical of her department.
<b>Gnaw at</b>	Trouble, worry or annoy someone.	I know it was wrong and guilt has <b>GNAWED AT</b> me ever since I did it.
<b>Gnaw at</b>	Harm gradually.	The government's dishonesty has <b>GNAWED AT</b> people's trust in politicians.
<b>Gnaw away at</b>	Harm gradually.	Their behaviour <b>GNAWED AWAY AT</b> our trust in them.
<b>Go about</b>	Deal with something.	How should I <b>GO ABOUT</b> telling her the bad news?
<b>Go about</b>	Circulate.	A rumour is <b>GOING ABOUT</b> involving the Attorney General.
<b>Go across</b>	Move to another side or place.	He <b>WENT ACROSS</b> to the opposition.
<b>Go after</b>	Chase, try to get.	The cat <b>WENT AFTER</b> the pigeon, but it flew away.
<b>Go against</b>	Lose a decision or a verdict of a court.	If the decision <b>GOES AGAINST</b> me, I'll go bankrupt.
<b>Go ahead</b>	Proceed.	The construction of the bypass <b>WENT AHEAD</b> despite the protests from environmentalists.
<b>Go ahead with</b>	Proceed.	We now intend to <b>GO AHEAD WITH</b> the final stage of the project.
<b>Go along with</b>	Accept a decision or suggestion.	I didn't really agree, but I <b>WENT ALONG WITH</b> the decision because I was in the minority.
<b>Go along with</b>	Accompany.	I plan to <b>GO ALONG WITH</b> them as far as Los Angeles.
<b>Go around</b>	Circulate.	A rumour is <b>GOING AROUND</b> about the Attorney General.
<b>Go around</b>	Be or have enough of something.	There aren't enough jobs to <b>GO AROUND</b> for the numbers of people graduating nowadays.
<b>Go around</b>	Visit.	I <b>WENT AROUND</b> for dinner at their house.

<b>Go at</b>	Attack or approach something with vigour.	She WENT AT her dinner like she hadn't eaten for days.
<b>Go away</b>	Leave a place or disappear.	This drug should make the pain GO AWAY.
<b>Go back</b>	Have a long history.	He and I GO BACK a long way- we were at school together.
<b>Go back</b>	Return to, start doing something again.	We WENT BACK to work after the break.
<b>Go back on</b>	Break a promise.	The government have GONE BACK ON their promise not to raise taxes.
<b>Go before</b>	Precede.	We can't ignore what has GONE BEFORE and pretend that everything has been OK.
<b>Go below</b>	Leave the top deck of a ship.	The captain told the passengers to GO BELOW when the storm started.
<b>Go by</b>	The passing of time.	Ten years WENT BY before we saw each other again.
<b>Go by</b>	Trust or depend on for correct information.	Don't GO BY my watch; it's usually a bit slow.
<b>Go by</b>	Pay a short visit, call.	Nobody was at home when I WENT BY yesterday.
<b>Go down</b>	Decrease, get smaller.	The price of scanners has GONE DOWN recently.
<b>Go down</b>	Sink.	The Titanic WENT DOWN after it hit an iceberg on its maiden voyage.
<b>Go down</b>	Sunset.	The sun WENT DOWN at seven o'clock.
<b>Go down</b>	Be sent to to prison.	He WENT DOWN for ten years for armed robbery.
<b>Go down</b>	Become recorded as or known as.	It WENT DOWN as the worst day in the history of the company.
<b>Go down</b>	Be eaten or swallowed.	The medicine WENT DOWN easily.
<b>Go down</b>	Fall to the ground.	The boxer WENT DOWN in the second round.
<b>Go down</b>	Happen, take place.	The police thought that a big crime was GOING DOWN that night.
<b>Go down</b>	Stop working, especially computers.	The computer system WENT DOWN for an hour last night.
<b>Go down</b>	Become dimmer.	The lights WENT DOWN and the audience stopped talking.
<b>Go down</b>	Be received by people, in terms of their reaction.	My joke WENT DOWN very badly.
<b>Go down on</b>	Perform oral sex.	He WENT DOWN ON her.
<b>Go down to</b>	Be defeated.	Chelsea WENT DOWN TO Arsenal in a thrilling game.
<b>Go down with</b>	Fall ill.	She WENT DOWN WITH a virus.

<b>Go down with</b>	Find acceptance.	Do you think the scheme will GO DOWN WITH the farmers in the area?
<b>Go for</b>	Attack.	The neighbour's dog WENT FOR the postman and bit him.
<b>Go for</b>	Be attracted to.	She tends to GO FOR guys like him.
<b>Go for</b>	Choose, select.	I'll GO FOR the soup of the day, followed by the duck.
<b>Go for</b>	Try to get.	The player WENT FOR the ball but missed.
<b>Go for</b>	Have something favourable.	The play didn't have much GOING FOR IT and we left halfway through.
<b>Go for</b>	Pass for or serve as.	It's a couch that also GOES FOR a bed.
<b>Go for it</b>	Be assertive and ready to initiate action.(Related to the meaning 'attack').	He was not always successful, but whatever he tried to do he would always GO FOR IT.
<b>Go forth</b>	Leave a place.	He WENT FORTH and found a wife in another city.
<b>Go forth</b>	Travel abroad, leave a place.	They WENT FORTH to spread the word of the new religion.
<b>Go forward</b>	Move clocks ahead.	The clocks MOVE FORWARD an hour on Sunday.
<b>Go forward</b>	Progress.	The top three teams GO FORWARD to the next round.
<b>Go in</b>	Go to hospital for treatment, surgery, etc..	He WENT IN for a triple bypass operation two days ago.
<b>Go in</b>	Fit.	The cable GOES IN here.
<b>Go in</b>	Disappear, become obscured by a cloud.	The sun has GONE IN.
<b>Go in</b>	Attack.	The troops WENT IN at dawn.
<b>Go in for</b>	Enter a competition or sit an exam.	He WENT IN FOR the photography prize, but didn't win.
<b>Go in for</b>	Support, advocate.	I don't GO IN FOR the claims being made about blogging.
<b>Go in for</b>	Like, have an interest in.	He GOES IN FOR classical music.
<b>Go in for</b>	Make a career choice.	Have you thought about GOING IN FOR teaching?
<b>Go in with</b>	Form a union or alliance.	They're going to GO IN WITH the Social Democrats.
<b>Go in with</b>	Join, enter.	Ask the other to GO IN WITH them on the plan
<b>Go into</b>	Discuss in some detail.	They refused to GO INTO exactly what was wrong.
<b>Go into</b>	Enter a profession, hospital, trade, market.	She WENT INTO banking after she'd finished university.
<b>Go into</b>	Begin a speech or description.	He WENT INTO a long attack on the way press had handled the issue.
<b>Go into</b>	Be dedicated or devoted.	A lot of time and effort WENT INTO this

<b>Go into</b>	Be contained in a larger number.
<b>Go it</b>	Behave in a reckless way.
<b>Go it</b>	Move or drive very fast.
<b>Go it alone</b>	Do something without help.
<b>Go off</b>	Explode (bomb), start ringing (alarm).
<b>Go off</b>	Go bad.
<b>Go off</b>	Start to dislike.
<b>Go off</b>	Leave a place.
<b>Go off</b>	Take place, follow a plan or pattern.
<b>Go off</b>	Stop working (electric/electronic equipment).
<b>Go off with</b>	Elope, run away with someone.
<b>Go off with</b>	Steal.
<b>Go on</b>	Continue.
<b>Go on</b>	Happen.
<b>Go on</b>	Start doing or taking something.
<b>Go on</b>	Be guided.
<b>Go on</b>	Be nearly a certain period of time.
<b>Go on</b>	Progress.
<b>Go on</b>	Spend money.
<b>Go on</b>	Start working (electric/electronic equipment).
<b>Go on about</b>	Talk too much.
<b>Go on at</b>	Pester, try to make someone do something by repeatedly asking or suggesting.
<b>Go on to</b>	Proceed.
<b>Go on with</b>	Continue doing.
<b>Go one</b>	A way of encouraging someone.
<b>Go out</b>	Stop burning, be extinguished.

book.

Five GOES INTO sixty 12 times

Shouting at the boss like that is GOING IT.

After the traffic jam, he really WENT IT to make up time.

He prefers to GO IT ALONE rather than working with the team.

The fire alarm WENT OFF because someone was smoking in the toilets.

The milk WENT OFF because I forgot to put it in the fridge.

I WENT OFF her when she lied to me.

Please don't GO OFF until we have sorted this out.

The party WENT OFF well.

The lights GO OFF automatically when the office is empty.

She WENT OFF WITH her friend's husband.

He WENT OFF WITH my credit cards.

He WENT ON and ON talking and I was so bored.

There are loads of people out in the street; what's GOING ON?

She WENT ON the pill when she met him.

The investigators have no clues to GO ON.

It's GOING ON ten years since we met.

They asked me how the project was GOING ON.

Most of my salary GOES ON my mortgage repayments.

The alarm GOES ON when you close the front door.

He's always GOING ON ABOUT his kids.

He WENT ON AT his parents until they bought him the game.

We had dinner and WENT ON TO a few bars.

Please GO ON WITH your work.

GO ON, apply for the job.

The candle WENT OUT and left us in

<b>Go out</b>	Leave a place.	darkness.
<b>Go out</b>	Go on strike.	He WENT OUT last night.
<b>Go out</b>	Become infashionable.	The workers WENT OUT for more money.
<b>Go out</b>	Move backwards, of a tide.	That sort of tie WENT OUT last year.
<b>Go out</b>	Be eliminated in a competition.	The tide GOES OUT in the evening.
<b>Go out</b>	Be transmitted.	England WENT OUT in the second round.
<b>Go out</b>	Be sent.	The item WENT OUT on the news yesterday.
<b>Go out</b>	Intend.	The newsletter WENT OUT last night.
<b>Go out for</b>	Become a candidate, apply for something.	I didn't GO OUT to offend them.
<b>Go out to</b>	Feel sympathy with someone.	She WENT OUT FOR a place on the team.
<b>Go out with</b>	Have a relationship with.	Our condolences GO OUT TO all the families who have lost people in this tragic accident.
<b>Go over</b>	Look at something, revise.	He's been GOING OUT WITH his girlfriend for around six months now.
<b>Go over</b>	Visit.	We WENT OVER our notes before the exam.
<b>Go over</b>	Be approved or accepted.	I hadn't seen her for a while, so I WENT OVER on Friday night.
<b>Go over</b>	Repeat or explain.	My plans WENT OVER well.
<b>Go over</b>	Clean.	Could you GO OVER that point again, please?
<b>Go over to</b>	Go on a journey.	I WENT OVER the living room with the vacuum cleaner before they arrived.
<b>Go over to</b>	Become converted.	I'm GOING OVER TO Hong Kong next month.
<b>Go over to</b>	Change to something different.	She WENT OVER TO Islam when she was living in the Middle East.
<b>Go past</b>	Pass without stopping.	I used to drink beer but I have GONE OVER TO wine.
<b>Go round</b>	Be or have enough of something.	She WENT PAST me without saying hello.
<b>Go round</b>	Circulate.	There aren't enough jobs to GO ROUND for the numbers of people graduating nowadays.
<b>Go round</b>	Visit.	There's a nasty rumour GOING ROUND about them.
<b>Go through</b>	Experience.	I WENT ROUND last night to see them.
<b>Go through</b>	Read again.	You wouldn't believe what I WENT THROUGH when I was ill!
		I WENT THROUGH my notes before the exam.



**Go through** Examine, search.

**Go through** Do something in a certain way or following certain procedures.

**Go through** Explain.

**Go through** Be approved formally or sanctioned.

**Go through** Enter.

**Go through** Consume or spend.

**Go through** Perform or carry something out.

**Go through with** Do or complete something you've agreed to.

**Go to** Allocate money.

**Go together** Harmonize or be compatible.

**Go towards** Contribute.

**Go under** Go bankrupt.

**Go under** Lose consciousness.

**Go under** Sink.

**Go up** Rise or climb.

**Go up** Approach.

**Go up** Be built.

**Go up** Be heard.

**Go up** Be promoted.

**Go up to** Approach.

**Go up to** Attend a university.

**Go up to** Reach.

**Go with** Combine nicely.

I WENT THROUGH my desk looking for the letter.

You must GO THROUGH the proper channels to get the approval.

He WENT THROUGH his ideas twice but I couldn't really understand them.

My divorce WENT THROUGH last week.

They said I could GO THROUGH the exam room.

We WENT THROUGH a fortune on our holiday.

I WENT THROUGH my work in a daze after I heard the news.

He did promise, but I doubt that he'll GO THROUGH WITH it.

About half of my income GOES TO pay the mortgage.

Drinking and driving don't GO TOGETHER.

The money WENT TOWARDS my university fees.

Many small shops are GOING UNDER because they cannot compete with the supermarkets.

She WENT UNDER a few minutes after they administered the anaesthetic.

The ship WENT UNDER in a heavy storm.

The price of petrol has GONE UP sharply because of the increase in duty in the Government's budget.

We WENT UP and asked them for some information about the courses.

Skyscrapers are GOING UP everywhere in the city centre.

A huge cheer WENT UP when the president arrived.

The top three teams GO UP at the end of the season.

She WENT UP TO him and asked him if he wanted a drink.

She WENT UP TO Cambridge after she finished secondary school.

The book only GOES UP TO the start of the Second World War.

Does this tie GO WITH my shirt?

<b>Go with</b>	Accompany.	A lot of benefits <b>GO WITH</b> the job.
<b>Go with</b>	Accept, agree to.	We're <b>GOING WITH</b> our original plan in the end.
<b>Go with</b>	Date, have a relationship with.	She's been <b>GOING WITH</b> him since she was at university.
<b>Go without</b>	Not have.	I had to <b>GO WITHOUT</b> lunch today because I didn't have any time.
<b>Go without</b>	Cope without having something.	They're not coming, so we'll have to <b>GO WITHOUT</b> their help.
<b>Goof around</b>	Fool around, not be serious.	We spent the weekend <b>GOOFING AROUND</b> .
<b>Goof off</b>	Avoid or leave work.	We <b>GOOFED OFF</b> for the afternoon to watch the match.
<b>Goof up</b>	Mess, spoil.	They <b>GOOFED UP</b> our plans.
<b>Grasp at</b>	Try to take hold of something quickly.	He <b>GRASPED AT</b> the rail when he fell.
<b>Grasp at</b>	Take an opportunity without hesitation.	They <b>GRASPED AT</b> the chance to speak to her.
<b>Grass on</b>	Report someone to a person in authority.	He <b>GRASSED ON</b> us and got us into a lot of trouble.
<b>Grass up</b>	Report someone to a person in authority.	She didn't to <b>GRASS</b> them <b>UP</b> , even though they'd been bullying her badly.
<b>Grey out</b>	Disable a function in a computer program, leaving it visible but not working.	They <b>GREYED OUT</b> the print button to stop people using it. (In American English, 'gray' would be used.)
<b>Grind away</b>	Keep working at something.	Although I hated it, I <b>GROUND AWAY</b> until I had finished.
<b>Grind down</b>	Reduce or destroy someone's enthusiasm.	Their negativity <b>GRINDS</b> me <b>DOWN</b>
<b>Grind into</b>	Press or twist something hard into something else.	She <b>GROUND</b> her cigarette <b>INTO</b> the ashtray.
<b>Grind on</b>	Proceed relentlessly.	The war <b>GROUND ON</b> for years.
<b>Grind on</b>	Talk endlessly.	He was still <b>GRINDING ON</b> about football when we left.
<b>Grind out</b>	Produce something with great difficulty.	I find it very hard to <b>GRIND OUT</b> an original essay every week.
<b>Grind up</b>	Reduce to small pieces.	She <b>GROUND</b> the beans <b>UP</b> and made some coffee.
<b>Grow apart</b>	Become distant, stop having a close relationship because time, distance, interests, etc, have changed.	We used to be good friends at school but have since <b>GROWN APART</b> .
<b>Grow away from</b>	Become less friendly with.	I have <b>GROWN AWAY FROM</b> many of the people I grew up with.
<b>Grow back</b>	Grow again.	Nails <b>GROW BACK</b> quickly after you cut them.
<b>Grow from</b>	Result from a process.	A lot <b>GREW FROM</b> the peace talks.
<b>Grow into</b>	Grow to fit large clothes.	The jacket's a bit big, but she'll <b>GROW INTO</b> it.

<b>Grow into</b>	Mature or change into.	She's has GROWN INTO a lovely person.
<b>Grow into</b>	Develop or change over time to fit something.	It may seem difficult at first, but you will GROW INTO the job.
<b>Grow on</b>	Like something that you didn't like at first.	The painting has GROWN ON me; I used to ate it.
<b>Grow on</b>	Have a greater influence or degree of acceptance.	The plans sounded strange at first, but they have GROWN ON me.
<b>Grow on</b>	Become gradually more evident.	A feeling of distrust of them GREW ON me.
<b>Grow out</b>	Let hair, etc, with dyes, perms grow to get rid of the style.	I'm letting the perm GROW OUT.
<b>Grow out of</b>	Grow too large for clothes.	He GREW OUT OF those shoes in no time at all.
<b>Grow out of</b>	Lose interest as you grow older or become more mature.	He was obsessed with computer games but the he GREW OUT OF them.
<b>Grow out of</b>	Result or develop from.	The idea for the film GREW OUT OF an accident that happened to the director.
<b>Grow to</b>	Eventually do something.	We GREW TO like the neighbourhood.
<b>Grow together</b>	Gradually become attached, united or close.	We GREW TOGETHER while we were working on the same project.
<b>Grow up</b>	Mature, become adult.	He GREW UP in the West Country.
<b>Grow up</b>	Arise, emerge.	The industry GREW UP very quickly.
<b>Grow up</b>	Develop in a place or for a reason (city, town, etc).	The town GREW UP as a trading post.
<b>Grow up on</b>	Do or have something when you are a child.	We GREW UP ON cartoons.
<b>Grow upon</b>	Like something that you didn't like at first.	The book started slowly and was a bit dull, but it has GROWN UPON me.
<b>Grow upon</b>	Have a greater influence or degree of acceptance.	As we got nearer the date of the meeting, their idea GREW UPON me.
<b>Grow upon</b>	Become gradually more evident.	A feeling of distrust of them GREW UPON me.
<b>Gun for</b>	Try to destroy an opponent.	He's GUNNING FOR his rivals at work.
<b>Gussy up</b>	Dress smartly or improve the appearance of something.	They spent a fortune GUSSYING UP the house.
<b>Hack around</b>	Waste time.	I've been HACKING AROUND all morning because I can't get down to doing any revision.
<b>Hack into</b>	Break into a computer system.	He HACKED INTO the government database and stole a lot of data.
<b>Hack off</b>	Annoy.	He HACKS me OFF with his endless complaining.
<b>Hack up</b>	Chop or cut into small pieces.	They HACKED the table UP and burnt it.
<b>Hack up</b>	Expel by coughing.	I HACKED UP a lot of phlegm while I was ill.

<b>Ham up</b>	Perform or act in an excessive way to attract attention or amuse people.	He HAMMED the part UP to get the audience to laugh.
<b>Hammer away at</b>	Work relentlessly.	She HAMMERED AWAY AT her PC all night and finished the project.
<b>Hammer into</b>	Repeat something over a period of time to make someone remember it.	He HAMMERED the rules INTO me.
<b>Hammer out</b>	Negotiate and reach an agreement.	They HAMMERED OUT their differences and got the contract signed.
<b>Hand back</b>	Return.	The police officer checked my licence, then HANDED it BACK.
<b>Hand down</b>	Pass on to the next generation.	The jewellery has been HANDED DOWN in my family for generations.
<b>Hand down</b>	Give a formal decision.	The court HANDED DOWN its ruling yesterday.
<b>Hand in</b>	Submit work for appraisal.	I HANDED my homework IN late as usual.
<b>Hand on</b>	Give to someone else.	I HANDED the job ON to a colleague.
<b>Hand on</b>	Transmit knowledge to the next generation.	The secrets have been HANDED ON from generation to generation.
<b>Hand out</b>	Distribute.	The teacher HANDED OUT the worksheet to the class.
<b>Hand over</b>	Give.	The robbers told the clerk to HAND OVER all the money.
<b>Hang about</b>	Spend time somewhere not doing much.	They HANG ABOUT the station most of the day.
<b>Hang about!</b>	Stop what you're doing and pay attention to me.	HANG ABOUT! We're not allowed to do this.
<b>Hang around</b>	Stay in a place.	They HANG AROUND the station most of the day.
<b>Hang back</b>	Not move forwards to avoid doing something.	When they raced towards the entrance, I HUNG BACK till it was less crowded.
<b>Hang back from</b>	Delay or avoid doing something.	They were HANGING BACK FROM making the final decision.
<b>Hang in there</b>	Persevere, not give up.	Were were doing badly, but we HUNG IN THERE till we finished.
<b>Hang it up</b>	Retire, quit.	I'm getting too old for this- I'm going to HANG IT UP starting next month.
<b>Hang on</b>	Wait.	Could you HANG ON for a moment till she's free.
<b>Hang on</b>	Hold tightly.	The driver told the passengers to HANG ON as the bus pulled off.
<b>Hang onto</b>	Keep.	I HUNG ONTO my old records even though I never played them.
<b>Hang out</b>	Spend time socially.	He HANGS OUT in the pub The Monarch; he's there most nights.
<b>Hang out for</b>	Wait or refuse to do something until you get what you want.	She's HANGING OUT FOR a big raise.

<b>Hang over</b>	Worry or trouble.	I have a lot of financial problem HANGING OVER my head.
<b>Hang together</b>	Work together when things are difficult.	We have to HANG TOGETHER if we're going to finish this project.
<b>Hang up</b>	End a phone call.	I lost my temper and HUNG UP.
<b>Hang up on</b>	End a phone call with someone.	A telesales person called, so I said something rude and HUNG UP ON them.
<b>Hang with</b>	Spend time with.	He has been HANGING WITH them for a few months.
<b>Hanker after</b>	Want something a lot, especially if you shouldn't want it or can't have it.	I'm supposed to be on a diet and I can't stop HANKERING AFTER some chocolate.
<b>Hanker for</b>	Want something a lot, especially if you shouldn't want it or can't have it.	I have always HANKERED FOR a soft-top car.
<b>Harp on</b>	Talk repeatedly about something.	I was late twice last week and my boss keeps HARPING ON about it.
<b>Hate on</b>	Be jealous, abuse or have an active hatred of someone.	She HATES ON people who disagree with her ideas.
<b>Have against</b>	Dislike, disagree or hold a grudge (Usually negative).	I HAVE nothing AGAINST their proposals.
<b>Have around</b>	Entertain someone in your home.	I HAD the neighbours AROUND for dinner last night.
<b>Have down as</b>	Think of someone or something in a particular way.	I HAD her DOWN AS a liberal, but I was very wrong.
<b>Have in</b>	Have a supply of something in a particular place.	Do we HAVE any beer IN?
<b>Have in</b>	Get someone to do some work.	We HAD the decorators IN last week.
<b>Have in</b>	Entertain people in your home.	We HAD them IN last night for dinner.
<b>Have it away</b>	Have sex with someone, especially casual sex.	She HAD IT AWAY with him last Friday.
<b>Have it in for</b>	Hold a grudge.	He has HAD IT IN FOR me since I beat him last year.
<b>Have it off</b>	Have sex.	They HAD IT OFF after the party.
<b>Have it out with</b>	Discuss or argue an issue to improve a situation.	I'd been worried for ages, so I decided to HAVE IT OUT WITH them.
<b>Have off</b>	Take time off work.	I HAD a couple of days OFF last week to relax.
<b>Have on</b>	Be wearing.	What did Jennie HAVE ON at the party?
<b>Have on</b>	Have an electronic device switched on.	I HAVE my computer ON all the time.
<b>Have on</b>	Have an arrangement.	I HAVE a lot of meetings ON next week.
<b>Have on</b>	Tease, deceive.	They said they'd failed, but they were HAVING me ON.
<b>Have on</b>	Be in possession at a particular time.	I HAVEN'T any money ON me, but I can get some from the ATM.
<b>Have on</b>	Know something about someone that could harm them.	I HAVE a lot ON him because we used to work together.



<b>Have over</b>	Receive a guest.	Shall we HAVE them OVER for dinner?
<b>Have round</b>	Entertain someone in your home.	I HAD a few friends ROUND yesterday.
<b>Have up</b>	Make someone appear in court.	They HAD him UP for armed robbery.
<b>Head for</b>	Move or travel towards.	It's getting late- I'm HEADING FOR home.
<b>Head off</b>	Stop someone or force them to change direction.	The sheriff and his men HEADED the bandits OFF at the pass.
<b>Head off</b>	Prevent something bad happening.	The company made a better offer to HEAD OFF the moves for a strike.
<b>Head off</b>	Leave somewhere to go to another place.	After work, we all HEADED OFF to the pub.
<b>Head out</b>	Go out.	We're HEADING OUT at seven, so don't be late.
<b>Head up</b>	Be in charge.	He's HEADING UP the steering committee.
<b>Hear about</b>	Get to know some information.	Have you HEARD ABOUT the company takeover?
<b>Hear from</b>	Receive a phone call, email, letter or other communication from someone.	I haven't HEARD FROM them since we left university.
<b>Hear of</b>	Know of something or someone's existence.	I've HEARD OF the band, but don't know their music.
<b>Hear of</b>	Receive news, updates or information about someone.	I have HEARD nothing OF them since they moved house.
<b>Hear of</b>	In the negative, this can mean that someone refuse to accept, allow or acknowledge something.	I said it would be a positive step, but she wouldn't HEAR OF it.
<b>Hear out</b>	Listen to everything someone has to say.	I HEARD them OUT before I commented.
<b>Heat up</b>	Make food hot.	He HEATED the soup UP in the microwave.
<b>Help out</b>	Give assistance.	She really HELPED me OUT when I was going through my divorce.
<b>Hide away</b>	Put something in a place where it won't be found.	They HID the money AWAY in secret bank accounts.
<b>Hide away</b>	Go or stay somewhere where you won't be found or away from people.	I'm renting a cottage where I can HIDE AWAY for the summer.
<b>Hide out</b>	Go or stay somewhere to avoid being caught or found.	The police think he's HIDING OUT in the woods.
<b>Hinge on</b>	Depend very much or completely.	Everything HINGES ON the results of the negotiations; if they go badly, we'll be in real trouble.
<b>Hinge on</b>	Be an essential point for the development of a story.	The film HINGES ON his not being recognised when he's in disguise.
<b>Hinge upon</b>	Depend very much or completely.	Everything HINGES UPON the results of the negotiations; if they go badly, we'll be in real trouble.

<b>Hit back</b>	Attack or criticise.	The president HIT BACK at her critics in a speech last night.
<b>Hit for</b>	Get someone to pay or donate money.	They HIT the sponsors FOR a lot of money.
<b>Hit it off</b>	Have a good relationship from the first time you meet a person.	We HIT IT OFF immediately and became firm friends.
<b>Hit it off with</b>	Like someone from the first time you meet them.	I HIT IT OFF WITH her immediately.
<b>Hit on</b>	Have an idea.	I suddenly HIT ON the solution
<b>Hit on</b>	Talk to someone to try to attract them sexually.	She HIT ON him at the party and they went back to her house.
<b>Hit on</b>	Ask for money.	A beggar HIT ON me when I left the restaurant.
<b>Hit out at</b>	Respond angrily to criticism.	The government HIT OUT AT the media for their negativity.
<b>Hit up</b>	Inject drugs.	She's been HITTING UP for years.
<b>Hit up</b>	Ask someone for some money.	He always tries to HIT me UP for money when we meet.
<b>Hit up on</b>	Inject drugs.	He's been HITTING UP ON heroin for years.
<b>Hit upon</b>	Have an idea.	It took us ages to HIT UPON a solution.
<b>Hit upon</b>	Try to attract someone sexually.	He tried to HIT UPON her at the pub.
<b>Hit with</b>	Surprise someone with some information or news.	He HIT me WITH the details of their demands.
<b>Hive off</b>	Separate part of a company or service, often by selling it.	They HIVED OFF the retail operations.
<b>Hold against</b>	Have a grudge against someone, or little respect.	He was very rude, but I won't HOLD it AGAINST him.
<b>Hold back</b>	Not show emotion.	It was really hard to HOLD BACK the tears.
<b>Hold back</b>	Prevent something moving forwards or progressing.	Lack of funding HELD the project BACK.
<b>Hold back</b>	Not disclose information or make it public.	The government HELD BACK the findings of the report for fear of alienating voters.
<b>Hold back from</b>	Not allow yourself to do something.	I had to HOLD BACK FROM losing my temper with them.
<b>Hold down</b>	Keep a job.	He's so unreliable that he can never HOLD DOWN a job for more than a couple of months.
<b>Hold down</b>	Stop someone or something from moving.	It took four of us to HOLD him DOWN and stop the fight.
<b>Hold forth</b>	State your opinions about something, especially when talking for a long time and boringly.	The manager HELD FORTH on the topic for about twenty minutes.
<b>Hold off</b>	When bad weather doesn't appear.	The rain HELD OFF until we'd got back

<b>Hold off</b>	Stop someone from attacking or beating you.	home. Chelsea couldn't HOLD their opponents OFF and lost the game.
<b>Hold on</b>	Wait.	Could you HOLD ON for a minute; she'll be free in a moment.
<b>Hold on</b>	To hold tightly.	We HELD ON as the bus started to move.
<b>Hold on to</b>	Hold tightly.	I HELD ON TO my luggage while I was waiting for the taxi so that it didn't get stolen.
<b>Hold onto</b>	Keep as long as possible.	It tried to HOLD ONTO my cash during the holiday so I could buy some duty free stuff on the way back.
<b>Hold onto</b>	Hold tightly.	The mother HELD ONTO her daughter's hand to keep together in the crowd.
<b>Hold out</b>	Resist.	When the enemy attacked, they HELD OUT for six weeks.
<b>Hold out</b>	Hold in front of you.	I HELD OUT my hand when she walked in.
<b>Hold out against</b>	Try to reject.	The staff are HOLDING OUT AGAINST the plans to reduce the workforce.
<b>Hold out for</b>	Wait for something better or refuse something now for something better in the future.	We are HOLDING OUT FOR a much better deal than the one offered.
<b>Hold out on</b>	Not pay someone or give them information.	He's been HOLDING OUT ON me for weeks and I really need the money.
<b>Hold over</b>	Delay.	The meeting has been HELD OVER till Friday.
<b>Hold over</b>	To continue something for longer than planned.	It has been so successful that they have HELD it OVER for another fortnight.
<b>Hold together</b>	Not break up.	The society managed to HOLD TOGETHER despite the crisis.
<b>Hold up</b>	Delay when travelling.	I was HELD UP by the terrible traffic and arrived half an hour late for my appointment.
<b>Hold up</b>	Rob with violence or threats thereof.	Two armed men HELD UP the bank in High Street this morning and got away with £75,000.
<b>Hold with</b>	Accept (usually negative).	I don't HOLD WITH their plans.
<b>Hole up</b>	Hide to avoid detection or an unpleasant situation.	They HOLED UP in a remote cottage while the police were searching for them.
<b>Home in on</b>	Target.	The government is HOMING IN ON benefit fraud.
<b>Hone in on</b>	Target, focus.	The company HONED IN ON its rival and tried to take it over. (Some consider this verb to be wrong and that is confused with 'home in on'.)
<b>Hook into</b>	Persuade someone to do something they	She HOOKED them INTO coming after

	don't want to do.	all.
<b>Hook up</b>	Meet someone.	We HOOKED UP at the conference.
<b>Hook up to</b>	Connect to a machine.	He's HOOKED UP TO a ventilator in the hospital.
<b>Hoon around</b>	Act in a dangerous or reckless way, especially when driving fast.	He was HOONING AROUND in his new car last night and the police pulled him.
<b>Horse around</b>	Not be serious.	The class were HORSING AROUND when the teacher came in and told them to sit down.
<b>Hose down</b>	Use a hose to wet, clean or wash something.	They HOSED the patio DOWN.
<b>Hose down</b>	Invest heavily in or throw a lot of money at something.	They have HOSED DOWN an obscure start-up with capital.
<b>Hound out</b>	Force someone out of a place, job, position, etc..	The press HOUNDED the minister OUT after the scandal broke.
<b>Hover around</b>	Move about a place.	She was HOVERING AROUND to see what we were talking about.
<b>Hunker down</b>	Settle in a place as comfortably as possible to stay there.	The troops HUNKERED DOWN in the building.
<b>Hunt down</b>	Search for someone to punish or kill them.	The police HUNTED the killer DOWN.
<b>Hunt out</b>	Search until you find something.	It took me ages to HUNT OUT the photos.
<b>Hunt up</b>	Search for and manage to find something.	He HUNTED UP a copy the book in the British library.
<b>Hush up</b>	Try to keep something bad from becoming widely known.	The company tried to HUSH UP the scandal, but it still got into the newspapers.
<b>Iron out</b>	Remove small problems or irregularities.	The management team IRONED OUT the tax problems before they gave the project the OK.
<b>Issue forth</b>	Come out of a place.	New initiatives ISSUE FORTH from the government on a daily basis.
<b>Jabber away</b>	Talk fast or incomprehensibly.	They started JABBERING AWAY about file systems and lost me completely.
<b>Jack around</b>	Make trouble for someone, fail to keep promises.	Don't listen to him- he always JACKS people AROUND.
<b>Jack in</b>	Quit, give up.	I JACKED my job IN because my boss refused to give me a raise.
<b>Jack up</b>	Raise a car to be able to do mechanical work.	We JACKED the car UP and changed the tyre.
<b>Jack up</b>	Increase sharply.	They have JACKED UP the price of oil this month.
<b>Jam on</b>	Apply or operate something forcefully.	Jack JAMMED ON the brakes when the rabbit ran in front of his car.
<b>Jaw away</b>	Talk just for the point of talking rather than having anything to say.	That shows that your interest is not in helping the student, but in JAWING AWAY.

<b>Jazz up</b>	Make something more interesting or attractive.	The show was getting stale so they JAZZED it UP with some new scenes.
<b>Jerk around</b>	Cause someone trouble, treat someone badly.	He was JERKING us AROUND and wouldn't give us the facts.
<b>Jerk around</b>	Behave stupidly.	They were JERKING AROUND during the lecture.
<b>Jerk off</b>	Waste time doing unimportant things.	You should get your work done and stop JERKING OFF.
<b>Joke around</b>	Be funny, or try to.	He's always JOKING AROUND in class.
<b>Jot down</b>	Make a quick note.	I JOTTED DOWN her number on a scrap of paper and I can't find it now.
<b>Juice up</b>	Make something more exciting or perform better.	I need to buy some memory to JUICE my computer UP.
<b>Jump at</b>	Accept eagerly.	I'd JUMP AT the chance to go and live in Japan.
<b>Jump in</b>	Enter a conversation.	He JUMPED IN and told them exactly what he thought.
<b>Jump off</b>	Start quickly, often well.	The IPO JUMPED OFF on the first day.
<b>Jump on</b>	Criticize, attack.	Everyone JUMPED ON me when I raised the issue.
<b>Keel over</b>	Turn upside down.	The boat KEELED OVER in the storm and the crew drowned.
<b>Keel over</b>	Surrender, give in.	He was going to confront his boss, but KEELED OVER and didn't mention the matter.
<b>Keel over</b>	Fall to the ground.	The drunk KEELED OVER when trying to leave the pub.
<b>Keep around</b>	Keep something near you.	I KEEP a dictionary AROUND when I'm doing my homework.
<b>Keep at</b>	Continue with something difficult.	She found the course hard but she KEPT AT it and completed it successfully.
<b>Keep away</b>	Don't allow someone near something.	Medicines should always be KEPT AWAY from children.
<b>Keep back</b>	Maintain a safe distance.	The police told the crowd to KEEP BACK from the fire.
<b>Keep down</b>	Not vomit.	The food was so horrible that I struggled to KEEP it DOWN.
<b>Keep from</b>	Control yourself, refrain.	I couldn't KEEP FROM arguing with her.
<b>Keep in</b>	Not allow someone out.	The teacher KEPT the students IN after school because they had misbehaved.
<b>Keep off</b>	Not talk about.	She KEPT OFF the subject of her divorce.
<b>Keep off</b>	Not tread on something.	KEEP OFF the grass in the park, please.
<b>Keep on</b>	Continue.	He KEPT ON trying and succeeded in the end.



<b>Keep out</b>	Not allow someone to enter.
<b>Keep to</b>	Stay within limits.
<b>Keep up</b>	Not let someone go to bed.
<b>Keep up</b>	Maintain a continuous action, persist.
<b>Keep up at</b>	Continue, not quit.
<b>Keep up with</b>	Move at the same rate.
<b>Keep up with</b>	Stay up to date.
<b>Key down</b>	Relax, unwind.
<b>Key in</b>	Enter numbers or information into a computer or electronic system.
<b>Key in on</b>	Focus attention on, single out.
<b>Key on</b>	Target, focus on (sport).
<b>Key to</b>	Plan things to fit or suit people or situations.
<b>Key up</b>	Make someone excited or nervous.
<b>Kick about</b>	Discuss.
<b>Kick around</b>	Discuss.
<b>Kick around with</b>	Spend time with.
<b>Kick back</b>	Pay someone illegally as part of the price.
<b>Kick back</b>	Resist.
<b>Kick back</b>	Relax.
<b>Kick down</b>	Break something with your feet.
<b>Kick in</b>	When a drug starts to take effect.
<b>Kick in</b>	Break something with your feet.
<b>Kick in</b>	Contribute money.

The police **KEPT** the demonstrators **OUT** of the building.

Please **KEEP TO** the path.

My neighbours **KEPT** me **UP** till after 4 am with their loud music last night.

First I phoned you and left a message that you should phone me; then you phoned and I was out, so you left a message; then...! How long can we **KEEP** this **UP** without ever speaking to each other directly?

Learning a language is difficult, but if you **KEEP UP AT** it, you'll succeed in the end.

He walks too fast and it's really hard to **KEEP UP WITH** him.

It's hard to **KEEP UP WITH** all the latest improvements and breakthroughs in technology nowadays.

I need to **KEY DOWN** before I go to bed.

It took me ages to **KEY IN** all the information into the database.

They **KEYED IN ON** the person they believed had done it.

We will **KEY ON** the opposing team's lack of skills on defense.

Promotions are **KEYED TO** people's abilities.

The noise got us **KEYED UP**.

We **KICKED** the idea **ABOUT** at the meeting.

We **KICKED** the idea **AROUND**.

I used to **KICK AROUND WITH** them, but haven't seen them for a while.

I had to **KICK** ten percent **BACK** to the government official to get the contract.

They **KICKED BACK** when we suggested downsizing.

Rather than go out tonight, we plan to **KICK BACK** and watch television.

The police **KICKED** the door **DOWN**.

Her hayfever didn't feel half as bad once the antihistamines had **KICKED IN**.

They **KICKED** his head **IN**.

I'll **KICK IN** for some of the beer if you

<b>Kick in</b>	Start having an effect.	will buy the pizza.
<b>Kick off</b>	Start a game of football.	The budget cuts are starting to KICK IN and people are struggling.
<b>Kick off</b>	Die.	The match KICKS OFF at three o'clock.
<b>Kick off</b>	When trouble starts.	He KICKED OFF last month when he had a massive heart attack.
<b>Kick off</b>	Argue, protest and refuse to co-operate.	The fight KICKED OFF when he insulted the guy's girlfriend.
<b>Kick out</b>	Expel.	He started KICKING OFF big time when the police tried to arrest him.
<b>Kick up</b>	Cause trouble or pain.	The family KICKED the au pair OUT when they found out that she was planning to move to work for another household.
<b>Kill off</b>	Reduce or exterminate a population by hunting, pollution, development, etc..	My back KICKS UP when it gets cold.
<b>Kip down</b>	Sleep away from your home, often without planning to.	There used to be a lot of wolves around here, but most of them have been KILLED OFF.
<b>Kip down on</b>	Sleep on something other than a bed.	It's too late to get the train, so can I KIP DOWN here tonight?
<b>Kiss off</b>	Used to tell someone to go away.	There were so many of us that we had to KIP DOWN ON the floor.
<b>Kiss off</b>	Consider something to be unimportant or inferior.	He was bugging us, so we told him to KISS OFF.
<b>Kiss up to</b>	Try to get into someone's favour.	He KISSED the criticism OFF.
<b>Knock about</b>	Beat someone.	He's a creep and is always KISSING UP TO the director.
<b>Knock around</b>	Discuss casually.	He KNOCKED his brother ABOUT after they argued.
<b>Knock back</b>	Cost someone a lot of money.	We KNOCKED the idea AROUND a bit, but decided not to bother.
<b>Knock back</b>	Finish a drink quickly, drink a lot of alcohol.	Your holiday must have KNOCKED you BACK a bit.
<b>Knock back</b>	Shock.	The pub was closing so we KNOCKED our drinks BACK and left.
<b>Knock down</b>	Demolish.	It really KNOCKED me BACK when I heard they had been killed.
<b>Knock down</b>	Hit and injure someone.	They KNOCKED DOWN the old church and built a block of flats in its place.
<b>Knock it off!</b>	Stop doing something annoying.	The car KNOCKED her DOWN and she broke her arm.
<b>Knock off</b>	Finish work for the day.	The were making too much noise, so I told them to KNOCK IT OFF.
		We KNOCKED OFF early on Friday to avoid the rush hour queues.

<b>Knock off</b>	Reduce the price of something.	They <b>KNOCKED</b> ten pounds <b>OFF</b> when I asked for a discount.
<b>Knock off</b>	Reduce the time required to do something.	The new road <b>KNOCKS</b> an hour <b>OFF</b> the journey.
<b>Knock off</b>	Steal.	He <b>KNOCKED</b> it <b>OFF</b> and sold it.
<b>Knock off</b>	Produce or create something quickly.	I <b>KNOCKED</b> the essay <b>OFF</b> in an hour.
<b>Knock out</b>	Hit and make somebody unconscious.	The reigning middleweight champion <b>KNOCKED OUT</b> the challenger in the fourth round of the fight.
<b>Knock out</b>	Sell, distribute.	They're <b>KNOCKING</b> hundreds <b>OUT</b> a day in the sales.
<b>Knock together</b>	Join houses that had been separate.	They <b>KNOCKED TOGETHER</b> two outbuilding and turned them into a home.
<b>Knock up</b>	Become or get someone pregnant..	She got <b>KNOCKED UP</b> when she was on holiday.
<b>Knock up</b>	Play a bit before a match to get ready.	The teams <b>KNOCKED UP</b> for a few minutes before the final.
<b>Knock up</b>	Produce or create something quickly.	They <b>KNOCKED</b> a model <b>UP</b> over the weekend.
<b>Knuckle down</b>	Make a great effort.	I've got my exams next week and I haven't done much work, so I'd better <b>KNUCKLE DOWN</b> .
<b>Knuckle under</b>	Submit to authority.	The teacher made the students <b>KNUCKLE UNDER</b> and hand their projects in on time.
<b>Land in</b>	Get someone into trouble.	He <b>LANDED ME IN</b> it when he told them what I had done wrong.
<b>Land up in</b>	Arrive, end a journey in a place, often without planning.	We set out for Manchester, but <b>LANDED UP IN</b> Liverpool.
<b>Land with</b>	Create a problem for someone.	He <b>LANDED ME WITH</b> the job of proofreading the whole thing.
<b>Lap up</b>	Appreciate something.	He <b>LAPPED UP</b> their praise.
<b>Large it up</b>	Have a good time when intoxicated.	They were <b>LARGING IT UP</b> in the rave.
<b>Lark about</b>	Behave in a silly way.	The children made me angry because they were <b>LARKING ABOUT</b> .
<b>Lark around</b>	Behave in a silly way.	The students wouldn't stop <b>LARKING AROUND</b> .
<b>Lark it up</b>	Enjoy yourself noisily and exuberantly.	After they won, they went to a bar to <b>LARK IT UP</b> .
<b>Lash down</b>	Fall heavily (rain).	The rain was <b>LASHING DOWN</b> all day and the roads were flooded.
<b>Lash down</b>	Secure something with ropes or cords.	We <b>LASHED</b> the tarpaulin <b>DOWN</b> to stop the wind blowing it away.
<b>Lash into</b>	Criticise someone strongly.	He <b>LASHED INTO</b> them for messing thins up.
<b>Lash out</b>	Suddenly become violent.	He <b>LASHED OUT</b> and broke the man's

<b>Lash out</b>	React angrily.	nose. He LASHES OUT when things don't go his way.
<b>Lash out</b>	Spend a lot of money on luxuries.	I LASHED OUT in the sales last week.
<b>Lash out against</b>	Criticise something strongly.	The press has LASHED OUT AGAINST the policy.
<b>Lash out at</b>	Hit someone suddenly, usually without warning, or try to hit them.	He LASHED OUT AT me when I laughed at him.
<b>Lash out at</b>	Criticise someone or shout at them.	She LASHED OUT AT her colleagues when she was sacked.
<b>Lash out on</b>	Spend a lot of money buying something.	I LASHED OUT a lot ON a new car.
<b>Latch on</b>	Understand, often after a long time.	They were lying, but it took her ages to LATCH ON.
<b>Latch on to</b>	Understand something, often after a long time.	The police didn't LATCH ON TO what the crooks were doing for years.
<b>Latch onto</b>	Connect to something.	The gecko LATCHED ONTO the ceiling.
<b>Latch onto</b>	Decide or realise that something is good or profitable.	Oil companies have LATCHED ONTO environmental ideas.
<b>Laugh off</b>	Pretend something (an injury, news, etc.) isn't important.	He LAUGHED OFF the sprained finger but it obviously affected his golf game.
<b>Lay down</b>	Establish rules or procedures.	The rules of the sport were LAID DOWN early in the nineteenth century.
<b>Lay down</b>	Kill, murder.	He got LAID DOWN in a turf war about supplying drugs.
<b>Lay into</b>	Criticise angrily.	His partner LAID INTO him when he arrived two hours late..
<b>Lay off</b>	Make an employee redundant.	The hotel LAID OFF twenty staff because tourist numbers were down.
<b>Lay on</b>	Organise, supply.	They LAID ON a buffet lunch at the conference.
<b>Lay out</b>	Spend money.	They LAID OUT thousands of pounds on their wedding reception.
<b>Lead on</b>	Falsely or cruelly raise hopes.	She LED HIM ON about her desire to get married.
<b>Lead to</b>	Result in.	The investigation LED TO the arrest of a number of suspects.
<b>Leak out</b>	Become public knowledge.	The company's plans to close the factory LEAKED OUT and they were very embarrassed.
<b>Lean on</b>	Put pressure on someone to get them to do what you want.	The government has denied LEANING ON the Attorney General to get his approval of the war.
<b>Leap at</b>	Take an opportunity enthusiastically.	He LEAPED AT the chance to visit.
<b>Leap on</b>	Show interest in or try to use something to your advantage.	They have LEAPT ON the bandwagon to increase sales.
<b>Leap out at</b>	Be very noticeable.	Her face LEAPT OUT AT me the second

<b>Leap upon</b>	Show interest in or try to use something to your advantage.
<b>Leave on</b>	Not turn off.
<b>Leave out</b>	Not include.
<b>Let down</b>	Disappoint, fail to keep an arrangement.
<b>Let down</b>	Make clothes longer.
<b>Let in</b>	Allow someone to enter.
<b>Let off</b>	Not punish.
<b>Let on</b>	Tell a secret.
<b>Let out</b>	Allow to leave or go out.
<b>Let out</b>	Make a sound.
<b>Let out</b>	Make clothes bigger.
<b>Level off</b>	Stabilize the altitude of an airplane.
<b>Level out</b>	Stabilize the altitude of an airplane.
<b>Lie around</b>	Act in a lazy or unproductive way.
<b>Lie down</b>	Rest.
<b>Lie with</b>	Have the right to make a decision.
<b>Lift off</b>	Leave the ground- rocket or spaceship.
<b>Light out</b>	Leave suddenly.
<b>Light up</b>	Light or start smoking a cigarette.
<b>Light up</b>	Illuminate.
<b>Lighten up</b>	Be less serious.
<b>Limber up</b>	Do some exercises to warm up before playing a sport or other physical activity.

I saw the photo.

They have LEAPT UPON a couple of errors in the document and want to invalidate the agreement.

LEAVE the TV ON; I want to hear the football results.

He was LEFT OUT of the side because he hasn't been playing too well lately.

She failed to turn up and I felt badly LET DOWN.

He's grown so much, we'll have to LET his trousers DOWN.

The doorstaff didn't LET him IN the nightclub because he was wearing jeans.

The judge LET him OFF with a fine rather than a prison sentence since it was his first offence.

I didn't mean to LET ON about the party; I just said it without thinking.

The convict was LET OUT of prison after serving five years of an eight-year sentence.

He LET OUT a huge sigh of relief when he heard the results.

I've put on so much weight that I'm going to have to LET my suits OUT.

The pilot LEVELED OFF at 5,000 meters.

The pilot LEVELED OUT at 5,000 meters.

Most days he would usually just LIE AROUND the house.

I'm going to LIE DOWN for a few minutes before we have to go out.

The decision about the contract LIES WITH the courts.

5-4-3-2-1- we have LIFT-OFF!

When Zeke found out they were coming for him he LIT OUT for the border.

Asif LIT UP as soon as he got out of the building.

They LIGHT UP the streets at Christmas time.

I told them to LIGHTEN UP but they continued complaining about it.

The team LIMBERED UP for a few minutes before the game started.



<b>Limber up for</b>	Prepare for something that will require a great effort.	They are LIMBERING UP FOR the end of the financial year.
<b>Line up</b>	Arrange in a line.	The police got them to LINE UP against the wall.
<b>Line up</b>	Arrange something in a line.	He LINED the bottles UP against the wall.
<b>Line up</b>	Arrange events for someone.	We have LINED UP a lot of meetings for them.
<b>Link up</b>	Connect, join.	The train LINKS UP the cities.
<b>Link up with</b>	Connect with someone or contact them.	We LINKED UP WITH the firm over the web.
<b>Listen out for</b>	Listen for a particular noise or sound.	They put their coats on and LISTENED OUT FOR the minicab.
<b>Listen up</b>	Pay attention (often used as a command).	LISTEN UP, men! Here are your new assignments.
<b>Live by</b>	Follow a belief system to guide your behaviour.	He tries hard to LIVE BY the Bible.
<b>Live down</b>	Stop being embarrassed about something.	If I fail the test and everyone else passes, I'll never be able to LIVE it DOWN.
<b>Live for</b>	Believe something is extremely important.	He LIVES FOR football.
<b>Live in</b>	Live in the place where you work or study..	The university has a residential halls where students can LIVE IN.
<b>Live it up</b>	Have a good time by spending a lot of money.	She's been LIVING IT UP like crazy since she won the lottery.
<b>Live off</b>	Use money earned.	They find it hard to LIVE OFF the money they make.
<b>Live off</b>	Be financially supported.	He's 40 and he still LIVES OFF his parents.
<b>Live on</b>	Use money for basic necessities.	They have to LIVE ON \$200 a week.
<b>Live on</b>	Not be forgotten.	He's been dead for many years, but his name LIVES ON.
<b>Live out</b>	Stay somewhere until you die.	She LIVED OUT her final years in a nursing home.
<b>Live out</b>	Fulfill an ambition or fantasy.	Many parents try to LIVE OUT their dreams through their children.
<b>Live out</b>	Not live at the place where you study or work.	In my final year at university I LIVED OUT with some friends in a flat we rented.
<b>Live through</b>	Experience different times.	It was hard to LIVE THROUGH the recession, but we managed it.
<b>Live together</b>	Have a relationship and live in the same place without marrying.	We LIVED TOGETHER for a few years before we got married.
<b>Live up to</b>	Meet expectations or standards.	The concert didn't LIVE UP TO my expectations.
<b>Live with</b>	Accept something unpleasant.	It's hard to LIVE WITH the pain of a serious illness.

<b>Live with</b>	Have a relationship and live in the same place without marrying.	I LIVED WITH her for a couple of years before the relationship went sour.
<b>Load down</b>	Burden.	I was LOADED DOWN with all the stuff I had to take there.
<b>Load up</b>	Take illegal drugs.	He's been LOADING UP for years.
<b>Load up</b>	Fill a machine or vehicle.	We LOADED the car UP and left for our holiday.
<b>Load up on</b>	Consume a lot of something for a particular purpose.	The athletes LOADED UP ON carbohydrates before the race.
<b>Lock away</b>	Lock in a safe place.	He LOCKED the gun AWAY in a drawer.
<b>Lock away</b>	Put someone in prison or a mental hospital for a very long time.	They LOCKED him AWAY for life after the murders.
<b>Lock down</b>	Make very secure.	If you lock down your computer properly, it is very difficult for people to access it.
<b>Lock in</b>	Lock a place to stop someone leaving.	They LOCKED him IN the room until he had calmed down.
<b>Lock in</b>	Commit someone in such a way that they cannot leave.	They are LOCKED IN now that they have paid their subscription.
<b>Lock onto</b>	Find a target and head for it.	The missile LOCKED ONTO the plane and blew it out of the sky.
<b>Lock out</b>	Close a workplace to stop workers entering.	The management LOCKED the staff OUT because they had turned down the pay offer.
<b>Lock out</b>	Lock a place to stop someone getting in.	I lost my key and LOCKED myself OUT.
<b>Lock up</b>	Close all doors, windows, etc..	She LOCKED UP after everyone had left and went home.
<b>Lock up</b>	Lock something in a safe place.	I LOCKED my money UP in the safe.
<b>Lock up</b>	Put in prison or a mental hospital.	They LOCKED him UP for burglary.
<b>Lock yourself away</b>	Go somewhere away from people to study or work.	I LOCK MYSELF AWAY for a few weeks before exams.
<b>Log in</b>	Enter a restricted area on a computer system.	I had forgotten my password and couldn't LOG IN.
<b>Log into</b>	Enter a restricted area of a computer system.	I LOGGED INTO the staff intranet to check my email.
<b>Log off</b>	Exit a computer system.	When she'd finished working on the spreadsheet, she LOGGED OFF and left the office.
<b>Log on</b>	Enter a computer system.	He entered his password for the college intranet and LOGGED ON.
<b>Log out</b>	Exit a computer system.	Danny closed the programs and LOGGED OUT when it was time to go home.
<b>Look after</b>	Take care.	Their auntie LOOKED AFTER them while their mother was in hospital.
<b>Look back</b>	Think about the past.	Old people often LOOK BACK on over

<b>Look down on</b>	Have a low opinion of.	their lives. He LOOKS DOWN ON his colleagues because he thinks he's better than they are.
<b>Look for</b>	Try to find.	I've been LOOKING FOR all their hidden files, but I can't find them anywhere.
<b>Look forward to</b>	Wait for or anticipate something pleasant.	I'm LOOKING FORWARD TO meeting you.
<b>Look in</b>	Make a quick visit.	I'll LOOK IN on my way home. I'm going to LOOK IN ON grannie on the way home tonight as she's been a bit unwell recently.
<b>Look in on</b>	Visit briefly to see if everything's all right.	We'll LOOK INTO the problem and come back to you when we have the information.
<b>Look into</b>	Research, investigate.	The crowd just LOOKED ON as the old lady was mugged.
<b>Look on</b>	Watch something like a crime without helping.	I LOOK ON her AS a close friend.
<b>Look on as</b>	Consider, regard.	LOOK OUT; you're going to drop that!
<b>Look out</b>	Be careful.	She LOOKED OUT FOR her sister when she started school.
<b>Look out for</b>	Take care of someone, make sure someone is cared for.	We were told to LOOK OUT FOR any suspicious behaviour.
<b>Look out for</b>	Keep alert and try to see.	They came to LOOK the house OVER with a view to buying it.
<b>Look over</b>	Inspect.	We LOOKED ROUND the house and decided that we didn't like it enough to buy it.
<b>Look round</b>	Inspect a house.	I LOOKED THROUGH the article.
<b>Look through</b>	Read quickly.	The company is LOOKING TO increase its sales in Asia.
<b>Look to</b>	Expect, hope.	I didn't know the correct spelling so I had to LOOK it UP in the dictionary.
<b>Look up</b>	Consult a reference work (dictionary, phonebook, etc.) for a specific piece of information..	The economy is LOOKING UP.
<b>Look up</b>	Improve.	I LOOKED him UP when I went back to Cambridge.
<b>Look up</b>	Find, trace an old friend.	She's LOOKS UP TO her mother.
<b>Look up to</b>	Respect.	I LOOK UPON him AS a close friend.
<b>Look upon as</b>	Consider, regard.	He was very shy at first but has LOOSENED UP and is more talkative now.
<b>Loosen up</b>	Become more relaxed or comfortable.	She loves to LORD IT OVER her
<b>Lord it over</b>	Behave in a superior manner.	

**Lose out** Be at a disadvantage.

**Lose out on** Not gain or have something advantageous.

**Lose out to** Be less successful.

**Luck into** Get something by chance.

**Luck out** Be very lucky.

**Lust after** Be attracted sexually.

**Lust after** Want something very much.

**Magic away** Make something disappear quickly.

**Make after** Chase.

**Make away with** Steal.

**Make do with** Accept something less satisfactory because there's no alternative.

**Make for** Head in a certain direction.

**Make for** Produce a result or situation.

**Make into** Change something into something else.

**Make it** Arrive or get a result.

**Make it up to** Try to compensate for doing something wrong.

**Make of** Understand or have an opinion.

**Make off** Leave somewhere in a hurry.

**Make off with** Steal.

**Make out** Make a cheque payable to somebody.

**Make out** Pretend.

**Make out** Progress.

**Make out** Kiss and pet.

**Make out** Discern a small detail.

employees.

Many people **LOST OUT** when the new regulations were enforced.

Because I left the company, I **LOST OUT ON** my bonus.

People without IT skills often **LOSE OUT TO** those with the skills.

We **LUCKED INTO** getting the answer.

I really **LUCKED OUT** when I met my partner.

He secretly **LUSTS AFTER** his friend's wife.

He **LUSTS AFTER** a Rolex.

He **MAGICKED** the bill **AWAY** and paid for us all before I could get my wallet out.

The police **MADE AFTER** the stolen car.

The thieves **MADE AWAY WITH** the painting.

There's no coffee, so we'll have to **MAKE DO WITH** tea.

We **MADE FOR** home when it started raining.

The low quality of the service **MADE FOR** a lot of dissatisfaction.

Many churches have been **MADE INTO** flats in recent years.

I thought you weren't coming, so I was really pleased you **MADE IT**.

He tried to **MAKE IT UP TO** her, but she wouldn't speak to him.

What do you **MAKE OF** your new boss?

They **MADE OFF** when they heard the police siren.

Thieves **MADE OFF WITH** over a million dollars in the robbery.

Please **MAKE** the cheque **OUT** to RGM Productions Ltd.

He **MADE OUT** that he was ill so that he didn't have to go to school.

How are your children **MAKING OUT** at the new school?

They were **MAKING OUT** at the party last night.

I can just **MAKE OUT** the outline of a flying saucer in this photo.

<b>Make out</b>	Be able to see or hear something.	Can you <b>MAKE OUT</b> what she's saying?
<b>Make out</b>	Understand someone's nature or personality.	He's strange; I can't <b>MAKE</b> him <b>OUT</b> .
<b>Make over</b>	Change appearance.	The beauty salon gave her a <b>MAKEOVER</b> before the party.
<b>Make over</b>	Give money or possessions to someone in a legal way.	She <b>MADE OVER</b> her property to her children.
<b>Make towards</b>	Head in the direction.	We <b>MADE TOWARDS</b> the centre.
<b>Make up</b>	Stop being angry with someone.	They are always arguing, but they <b>MAKE UP</b> again very quickly.
<b>Make up</b>	Put on cosmetics.	She went to the bathroom to <b>MAKE</b> her face <b>UP</b> .
<b>Make up</b>	Invent a story.	They <b>MADE UP</b> an excuse for being late.
<b>Make up for</b>	Compensate.	I sent her a present to try to <b>MAKE UP FOR</b> my appalling behaviour.
<b>Make up to</b>	Increase a sum received to a higher figure.	The charity collected £24,517.57, and the anonymous donor <b>MADE</b> the total <b>UP TO</b> £25,000'
<b>Make with</b>	Give (usually used as an imperative).	<b>MAKE WITH</b> the money you owe me.
<b>Man down</b>	Behave without courage or conviction.	He <b>MANNED DOWN</b> and didn't come with us.
<b>Man up</b>	Behave with courage or conviction.	She told her anonymous critics to <b>MAN UP</b> and speak publicly.
<b>Mark down</b>	Give a student a lower grade for a particular reason.	Students who gave obviously rehearsed answers were <b>MARKED DOWN</b> , while those who spoke naturally were rewarded accordingly.
<b>Mark down</b>	Reduce the price of something.	I'll buy a lot more if you <b>MARK</b> them <b>DOWN</b> a bit.
<b>Mark down as</b>	Consider someone or something to be of a certain group, type, etc..	I <b>MARKED</b> them <b>DOWN AS</b> conservatives, but they're very liberal.
<b>Mark off</b>	Tick, cross out or otherwise mark something to show that it has been dealt with.	I <b>MARKED OFF</b> the items on the list as I finished them.
<b>Mark out</b>	Draw lines to enclose an area.	They <b>MARKED OUT</b> the pitch.
<b>Mark out for</b>	Show promise for the future.	His dedication <b>MARKED</b> him <b>OUT FOR</b> great things.
<b>Mark out from</b>	Stand out because of certain qualities.	Her speed <b>MARKS</b> her <b>OUT FROM</b> the rest of the group.
<b>Mark up</b>	Increase the price of something.	They <b>MARK</b> the goods <b>UP</b> by 25% before they sell them.
<b>Marry in</b>	Marry someone of the same ethnicity, religion, etc.	Many religions encourage their followers to <b>MARRY IN</b> .
<b>Marry out</b>	Marry someone of a different ethnicity, religion, etc.	Her parents disowned her and refused to speak to her when she <b>MARRIED OUT</b> .



<b>Mash up</b>	Crush something until it becomes a paste.	He MASHED UP some bananas for the dessert.
<b>Mash up</b>	Mix sources of audio, video or other computer sources..	She MASHED UP the songs into a single track.
<b>Mash up</b>	Break or damage.	He MASHED UP my MP3 player and lost my files.
<b>Max out</b>	Take something to the limit, reach a limit.	She MAXED OUT her credit cards.
<b>Measure against</b>	Evaluate or judge by comparison.	The work doesn't look good if you MEASURE it AGAINST what our competitors have done.
<b>Measure off</b>	Measure something and mark the point where it ends or will be cut.	The tailor MEASURED OFF the material for my suit.
<b>Measure off</b>	Mark a length on something to cut it.	He MEASURED OFF a metre of the silk.
<b>Measure out</b>	Measure or weigh the amount needed.	He MEASURED OUT the flour for the bread.
<b>Measure out</b>	Weigh or measure an exact amount.	She MEASURED OUT a hundred grammes of the powder.
<b>Measure up</b>	Find the size of something.	The estate agent MEASURED UP all the rooms.
<b>Measure up</b>	Be good enough, meet the required standard.	She didn't MEASURE UP in her probationary period, so we didn't extend her contract.
<b>Measure up</b>	Be good enough.	They made her a director, but she didn't MEASURE UP.
<b>Measure up</b>	Find out the size of something.	They MEASURED UP the room.
<b>Measure up to</b>	Be good enough or worthy of something.	I hope to MEASURE UP TO the confidence you have in me.
<b>Meet with</b>	Have something happen to you.	They MET WITH some problems they hadn't anticipated.
<b>Melt down</b>	Heat something solid, especially metal, until it becomes liquid.	They MELTED the gold statue DOWN and turned it into gold bars.
<b>Mess about</b>	Not be serious, not use something properly.	The children were MESSING ABOUT with the TV remote control and broke it.
<b>Mess about</b>	Treat someone badly.	He is always MESSING me ABOUT and never does what he promises.
<b>Mess about</b>	Have a sexual relationship outside marriage or a permanent relationship.	He's not faithful- he's been MESSING ABOUT since they were married.
<b>Mess about with</b>	Have a sexual relationship outside marriage or a permanent relationship.	She's been MESSING ABOUT WITH another guy she knows from work.
<b>Mess about with</b>	Try to improve something, usually making things worse.	The computer was working fine until he started MESSING ABOUT WITH it.
<b>Mess around</b>	Not be serious, play with something.	I was MESSING AROUND on the internet because I couldn't be bothered to do any work.
<b>Mess around</b>	Treat someone badly.	She is always MESSING me AROUND and never does what she promises.

<b>Mess around</b>	Have a sexual relationship outside marriage or a permanent relationship.	She's not faithful- she's been MESSING ABOUT since they got married.
<b>Mess around with</b>	Have a sexual relationship outside marriage or a permanent relationship.	He's been MESSING ABOUT WITH a woman he works with.
<b>Mess around with</b>	Try to improve something, usually making things worse.	The computer was working fine until they started MESSING ABOUT WITH it.
<b>Mess over</b>	Treat someone badly.	They MESSED her OVER when she applied for the job.
<b>Mess up</b>	Spoil or ruin.	They MESSED UP the discussions and the contract fell through.
<b>Mess up</b>	Make something untidy or dirty.	They MESSED UP the room and left stuff all over the place.
<b>Mess up</b>	Cause mental, physical or emotional problems.	He took a lot of LSD and it really MESSED him UP.
<b>Mess with</b>	Become involved in something damaging or dangerous.	He's been MESSING WITH cocaine.
<b>Mess with</b>	Annoy, bother.	Don't MESS WITH me or there will be trouble.
<b>Mess with</b>	Associate (negative).	He's been MESSING WITH some dangerous people.
<b>Mess with</b>	Try to repair or improve, usually unsuccessfully.	She's been MESSING WITH it for hours and it still doesn't work.
<b>Mete out</b>	Give people harsh punishments or treatment.	They METED OUT savage penalties to anyone who broke the law.
<b>Mill around</b>	Walk around without going anywhere.	There were a lot of people MILLING AROUND waiting for the bus.
<b>Miss out</b>	Not do something enjoyable or rewarding.	It'll be great; you'll be MISSING OUT if you don't come.
<b>Miss out</b>	Not include.	Make sure you don't MISS anyone OUT when you call their names.
<b>Miss out on</b>	Lose a chance, fail to achieve.	Trudy MISSED OUT ON the promotion.
<b>Mix up</b>	Confuse.	I always MIX those two sisters UP because they look so like each other.
<b>Mix up</b>	Make something lively.	The DJ MIXED UP the night with some hard techno.
<b>Mock up</b>	Make a model of something to show or test it.	They MOCKED UP an example to show us what they would look like.
<b>Moggy off</b>	Leave ('moggie off' is also used.).	We MOGGIED OFF early.
<b>Monkey around</b>	Not be serious.	The police officer told the drunks to stop MONKEYING AROUND and go home quietly.
<b>Mooch about</b>	Spend time doing little or nothing.	I MOOCHED ABOUT the whole afternoon because I didn't feel like working.
<b>Mooch around</b>	Spend time doing little or nothing.	I MOOCHED AROUND the house all day.
<b>Mop up</b>	Resolve a problem.	He was left to MOP UP the mess after

<b>Mop up</b>	Kill or capture the last few enemy soldiers after a victory..	they resigned. After the battle, it took them a couple of weeks to MOP UP the remaining rebels.
<b>Mop up</b>	Eat a sauce with bread to finish it.	The sauce was so delicious that I ordered some bread to MOP it UP.
<b>Mop up</b>	Remove a liquid that has been spilt.	I used a cloth to MOP UP the coffee I had knocked over.
<b>Mope about</b>	Move around being miserable.	She didn't get the job and has been MOPING ABOUT all afternoon.
<b>Mope around</b>	Move around being miserable.	He's been MOPING AROUND since his girlfriend left him.
<b>Mount up</b>	Increase over time.	My debts MOUNTED UP while I was at university.
<b>Mouth off</b>	Speak angrily about something.	I always get angry and start MOUTHING OFF when the news is on TV.
<b>Move ahead</b>	Make progress, often after a pause or delay.	The construction can MOVE AHEAD now that permission has been granted.
<b>Move along</b>	Tell someone to move from a place.	The police told the people watching to MOVE ALONG.
<b>Move along</b>	Develop or progress in a reasonable or satisfactory manner.	The project's MOVING ALONG and everything should be ready on time.
<b>Move away</b>	Leave the area where you have been living.	I MOVED AWAY when the factory shut down.
<b>Move away from</b>	Stop doing or using something to change to something different.	They're MOVING AWAY FROM Windows and are using Linux.
<b>Move down</b>	Move a student to a lower level.	He was finding the course too difficult so they MOVED him DOWN.
<b>Move in</b>	Start living in a place.	The house was empty for ages, but some new tenants MOVED IN a few weeks ago.
<b>Move in on</b>	Approach, often stealthily.	As he watched, the hyenas began to MOVE IN ON the hapless wildebeest.
<b>Move into</b>	Start living in a place.	They MOVED INTO the house as soon as it was ready.
<b>Move on</b>	Change the subject or your job.	She MOVED ON to another company where the salary was considerably better.
<b>Move on</b>	Make people move from a place.	The police MOVED the crowd ON because they were holding up the traffic.
<b>Move out</b>	Leave a place you live or work in.	She's tired of living there and is MOVING OUT.
<b>Move out</b>	Remove.	The president said they would MOVE the troops OUT next year.
<b>Move out</b>	Change lane or position to pass a vehicle.	I MOVED OUT to overtake the bus.
<b>Move towards</b>	Make preparations for something.	The government are MOVING TOWARDS free elections.
<b>Move up</b>	Move to make space.	Could you MOVE UP and let me sit down?

<b>Move up</b>	Move to a higher level.	They <b>MOVED</b> her <b>UP</b> to senior management.
<b>Muddle along</b>	Continue without a clear aim or plan.	If you're ambitious, you cannot <b>MUDDLE ALONG</b> .
<b>Muddle through</b>	Do or achieve something without knowing what is required or having a plan.	We didn't know what to expect and just <b>MUDDLED THROUGH</b> .
<b>Muddle up</b>	Take things that are ordered or sequenced and mess them up.	My cleaner <b>MUDDLED UP</b> my books and I can't find anything.
<b>Muddle up</b>	Mistake a person or thing for someone or something else because they look similar.	I <b>MUDDLE</b> her and her sister <b>UP</b> .
<b>Mug up</b>	Study quickly, revise.	I have to <b>MUG UP</b> before the exam.
<b>Mug up on</b>	Study something quickly, revise.	I need to <b>MUG UP ON</b> my history for the test.
<b>Mull over</b>	Think about an issue or problem.	She said that she'd had to <b>MULL IT OVER</b> before deciding what was
<b>Muscle in</b>	Become involved in something when your involvement is not wanted.	We tried to exclude him of the committee, but he <b>MUSCLED IN</b> .
<b>Muscle in on</b>	Become involved in something despite opposition to your involvement.	She <b>MUSCLED IN ON</b> the deal even though we wanted to do it without her.
<b>Muscle into</b>	Become involved even though there is opposition to your involvement.	They are <b>MUSCLING INTO</b> our market and there is very little we can do to stop them.
<b>Muscle out</b>	Use power, contacts, etc, to force someone out.	They used their contacts in local government to <b>MUSCLE</b> the competitors <b>OUT</b> .
<b>Naff off</b>	Get lost, go away (used as imperative).	He was making a fuss, so I told him to <b>NAFF OFF</b> .
<b>Nag at</b>	Repeatedly criticise someone verbally.	My boss is always <b>NAGGING AT</b> me about my arriving a few minutes late for work.
<b>Nail down</b>	Succeed in getting, achieve.	They are having trouble <b>NAILING DOWN</b> the contract.
<b>Nail down</b>	Understand fully.	I can't <b>NAIL DOWN</b> what's wrong with their idea, but I'm sure it won't work.
<b>Nail down</b>	Get full information from someone.	I can't <b>NAIL</b> them <b>DOWN</b> about when they're going to finish the project.
<b>Nail down</b>	Succeed or achieve something.	I <b>NAILED</b> the job <b>DOWN</b> in the first interview.
<b>Name after</b>	Give someone a name to remember another person.	I was <b>NAMED AFTER</b> my uncle who died in the war.
<b>Narrow down</b>	Remove less important options to make it easier to choose.	I am not sure which university to apply to, but I have <b>NARROWED</b> my list <b>DOWN</b> to three.
<b>Nerd out</b>	Play safe and avoid taking a risk.	I'm going to <b>NERD OUT</b> and not go on the river trip.
<b>Nerd out</b>	Discuss something in great detail.	I had to <b>NERD OUT</b> when they asked about conditionals and deontic modality.

<b>Nip off</b>	Go somewhere quickly.	I'm NIPPING OFF to get some milk.
<b>Nip out</b>	Go somewhere quickly.	She'll be back in a minute- she's just NIPPED OUT to the shops.
<b>Nod off</b>	Fall asleep.	I NODDED OFF during the speech.
<b>Nod through</b>	Pass a law, regulation, etc, without considering or debating it seriously.	Parliament NODDED the bill THROUGH.
<b>Nose about</b>	Look for something hidden or secret.	The police are NOSING ABOUT to see if they can find anything against the gang.
<b>Nose around</b>	Look around for evidence.	The boss keeps NOSING AROUND our office when we are out at lunch.
<b>Nose out</b>	Find out, discover- usually information, secrets, etc.	He NOSED OUT their plans.
<b>Nose out</b>	Narrowly beat someone.	The other candidate NOSED him OUT by a few votes.
<b>Note down</b>	Write something short like a phone number for future reference..	She NOTED DOWN my fax number so that she could send me the documents when she got to the office.
<b>Nut out</b>	Find an answer to a problem.	The management and unions had a meeting to NUT things OUT.
<b>Occur to</b>	Enter one's mind.	Didn't it OCCUR TO you to help me when you saw how much trouble I was in?
<b>Open up</b>	Start to talk freely about something.	She hates to OPEN UP and discuss her feelings.
<b>Open up</b>	Open a shop or business for the day.	They OPEN UP at seven in the morning.
<b>Open up</b>	Allow goods into a market.	Before they joined the WTO, they had to OPEN UP their markets.
<b>Operate on</b>	Perform surgery.	She was OPERATED ON for eight hours.
<b>Opt for</b>	Choose.	I OPTED FOR an endowment mortgage and lost a lot of money.
<b>Opt in</b>	Choose to be part or a member of something.	If you want them to notify you of updates, you have to OPT IN.
<b>Opt into</b>	Choose to be a member or part of something.	I OPTED INTO the scheme.
<b>Opt out</b>	Choose not to be part of something.	The UK OPTED OUT of a lot of EU legislation on working hours and conditions.
<b>Owe to</b>	Be the reason for something.	She OWES her success TO hard work and determination.
<b>Own up</b>	Confess.	Nobody OWNED UP to breaking the window.
<b>Pack away</b>	Put something where it belongs.	I PACKED AWAY the suitcases in the loft after we had emptied them.
<b>Pack in</b>	Stop doing something.	I'm trying to PACK IN smoking.
<b>Pack in</b>	End a relationship.	She PACKED her boyfriend IN.
<b>Pack in</b>	Fill a venue.	They really PACK them IN at the club- it



<b>Pack in</b>	Break down, stop working.	was so crowded it was impossible to move.
<b>Pack it in</b>	Stop doing something (used as an imperative).	The photocopier has <b>PACKED IN</b> again.
<b>Pack off</b>	Send someone away.	The kids were making a fuss, so I told them to <b>PACK IT IN</b> .
<b>Pack out</b>	Fill a venue.	His boss <b>PACKED</b> him <b>OFF</b> to a regional office.
<b>Pack up</b>	Stop doing something.	The stadium was <b>PACKED OUT</b> .
<b>Pack up</b>	Finish work.	You should <b>PACK UP</b> smoking.
<b>Pack up</b>	Break down, stop working.	We had nothing left to do, so we <b>PACKED UP</b> early.
<b>Pack up</b>	Collect things and put them where you keep them.	My printer <b>PACKED UP</b> last night- I'll have to get a new one.
<b>Pad down</b>	Sleep somewhere for the night.	At the end of the presentation, I <b>PACKED UP</b> my laptop.
<b>Pad out</b>	Make a text longer by including extra content, often content that isn't particularly relevant.	I'm too tired to come home; can I <b>PAD DOWN</b> here tonight?
<b>Pair off</b>	Begin a romantic relationship.	I couldn't think of much to write, so I <b>PADDED</b> the essay <b>OUT</b> with a few lengthy quotes.
<b>Pair off</b>	Introduce people, hoping they will start a relationship.	They <b>PAIRED OFF</b> shortly after starting university.
<b>Pair off</b>	Form pairs.	I tried to <b>PAIR</b> him <b>OFF</b> with my sister.
<b>Pair off with</b>	Form a pair with someone.	The class <b>PAIRED OFF</b> to practise the exam interviews.
<b>Pair up</b>	Form a pair.	I <b>PAIRED OFF WITH</b> Trish for the test.
<b>Pal about</b>	Be friendly and spend time with someone.	We <b>PAIRED UP</b> for the last activity
<b>Pal around</b>	Be friendly and spend time with someone.	We used to <b>PAL ABOUT</b> when we were at school.
<b>Pal up</b>	Become friends.	We <b>PALLED AROUND</b> at university.
<b>Palm off</b>	Get someone to accept something that isn't true.	We <b>PALLED UP</b> when I started working with her.
<b>Palm off</b>	Pretend something is better than it is in order to sell it.	He tried to <b>PALM</b> me <b>OFF</b> with a pathetic excuse.
<b>Pan out</b>	The way a situation develops.	He tried to <b>PALM</b> his computer <b>OFF</b> as the latest model.
<b>Paper over</b>	Try to conceal a problem without really fixing it.	I don't know how things will <b>PAN OUT</b> now the company's been taken over.
<b>Pare back</b>	If you pare something back, you reduce the size or numbers..	The government tried to <b>PAPER OVER</b> the problems in the proposal, but the press were very critical.
		They have had to <b>PARE BACK</b> the services they offer as their funding was reduced.

<b>Pare down</b>	Reduce, decrease.	They have <b>PARED DOWN</b> the number of employees as they haven't been doing well.
<b>Part with</b>	Give something away, especially when you don't want to.	I found it very hard to <b>PART WITH</b> my old CDs when I digitized my collection.
<b>Pass around</b>	Give out to everybody there.	The teacher <b>PASSED</b> the handout <b>AROUND</b> .
<b>Pass as</b>	Be believed to be something.	Although not qualified, he managed to <b>PASS AS</b> a doctor for years.
<b>Pass away</b>	Die.	Sadly, Georgia's uncle <b>PASSED AWAY</b> yesterday after a short illness.
<b>Pass back</b>	Return.	I felt awful when the teacher started to <b>PASS BACK</b> the exam papers.
<b>Pass by</b>	Go past without stopping.	I was just <b>PASSING BY</b> when I saw the accident.
<b>Pass by</b>	Visit briefly.	I was <b>PASSING BY</b> her house the other day when I heard about it.
<b>Pass by</b>	Miss an opportunity.	The chance for promotion <b>PASSED</b> me <b>BY</b> .
<b>Pass down</b>	Transmit information or give property to younger generations.	The tales were <b>PASSED DOWN</b> for centuries without changing any of the words.
<b>Pass for</b>	Be accepted as something, usually when not.	You'd be surprised at what <b>PASSES FOR</b> good cooking in many restaurants.
<b>Pass off</b>	Convince something that something is real.	I managed to <b>PASS OFF</b> the fake money in the market.
<b>Pass off</b>	Happen in a certain way.	The demonstration <b>PASSED OFF</b> peacefully.
<b>Pass on</b>	Give a message to someone.	I'll <b>PASS</b> the message <b>ON</b> when she gets here.
<b>Pass on</b>	Decline an invitation or opportunity.	I think I'll <b>PASS ON</b> dinner tonight- I'm not hungry.
<b>Pass on</b>	Die.	Her husband <b>PASSED ON</b> last year.
<b>Pass on to</b>	Change topic or subject.	Let's <b>PASS ON TO</b> the next item on the agenda.
<b>Pass out</b>	Faint, lose consciousness.	He got so drunk that he <b>PASSED OUT</b> .
<b>Pass out</b>	Distribute.	The protesters <b>PASSED OUT</b> leaflets to the growing crowd.
<b>Pass over</b>	Ignore someone and give a job, reward, etc, to someone more junior.	They <b>PASSED</b> him <b>OVER</b> and made his assistant the new director.
<b>Pass over</b>	Ignore, refuse to discuss.	Let's <b>PASS OVER</b> what they said and get on.
<b>Pass round</b>	Distribute, give to people present.	They <b>PASSED ROUND</b> copies of the handbook.
<b>Pass through</b>	Visit a place without stopping or only stopping briefly.	I didn't see much as I was only <b>PASSING THROUGH</b> the town.
<b>Pass to</b>	Give ownership or responsibility to	The shares <b>PASSED TO</b> his daughter

	someone.	when he died.
<b>Pass to</b>	Become owner of or responsible for something.	The property will PASS TO her when they die.
<b>Pass up</b>	Decline a chance.	She PASSED UP the opportunity to go to university because she'd been offered a job.
<b>Pat down</b>	Search or frisk someone.	The police PATTED them DOWN for weapons but found nothing.
<b>Patch together</b>	Create or assemble something quickly without much planning.	They PATCHED TOGETHER a coalition after the election.
<b>Patch up</b>	Fix or make things better.	I tried to PATCH things UP after the argument, but they wouldn't speak to me.
<b>Patch up</b>	Give an injured person basic medical treatment.	After the accident, they PATCHED her UP and sent her to hospital.
<b>Pay back</b>	Repay money borrowed.	I PAID BACK the twenty pounds I'd borrowed.
<b>Pay back</b>	Take revenge on.	I'm going to PAY him BACK for that insult.
<b>Pay down</b>	Pay a debt over time.	The British government can't PAY DOWN the national debt.
<b>Pay for</b>	Purchase.	I PAID twenty pounds FOR the book.
<b>Pay into</b>	Deposit money.	I PAID the cash INTO my account.
<b>Pay off</b>	Completely repay a debt.	The mortgage will be PAID OFF in twenty-five years.
<b>Pay off</b>	Produce a profitable or successful result.	Their patience PAID OFF when he finally showed up and signed the contract.
<b>Peck at</b>	Eat very small amounts.	The food wasn't very nice, so I PECKED AT it to look polite.
<b>Peel away</b>	Leave a group by moving in a different direction.	Some of the crowd PEELED AWAY to get out of the crush.
<b>Peel away from</b>	Leave a group by moving in a different direction.	They PEELED AWAY FROM the crowd and went down a side road.
<b>Peel off</b>	Leave a group by moving in a different direction.	When the police blocked the road, a few protesters PEELED OFF and left the march.
<b>Peel off from</b>	Leave a group by moving in a different direction.	They PEELED OFF FROM the demonstration when the police arrived.
<b>Peel out</b>	Accelerate rapidly from stationary.	Fearing the police, he PEELED OUT in a cloud of tire smoke.
<b>Peg away</b>	Keep working at something.	I PEGGED AWAY for weeks before my exams.
<b>Peg down</b>	Fasten something to the ground.	We PEGGED the tent DOWN to stop the wind blowing it about.
<b>Peg it</b>	Die.	After a long illness, she finally PEGGED IT yesterday.
<b>Peg out</b>	Put washing outside to dry.	I PEGGED the washing OUT after it stopped raining.

<b>Peg out</b>	Die.	He PEGGED OUT last night from a heart attack.
<b>Pencil in</b>	Make a provisional appointment.	I'll PENCIL Thursday night IN, but if anything comes up, give me a ring..
<b>Pep up</b>	Make something more interesting.	You need to PEP your writing UP.
<b>Pep up</b>	Make someone more enthusiastic, energetic or interested.	Her talk PEPPED us UP.
<b>Perk up</b>	Feel better or happier, make someone feel better or happier.	She was ill in bed with flu, but she PERKED UP a bit when some friends dropped by.
<b>Peter out</b>	Lose impetus and stop.	Everyone was keen at first, but the enthusiasm PETERED OUT when they saw how long it would take.
<b>Phase in</b>	Introduce gradually.	They are PHASING IN the reforms over the next two years.
<b>Phase out</b>	Remove gradually.	They have introduced a compact edition of the newspaper and are PHASING OUT the broadsheet edition over the next few months.
<b>Pick at</b>	Eat unwillingly.	I wasn't very hungry so I just PICKED AT my food.
<b>Pick at</b>	Criticise.	There were a few problems that could be PICKED AT, but it was generally good.
<b>Pick off</b>	Target individuals to change a group.	There were many rebels against the policy, but the government PICKED OFF the leaders.
<b>Pick on</b>	Bother, annoy, criticize or make fun of someone.	My friends always PICK ON me because I don't sing well.
<b>Pick out</b>	Choose.	She PICKED OUT the ones she wanted to take and left the rest.
<b>Pick out</b>	Identify from a picture.	The victim couldn't PICK OUT her attacker from the photos the police showed her.
<b>Pick through</b>	Search something that is disordered for something.	The police have been PICKING THROUGH the wreckage for clues.
<b>Pick up</b>	Improve.	Sales PICKED UP a bit during the Christmas period.
<b>Pick up</b>	Learn quickly.	She PICKED UP Spanish in six months.
<b>Pick up</b>	Collect.	While you're in town, can you PICK UP my trousers from the Dry Cleaner?
<b>Pick up</b>	Receive (a broadcast).	When we rent a holiday cottage in Cornwall, we can't PICK UP Channel 5.
<b>Pick up</b>	Collect (a person). This differs from the 'collect a thing' meaning - as that means 'collect and bring back' whereas this means either (i) 'collect and drop off on your way' or (ii) 'collect and bring to the	i) Can you PICK me UP and take me to The George when you go to the party?ii) Can you PICK UP some friends of mine on your way to the party? They're going too.

same destination'..

**Pick up after**

Tidy a mess someone else has made.

I always have to PICK UP AFTER him because he leaves things all over the office.

**Pick up on**

Correct someone when they say something wrong.

My teacher PICKS UP ON any mistake I make and corrects me.

**Pick up on**

Notice something that most people don't.

He's very quick to PICK UP ON new trends.

**Pick up on**

React to something.

The government has PICKED UP ON the reports in the media.

**Pick up on**

Comment on something said earlier in a conversation.

I'd like to PICK UP ON the point that Jill made.

**Pick yourself up**

Recover from a fall or problem.

It took him a long time to PICK HIMSELF UP after his wife left him.

**Pig off**

Used to tell someone to get lost or leave you alone.

He told them to PIG OFF and leave him in peace.

**Pig out**

Eat a lot.

The food was great, so I really PIGGED OUT.

**Pile in**

Enter a place quickly, in a disorganised way.

The coach stopped and we all PILED IN.

**Pile into**

Enter a place quickly, in a disorganised way.

We PILED INTO the shop when it opened.

**Pile on**

Add or give more or something.

Work's crazy- they keep PILING ON the pressure.

**Pile on**

Exaggerate or talk in a way to affect someone's feelings.

It wasn't very serious, but they PILED ON the guilt.

**Pile out**

Leave a place quickly, in a disorganised way.

The train eventually arrived and we all PILED OUT.

**Pile up**

Accumulate.

Work just keeps on PILING UP and I really can't manage to get it all done.

**Pile up**

Accumulate in a pile or heap.

The ironing's PILING UP as I hate doing it.

**Pin down**

Get a fixed idea, opinion, etc, from someone..

I've asked him to set a date, but he's a hard man to PIN DOWN and won't give a definite answer.

**Pin down**

Discover exact details about something.

The government can't PIN DOWN where the leak came from.

**Pin on**

Attach the blame to someone.

The police tried to PIN the crime ON him.

**Pin up**

Fix something to a wall, or other vertical surface, with a pin.

I PINNED the notice UP on the board

**Pine away**

Suffer physically because of grief, stress, worry, etc.

He's been PINING AWAY since his wife died and is a shadow of his former self.

**Pipe down**

Be quiet (often as an imperative).

The lecturer asked the students to PIPE DOWN and pay attention.

**Pipe up**

To speak, raise your voice.

At first, no one answered, then finally someone PIPED UP.



<b>Pit against</b>	Compete or force to compete.	The war PITTED neighbour AGAINST neighbour.
<b>Pit out</b>	Go into the pits (car racing).	He PITTED OUT in the twentieth lap.
<b>Pitch for</b>	Try to persuade someone to give your work, business, a job, etc.	He PITCHED FOR the job, but they gave it to someone else.
<b>Pitch in</b>	Work together to help achieve an objective.	We were behind schedule, but the others PITCHED IN and we got it done in time.
<b>Pitch into</b>	Criticise severely or attack someone.	The shareholders PITCHED INTO the management about their pay rises at the meeting.
<b>Plant out</b>	Put a young plant that has been grown in a pot or greenhouse into the ground.	They need to be PLANTED OUT in the spring.
<b>Plate up</b>	Put food onto a plate to serve.	PLATE UP and drizzle with salsa verde.
<b>Play along</b>	Pretend to agree or accept something in order to keep someone happy or to get more information.	I disagreed with the idea but I had to PLAY ALONG because everyone else liked it.
<b>Play around</b>	Be silly.	The children were PLAYING AROUND and being annoying.
<b>Play around</b>	Be sexually promiscuous or unfaithful.	I PLAYED AROUND a lot at college.
<b>Play at</b>	Pretend to be something.	He just PLAYS AT being a lawyer- he never wins a case.
<b>Play away</b>	Be sexually unfaithful when away from home.	He travels abroad a lot and his wife thinks he PLAYS AWAY.
<b>Play back</b>	Listen to or watch something you've recorded.	We PLAYED the recording BACK to see if it was OK.
<b>Play down</b>	Try to make something seem less important.	The Government has tried to PLAY DOWN the importance of the minister's resignation.
<b>Play off</b>	Play a game to decide who the winner is.	As both teams had the same points, they PLAYED OFF to decide the winner.
<b>Play off</b>	Make people compete against each other so that you benefit.	He PLAYED them OFF against each other to get the best deal.
<b>Play on</b>	Continue playing a sport though there might be a reason to stop.	It looked like a foul, but the referee told them to PLAY ON.
<b>Play on</b>	Continue playing music.	The band PLAYED ON for another hour.
<b>Play on</b>	Exploit a weakness.	They are just PLAYING ON our fears to get us to do what they want.
<b>Play on</b>	Pun.	The advert PLAYS ON the slogan
<b>Play out</b>	Progress, often till it finishes.	Let's see how things PLAY OUT.
<b>Play out</b>	Pretend that something is real and reduce its effect.	Computer games allow people to PLAY OUT their violent urges.
<b>Play out</b>	Play something to the end.	Rain stopped them PLAYING the game OUT.
<b>Play out</b>	Unwind (e.g., fishing line).	When he hooked the swordfish, his line rapidly PLAYED OUT.
<b>Play up</b>	Behave badly.	The children PLAYED UP all evening

<b>Play up to</b>	Flatter someone.	and drove the babysitter mad.
<b>Play up to</b>	Behave in a way expected.	I'm PLAYING UP TO my boss at the moment because I want the promotion.
<b>Play upon</b>	Exploit a weakness.	He's got a reputation for being trouble and PLAYS UP TO it.
<b>Play with</b>	Touch and move something to occupy your hands.	They are PLAYING UPON people's concerns to get their way.
<b>Play with</b>	Not eat much of a meal.	He can't stop PLAYING WITH his beard.
<b>Play with</b>	Consider something, but not seriously.	I wasn't hungry, so I just PLAYED WITH the food.
<b>Plead out</b>	Plead guilty to get a reduced sentence or fine.	We PLAYED WITH the idea, but decided against it.
<b>Plough back</b>	Re-invest money you have made into a business.	The CEO PLEADED OUT and blamed the CFO for the fraud.
<b>Plough into</b>	Collide into at speed.	We PLOUGHED BACK all the profits to grow the company.
<b>Plough on</b>	Continue doing something you don't want to.	The bus skidded and PLOUGHED INTO the bus stop.
<b>Plough through</b>	Eat a big meal.	It was really boring, but we PLOUGHED ON.
<b>Plough through</b>	Read something that is difficult or takes a lot of time.	We PLOUGHED THROUGH all seven courses.
<b>Plough through</b>	Move through somewhere where there is little space or there are obstacles.	It took me ages to PLOUGH THROUGH 'Ulysses'.
<b>Plough up</b>	Break the surface of soil.	The boat had to PLOUGH THROUGH the ice.
<b>Plow back</b>	Re-invest money you have made into a business.	The tractor PLOUGHED UP the field so they could sow the seed.
<b>Plow into</b>	Collide into at speed.	We PLOWED BACK all the profits to grow the company.
<b>Plow on</b>	Continue doing something you don't want to.	The bus skidded and PLOWED INTO the bus stop.
<b>Plow through</b>	Eat a big meal.	It was really boring, but we PLOWD ON.
<b>Plow through</b>	Read something that is difficult or takes a lot of time.	We PLOWED THROUGH all eight courses.
<b>Plow through</b>	Move through somewhere where there is little space or there are obstacles.	It takes me ages to PLOW THROUGH any of Henry James' novels.
<b>Plow up</b>	Break the surface of soil.	The police car had to PLOW THROUGH the crowd.
<b>Pluck at</b>	Pull or fiddle with something nervously.	The tractor PLOWED UP the field so they could sow the crop
<b>Pluck up</b>	Muster, acquire, gather.	He was PLUCKING AT his cuffs during the interview.
		They PLUCKED UP the courage to complain.

<b>Plug in</b>	Connect machines to the electricity supply.	He PLUGGED the TV IN and turned it on full blast.
<b>Plump down</b>	Put something in a place without taking care.	He PLUMPED his bag DOWN and kicked his shoes off.
<b>Plump for</b>	Choose.	I PLUMPED FOR the steak frites.
<b>Plump up</b>	Make something like a cushion bigger and softer by shaking it.	I PLUMPED UP the pillow and lay down.
<b>Plump yourself down</b>	Sit down heavily.	She PLUMPED HERSELF DOWN next to me and started asking me what had happened.
<b>Point out</b>	Make someone aware of something.	He POINTED OUT that I only had two weeks to get the whole thing finished.
<b>Poke about</b>	Move things around or search in a casual way to try to find something.	I POKED ABOUT in my CD collection to see if I could find it.
<b>Poke around</b>	Move things around or search in a casual way to try to find something.	I POKED AROUND in my desk to see if the letter was there.
<b>Polish off</b>	Finish, consume.	She POLISHES OFF half a bottle of gin every night.
<b>Polish up</b>	Improve something quickly.	I need to POLISH UP my French before I go to Paris.
<b>Pony up</b>	Pay for something.	I had to PONY fifty dollars UP for the meal.
<b>Poop out</b>	Get too tired to do something.	I was going to write my essay, but I POOPED OUT and went to bed instead.
<b>Poop out on</b>	Fail to keep an appointment.	We were supposed to meet yesterday, but she POOPED OUT ON me at the last minute.
<b>Pootle along</b>	Travel in a leisurely way.	We were POOTLING ALONG at thirty miles an hour.
<b>Pop in</b>	Visit for a short time.	He POPPED IN for a coffee on his way home.
<b>Pop off</b>	Talk loudly, complain.	He's always POPPING OFF when things don't suit him.
<b>Pop off</b>	Go out for a short time.	He's just POPPED OFF for a break but should be back in a few minutes.
<b>Pop out</b>	Go out for a short time.	I'm just POPPING OUT to the shops. Do you need anything while I'm out?
<b>Pop up</b>	Appear, like windows and boxes opening on a computer screen..	The dialogue box POPPED UP up when I pressed Enter.
<b>Pop up</b>	Appear unexpectedly.	I'm going to have to work late tonight because something has POPPED UP.
<b>Pore over</b>	Read, look at or study carefully.	She PORED OVER the report looking for mistakes.
<b>Potter about</b>	Spend time doing little things for pleasure.	On Saturday mornings, I POTTER ABOUT the garden if the weather's fine.
<b>Potter around</b>	Spend some time doing little things for pleasure.	I POTTERED AROUND, sorting out my CDS and a few other things.

<b>Pour down</b>	Rain hard.	It <b>POURED DOWN</b> all day so we had to remain indoors.
<b>Pour forth</b>	Emerge from a place in large numbers.	Useless statistics <b>POUR FORTH</b> from him.
<b>Power down</b>	Cut the electricity supply to a computer or electronic device.	I <b>POWERED DOWN</b> my computer and went for lunch.
<b>Power off</b>	Cut the electricity to a computer or device to turn it off.	You mustn't <b>POWER</b> it <b>OFF</b> while it is updating.
<b>Power up</b>	Turn a computer or electronic device on so that it is ready to use.	I <b>POWERED UP</b> my laptop and started work.
<b>Prattle on</b>	Talk too much.	Geoff just <b>PRATTLED ON</b> instead of giving a straight answer.
<b>Press ahead</b>	Continue with something.	They <b>PRESSED AHEAD</b> with the elections despite the violence.
<b>Press for</b>	Apply pressure to get permission or to obtain something.	The workers are <b>PRESSING FOR</b> better pay and conditions.
<b>Press forward with</b>	Continue or go ahead with a project, process, plan, etc.	The government are <b>PRESSING FORWARD WITH</b> the new law.
<b>Press into</b>	Bring or force into use.	When the line was breached, reserve troops were <b>PRESSED INTO</b> service.
<b>Press on</b>	Continue with something.	We <b>PRESSED ON</b> to get to our destination before night fell.
<b>Press upon</b>	Pressure someone to accept something offered.	The invitations were <b>PRESSED UPON</b> us and it was hard to say no.
<b>Prey on</b>	Catch and kill an animal for food.	Spiders <b>PREY ON</b> insects.
<b>Prey on</b>	Exploit or harm.	They <b>PREY ON</b> older people.
<b>Prey upon</b>	Catch and kill an animal for food.	Cats <b>PREY UPON</b> birds and mice.
<b>Prey upon</b>	Exploit or harm.	They <b>PREY UPON</b> people's fears about immigration.
<b>Price in</b>	Include the affects of possible future events when assessing the value of something.	Speculators have <b>PRICED IN</b> the risk of a war breaking out.
<b>Price up</b>	Charge more for something.	In rural areas where they have a monopoly, some garages <b>PRICE UP</b> fuel because there's nowhere else to buy it.
<b>Print out</b>	Make a hard copy of a computer document.	He <b>PRINTED OUT</b> the letter and checked through it carefully.
<b>Prop up</b>	Support something, both physically and financially, politically, etc..	The council have <b>PROPPED UP</b> the museum for years with grants.
<b>Psych out</b>	Work out or anticipate someone's intentions.	We have to try to <b>PSYCH OUT</b> our rivals.
<b>Psych out</b>	Make someone less confident.	Boxers try to <b>PSYCH</b> their opponents <b>OUT</b> before the fight to gain an advantage.
<b>Psych up</b>	Prepare someone mentally.	I <b>PSYCHED</b> myself <b>UP</b> for the exam.

<b>Pucker up</b>	Move your lips into position to receive a kiss.	She <b>PUCKERED UP</b> when he leant forwards to kiss her.
<b>Pull ahead</b>	Overtake, move in front.	The lorry was going slowly but we managed to <b>PULL AHEAD</b> .
<b>Pull apart</b>	Destroy an argument, theory, etc.	My tutor <b>PULLED</b> my essay <b>APART</b> .
<b>Pull apart</b>	Stop people or animals fighting.	A fight broke out in the pub and it was hard to <b>PULL</b> the people involved <b>APART</b> .
<b>Pull apart</b>	Make someone unhappy or upset.	It <b>PULLED</b> me <b>APART</b> to see them arguing so much.
<b>Pull away</b>	When a vehicle moves from a place.	The car <b>PULLED AWAY</b> from the lights at high speed.
<b>Pull back</b>	Score a goal or point when losing.	They were two-nil down until five minutes before the end, when they <b>PULLED BACK</b> a goal.
<b>Pull back</b>	Move away from a place, especially when talking about soldiers.	They have <b>PULLED</b> the troops <b>BACK</b> from the front line.
<b>Pull back</b>	Move away from someone.	She <b>PULLED BACK</b> when he tried to kiss her.
<b>Pull back</b>	Decide not to do something or not to be involved with it any longer.	They <b>PULLED BACK</b> from the deal.
<b>Pull down</b>	Demolish.	They <b>PULLED</b> the old cinema <b>DOWN</b> to build a new shopping mall.
<b>Pull down</b>	Make someone depressed.	Losing her job <b>PULLED</b> her <b>DOWN</b> .
<b>Pull down</b>	Earn.	He's <b>PULLING DOWN</b> a fortune.
<b>Pull for</b>	Support.	Who will you be <b>PULLING FOR</b> in the final?
<b>Pull in</b>	When a train arrives at a station.	The train <b>PULLED IN</b> and we rushed to meet her as she got off.
<b>Pull in</b>	Attract.	Their last tour <b>PULLED IN</b> millions of fans.
<b>Pull in</b>	Stop a car by the side of the road.	I <b>PULLED IN</b> to let the passengers out.
<b>Pull in</b>	Arrest or take someone to a police station for questioning.	The police <b>PULLED</b> them <b>IN</b> after the trouble.
<b>Pull off</b>	Manage to do something difficult or tricky.	No-one thought that she would be able to do it, but she <b>PULLED</b> it <b>OFF</b> in the end.
<b>Pull off</b>	Start moving (vehicles).	When the lights turned green, the car <b>PULLED OFF</b> .
<b>Pull on</b>	Put clothes on.	I <b>PULLED ON</b> a jumper when the sun went in.
<b>Pull out</b>	Start moving (train).	The train was <b>PULLING OUT</b> when I got there.
<b>Pull out</b>	Move into traffic.	The traffic was so bad that it took me ages to <b>PULL OUT</b> .
<b>Pull out</b>	Withdraw.	The project was going badly and they decided to <b>PULL OUT</b> .



<b>Pull out</b>	Remove soldiers from an area.	People want the government to PULL the troops OUT.
<b>Pull over</b>	Stop by the side of the road.	The police PULLED the car OVER
<b>Pull over</b>	Make a vehicle stop.	The police PULLED the car OVER and tested the driver for alcohol.
<b>Pull through</b>	Recover from and illness or problem.	At one stage it looked as if she was going to die, but she PULLED THROUGH in the end.
<b>Pull to</b>	Close a door or window that has been left open.	Could you PULL the door TO, please?
<b>Pull together</b>	Work together as a team.	If we all PULL TOGETHER, we'll have it finished in no time.
<b>Pull up</b>	Slow and stop a car.	The cab PULLED UP outside my house and I got out.
<b>Pull up</b>	Inform someone that they are wrong.	He PULLED me UP because I had got my facts wrong.
<b>Pull yourself together</b>	Become calm or regain control of your emotions.	He was so angry that he couldn't PULL HIMSELF TOGETHER.
<b>Push in</b>	Get in a queue without waiting.	She just PUSHED IN the queue in front of me at the supermarket checkout.
<b>Put across</b>	Communicate, convey a message.	He found it difficult to PUT ACROSS what he wanted to say at the meeting.
<b>Put away</b>	Put something back in the correct place.	He PUT the dictionary BACK on the shelf after he'd finished the crossword.
<b>Put away</b>	Put someone in prison.	The judge PUT him AWAY for ten years for robbery.
<b>Put back</b>	Rearrange something for a later time.	The AGM has been PUT BACK until July the seventeenth.
<b>Put by</b>	Save for the future.	I try to PUT some money BY every month towards our summer holiday.
<b>Put down</b>	Kill an animal because it's old, ill, etc..	He had his dog PUT DOWN because it was in a lot of pain from its tumours.
<b>Put down</b>	Stop holding (but withdraw support gently).	PUT the gun DOWN slowly and keep your hands where I can see them.
<b>Put down for</b>	Commit to make a payment.	PUT me DOWN FOR 50p per mile.
<b>Put down to</b>	Give as an explanation.	He didn't score many, but we can PUT that DOWN TO inexperience
<b>Put in</b>	Install.	They had to PUT IN a whole new central heating system because the house was so cold.
<b>Put in for</b>	Make a request.	He PUT IN FOR a transfer to the new branch.
<b>Put off</b>	Postpone.	The concert's been PUT OFF until next month because the singer's got a throat infection.

<b>Put off</b>	Stop liking something or somebody.	I was really PUT OFF by the way he eats with his mouth open.
<b>Put on</b>	Get fat.	He's PUT ON a lot of weight since he gave up smoking.
<b>Put on</b>	Deceive, lie.	I am not PUTTING you ON.
<b>Put on</b>	Start wearing.	I PUT my coat ON before we went out.
<b>Put out</b>	Broadcast.	Several charities PUT OUT an appeal on TV for money for the victims of the flooding in Mozambique.
<b>Put out</b>	Disturb or trouble someone.	Would it be PUTTING you OUT greatly if I asked to change to another day.
<b>Put out</b>	Extinguish a cigarette, fire, etc..	He PUT OUT his cigarette before entering the building.
<b>Put over</b>	Successfully execute (a scam, trick, etc.).	They PUT OVER a clever practical joke on us.
<b>Put through</b>	Connect someone by phone.	Could you PUT me THROUGH to extension 259 please.
<b>Put towards</b>	Make a financial contribution.	She PUT \$250 TOWARDS the cost of the repairs and we had to pay the rest.
<b>Put up</b>	Allow someone to stay at your house for a night or a few days..	She PUT me UP for the night because I'd missed the last bus and there were no night buses running.
<b>Put up</b>	Increase prices, taxes, duties, etc..	The government has PUT tuition fees for undergraduate students UP again.
<b>Put up</b>	Show skill or determination in a contest, competition, fight, etc.	They PUT UP a great fight but lost.
<b>Put up to</b>	Encourage someone to do something.	His friends PUT him UP TO stealing it.
<b>Put up with</b>	Tolerate.	I can't PUT UP WITH my neighbour's noise any longer; it's driving me mad.
<b>Quarrel out</b>	Argue with someone about a specific subject.	The girl's mother was QUARRELING OUT with her daughter about the party.
<b>Quarrel with</b>	Dispute or disagree with something.	I am not QUARRELLING WITH their idea, but I think there are other possibilities.
<b>Queer up</b>	Mess up, ruin.	I QUEERED the exam UP.
<b>Quieten down</b>	Fall silent.	The audience QUIETENED DOWN when the lights were switched off in the auditorium and the play was ready to begin.
<b>Quit on</b>	Stop working, associating or being friends with someone, especially when they need support.	They QUIT ON me just when things got rough.
<b>Quit on</b>	Stop working or functioning.	My phone has QUIT ON me- can I borrow yours?
<b>Race off</b>	Hurry away, leave somewhere quickly.	They RACED OFF when the police arrived.

<b>Rack off</b>	Used to tell someone to go away because they're annoying you.	He told her to RACK OFF.
<b>Rack out</b>	Sleep, take a nap.	I'm tired- I'm going to RACK OUT.
<b>Rack up</b>	Acquire a lot of something.	He's RACKED UP a number of convictions for speeding.
<b>Rack up</b>	Damage.	They RACKED UP the car in an accident.
<b>Rain down on</b>	Fall in large numbers.	Bombs RAINED DOWN ON the city all night.
<b>Rain off</b>	Be postponed or stopped by rain (usually passive).	The match was RAINED OFF.
<b>Rain out</b>	Be postponed or stopped by rain (usually passive).	The game was RAINED OUT.
<b>Rake in</b>	Earn, make money easily.	She's RAKING IN thousands a day.
<b>Rake it in</b>	Make a lot of money.	It's the only shop in the area and they're RAKING IT IN.
<b>Rake off</b>	Cheat someone by charging them too much.	They RAKE tourists OFF all the time.
<b>Rake over</b>	Talk, think, etc, about something negative in the past.	They keep RAKING OVER the rows we had last year.
<b>Rake up</b>	Bring something back to people's attention.	The press have RAKED UP some scandals from her past.
<b>Ramble on</b>	Talk at length without getting to the point.	Quit RAMBLING ON- I'm tired of listening to you.
<b>Ramp up</b>	Increase price, speed or power of something.	The company has RAMPED its prices UP because of higher oil prices.
<b>Rap out</b>	Say something firmly and loudly.	She RAPPED OUT the command.
<b>Rat on</b>	Inform authorities about someone's wrongdoings.	She RATTED ON her neighbours to the police because they were smuggling alcohol from France.
<b>Rat on</b>	Fail to keep a promise.	He always RATS ON his promises.
<b>Rat out</b>	Inform the authorities about someone.	He RATTED me OUT to the police.
<b>Rat through</b>	Look for something hurriedly.	I RATTED THROUGH the papers on my desk but couldn't find the letter.
<b>Ratchet up</b>	Increase.	The media are trying to RATCHET UP the pressure on the president.
<b>Rattle off</b>	Quote figures rapidly.	She RATTLED OFF loads of statistics which nobody could understand.
<b>Reach out</b>	Stretch your arm to get something.	I REACHED OUT and caught the ball.
<b>Reach out for</b>	Try to achieve something difficult.	They are REACHING OUT FOR major economic reforms.
<b>Reach out to</b>	Ask for help.	I REACHED OUT TO you when I was in trouble and you were a great help.
<b>Reach out to</b>	Offer help.	Charities are REACHING OUT TO those who lost their homes in the floods.
<b>Reach out</b>	Try to communicate and establish good	The candidates are REACHING OUT TO

<b>to</b>	relations with people.	the poor to get their votes.
<b>Read off</b>	Read a list aloud for someone to write down.	I READ OFF the figures and she wrote them down in her notebook.
<b>Read out</b>	Read aloud rather than silently.	The teacher READ OUT the names of the students who'd passed.
<b>Read up on</b>	Research.	I've been READING UP ON Japan as I'm going to live there next year.
<b>Reason out</b>	Come to a conclusion or solution after some thought.	He REASONED OUT the answer to the math problem.
<b>Reckon on</b>	The minimum expected.	Jeff says we can RECKON ON there being at least fifty people there tonight.
<b>Reel in</b>	Catch a fish on a line and pull the line to land.	He REELED IN a ten-pound salmon.
<b>Reel in</b>	Attract people, especially customers, to get them to do what you want them to.	They hope the discounts will REEL people IN.
<b>Reel off</b>	Quote statistics or facts rapidly.	The minister REELED OFF a load of figures to support her position.
<b>Reel off</b>	Score a lot of points or win a lot of games one after the other.	They REELED OFF five victories and became the champions.
<b>Reel out</b>	Unwind.	I REELED OUT the hose and watered the lawn.
<b>Rein in</b>	Control someone or something to stop them causing more trouble.	They had to REIN the minister IN after her dreadful performance on TV.
<b>Rent out</b>	Let, grant a service or allow usage for a fee.	They RENTED their house OUT while the were abroad.
<b>Ride off</b>	Go away on a bike, horse, etc.	She got on her motorbike and RODE OFF.
<b>Ride on</b>	Depend on.	His reputation is RIDING ON this deal working out.
<b>Ride out</b>	Survive a difficult time.	They managed to RIDE OUT the recession.
<b>Ride up</b>	Move higher on the body (of clothes).	Her skirt RODE UP when she sat down.
<b>Ring back</b>	Return a phonecall.	I phoned and left a message this morning but she still hasn't RUNG me BACK.
<b>Ring in</b>	Telephone to inform or confirm something.	I RANG IN and told them I would be late.
<b>Ring off</b>	Finish a phone conversation.	Dave RANG OFF guiltily when he saw his boss coming.
<b>Ring out</b>	Make a sudden loud sound.	Two shots RANG OUT and then we heard a scream.
<b>Ring round</b>	Telephone a number of people, usually to try to get some information.	I RANG ROUND to see if anyone knew where she'd gone.
<b>Ring up</b>	Telephone.	Helen RANG me UP earlier.
<b>Ring up</b>	Achieve an amount or number.	They RANG UP several victories.
<b>Ring up</b>	Enter figures into a till or cash register.	They RANG UP the bill for the groceries.
<b>Ring with</b>	When a place is full of a loud sound.	The room RANG WITH their laughter.

<b>Rip off</b>	Charge excessively or obtain money unfairly.	Tourists get <b>RIPPED OFF</b> a lot when they don't speak the language.
<b>Roll back</b>	Retreat.	The army <b>ROLLED BACK</b> when they came under attack.
<b>Roll back</b>	Reduce or remove.	The government want to <b>ROLL BACK</b> the freedom of the press.
<b>Roll by</b>	Pass (time).	The years <b>ROLLED BY</b> .
<b>Roll in</b>	Arrive somewhere, especially if late.	They <b>ROLLED IN</b> very drunk at three o'clock in the morning.
<b>Roll in</b>	Arrive in large numbers, for military vehicles.	The tanks <b>ROLLED IN</b> and took control of the capital city.
<b>Roll on</b>	When something continues to happen.	The competition <b>ROLLED ON</b> despite the administrative problems.
<b>Roll on!</b>	Said when you can't wait for something nice in the future.	Roll on Friday! It's been a dreadful week.
<b>Roll out</b>	Launch or introduce a new product, initiative, etc..	The company <b>ROLLED OUT</b> its takeover plans last week.
<b>Roll up</b>	To appear in large numbers for an event.	Thousands <b>ROLLED UP</b> to see the stars at the film premiere.
<b>Roll up!</b>	An imperative used to attract people to a public event.	<b>Roll up!</b> Come and see the circus tonight.
<b>Romp in</b>	Win easily.	In the first race, the favourite <b>ROMPED IN</b> .
<b>Romp through</b>	Do something easily or quickly.	We <b>ROMPED THROUGH</b> the tasks because they were so simple.
<b>Room in</b>	To keep a mother and baby together after the birth.	Nowadays, most hospitals have a policy of <b>ROOMING IN</b> mothers and their babies.
<b>Root about</b>	Look in a place to try to find something.	He <b>ROOTED ABOUT</b> in his briefcase, trying to find a pen.
<b>Root around</b>	Look in a place to try to find something.	I <b>ROOTED AROUND</b> my flat trying to find the letter.
<b>Root for</b>	Support.	Everyone was <b>ROOTING FOR</b> Arsenal to win the Champions League.
<b>Root out</b>	Look for and find.	The police <b>ROOTED OUT</b> the informer.
<b>Root out</b>	Find the source of a problem and remove it.	They are trying to <b>ROOT OUT</b> the troublemakers.
<b>Root up</b>	Dig a plant out of the ground.	He <b>ROOTED UP</b> the plants and replanted them.
<b>Rope in</b>	Get somebody to help.	The teacher <b>ROPED</b> her students <b>IN</b> to carry her stuff when she had to change classroom.
<b>Rope into</b>	Get someone to help or become involved, usually when they don't want to.	I got <b>ROPED INTO</b> helping them set the stall up.
<b>Rope off</b>	Extend ropes or barriers across or around an area.	The celebrity entrance was <b>ROPED OFF</b> from the general public.
<b>Rough up</b>	Assault.	The mugger <b>ROUGHED</b> him <b>UP</b> when



<b>Round off</b>	Finish something in a satisfactory manner.	he refused to hand his wallet over.
<b>Row back</b>	Retreat from a position.	Winning the FA Cup <b>ROUNDED OFF</b> a wonderful season for Arsenal.
<b>Rub along</b>	Have a reasonably good relationship.	The prime minister refused to <b>ROW BACK</b> and lost the vote.
<b>Rub down</b>	Dry or clean something with a cloth.	They're not friends, but we <b>RUB ALONG</b> .
<b>Rub down</b>	Massage or rub someone to help them relax.	She <b>RUBBED</b> the horse <b>DOWN</b> with a towel after riding it.
<b>Rub in</b>	Apply a substance like cream or ointment and rub it until it is absorbed.	The trainer <b>RUBBED</b> her <b>DOWN</b> after the race.
<b>Rub it in</b>	Emphasise how bad a situation is to make someone feel worse.	He applied the steroid cream and <b>RUBBED</b> it <b>IN</b> .
<b>Rub off on</b>	Pass a quality or characteristic to people.	Even though the minister had resigned, the press <b>RUBBED IT IN</b> by publishing more details of the scandal.
<b>Rub out</b>	Delete ink or pencil with an eraser.	His enthusiasm <b>RUBS OFF ON</b> everyone around him.
<b>Rub out</b>	Kill.	He <b>RUBBED OUT</b> the figure and wrote the correct one in.
<b>Rub up against</b>	Touch someone in a sensual or sexual way.	The gangsters <b>RUBBED</b> him <b>OUT</b> for stealing from them.
<b>Rub up on</b>	Revise.	The cat <b>RUBBED UP AGAINST</b> my leg purring.
<b>Rule out</b>	Exclude a possibility.	I need to <b>RUB UP ON</b> my Portuguese before I go to Brazil.
<b>Run across</b>	Meet or find accidentally.	The police have <b>RULED OUT</b> suicide and are treating it as a case of murder.
<b>Run after</b>	Chase, pursue.	I <b>RAN ACROSS</b> an old friend in the library.
<b>Run after</b>	Try to become romantically involved with someone.	The police <b>RAN AFTER</b> the guy who'd stolen it, but he was too fast for them.
<b>Run against</b>	Oppose, make difficulties.	He was <b>RUNNING AFTER</b> her for ages never managed to get a date.
<b>Run along</b>	Go away, leave (often as an imperative).	Opinion is <b>RUNNING AGAINST</b> his policies and he has very little support.
<b>Run around</b>	Be very busy doing many things.	They kept disturbing him, so he told them to <b>RUN ALONG</b> and leave him in peace.
<b>Run away</b>	Escape from people chasing you.	I'm exhausted- I've been <b>RUNNING AROUND</b> all day.
<b>Run away</b>	Leave home because of problems with other family members or to elope.	He <b>RAN AWAY</b> from his attackers.
<b>Run down</b>	Hit a pedestrian with a vehicle.	She <b>RAN AWAY</b> to avoid a forced marriage.
<b>Run down</b>	Lose energy or power.	The minicab <b>RAN</b> him <b>DOWN</b> on the zebra crossing.
		You should only recharge the battery when it has fully <b>RUN DOWN</b> .

<b>Run down</b>	Criticise, disparage.	They're always <b>RUNNING</b> me <b>DOWN</b> and I am sick and tired of it.
<b>Run down</b>	Find the source or origin of something.	The police <b>RAN DOWN</b> all the leads they had and caught them.
<b>Run for</b>	Campaign for a position.	She's thinking about <b>RUNNING FOR</b> the presidency.
<b>Run in</b>	Arrest, take to police station for questioning.	They <b>RAN</b> him <b>IN</b> last night.
<b>Run in</b>	Drive a new car carefully in order not to damage the engine.	She <b>RAN</b> the car <b>IN</b> for a thousand miles.
<b>Run in</b>	Pay a casual visit.	We <b>RAN IN</b> and chatted for an hour.
<b>Run in</b>	Insert.	He <b>RAN</b> a graph <b>IN</b> next to the text.
<b>Run into</b>	Cost.	The project has <b>RUN INTO</b> millions of dollars without any prospect of a return on this investment.
<b>Run into</b>	Meet by accident.	I <b>RAN INTO</b> James in a bar in the City on Friday.
<b>Run off</b>	Make photocopies.	Could you <b>RUN OFF</b> two hundred copies of this report, please.
<b>Run on</b>	Be powered by.	The van <b>RUNS ON</b> diesel.
<b>Run out of</b>	Have none left.	We've <b>RUN OUT OF</b> sugar; I'm going to the shops for some.
<b>Run over</b>	Explain quickly.	Could you <b>RUN OVER</b> that point again; I'm afraid I didn't quite understand it.
<b>Run over</b>	Hit with a vehicle.	The driver couldn't stop in time and <b>RAN</b> the fox <b>OVER</b> when it ran in front of his car.
<b>Run over</b>	Exceed a time limit.	The meeting <b>RAN OVER</b> by twenty minutes.
<b>Run through</b>	Practise a dramatic work like a play quickly.	The cast <b>RAN THROUGH</b> the play the day before it opened to the public.
<b>Run through</b>	Stab or wound deeply with a knife, sword, etc..	The musketeer <b>RAN</b> his enemy <b>THROUGH</b> with a sword and killed him.
<b>Run to</b>	Go to someone for help.	Whenever he gets into debt, he <b>RUNS TO</b> his parents for help.
<b>Run to</b>	Include in things you like.	His musical tastes <b>RUN TO</b> the Residents, who are hated by most people.
<b>Run to</b>	Have enough money to buy something, often negative.	Things are a bit tight and won't <b>RUN TO</b> going abroad for a holiday.
<b>Run up</b>	Move quickly to where someone is.	He <b>RAN UP</b> next to me and started shouting.
<b>Run up</b>	Hoist, raise a flag.	They <b>RAN UP</b> the Union Jack.
<b>Run up</b>	Do or make something very quickly.	He <b>RAN UP</b> a few examples for them to look at.
<b>Run up</b>	Spend a lot of money on credit.	He <b>RAN UP</b> a lot of bills at the hotel.
<b>Run up</b>	Encounter problems, often unexpected.	They <b>RAN UP AGAINST</b> a lot of

**against**

opposition to the construction.

**Run up on** Approach someone without their knowing.

Robert was sitting in his car and a guy RAN UP ON him and shot through the car but missed.

**Run with** Keep company, normally bad.

She RUNS WITH some dodgy characters.

**Rush away** Leave a place in a hurry.

They RUSHED AWAY when the police arrived.

**Rush into** Do something too quickly.

They don't want to be RUSHED INTO giving an answer and have asked for more time.

**Rush off** Depart in a hurry.

Zac RUSHED OFF to get to his medical appointment.

**Rush out** Release or put something on sale quickly.

They RUSHED the single OUT after it started getting airplay.

**Rustle up** Make something quickly without much preparation.

We RUSTLED UP dinner from what was in the fridge.

**Saddle up** Put a saddle on and prepare an animal to ride.

She SADDLED UP the horse and rode off.

**Saddle with** Give someone a task or responsibility that is difficult or hard work.

They SADDLED me WITH preparing the visit.

**Sag off** Not go to school or work, or leave early when you shouldn't.

I was bored so I SAGGED OFF work early and went home.

**Sail into** Criticise angrily.

He SAILED INTO me for turning up an hour late.

**Sail through** Pass easily, succeed.

He SAILED THROUGH the final test.

**Sally forth** Leave somewhere safe or comfortable.

The townspeople SALLIED FORTH to fight the invading army.

**Sally out** Leave somewhere safe or comfortable.

Though it was pouring with rain, we SALLIED OUT to meet her.

**Salt away** Save money.

She's making a lot of money, but SALTS it AWAY rather than spending it.

**Save on** Reduce or avoid consumption to cut costs.

I use Skype to SAVE ON my phone bills.

**Save up** For money for a particular purpose.

He's SAVING UP to buy a car.

**Save up** Collect or store something for future use.

I'm SAVING UP the receipts to claim on them all at once.

**Saw off** To remove something by cutting it with a saw.

He SAWED OFF the legs of the chair.

**Saw up** Cut into pieces with a saw.

We SAWED the plank UP to make the shelves.

**Scale back** Make something smaller than originally planned.

They had to SCALE BACK the project because of the costs.

**Scale down** Make something smaller than originally planned.

They have had to SCALE DOWN the project because of the costs.

**Scale up** Increase, make bigger.

They are SCALING UP the programme because it has been so successful.

<b>Scare away</b>	Frighten someone some much that they go away.	The cat SCARED the birds AWAY.
<b>Scare off</b>	Make someone so frightened that he or she away.	The vicious Doberman guard-dog SCARED the burglars AWAY.
<b>Scout about</b>	Look in different places for something.	The company is SCOUTING ABOUT for new staff.
<b>Scout around</b>	Look in different places for something.	We SCOUTED AROUND to find the best price.
<b>Scout out</b>	Search for something.	The researcher spent months SCOUTING OUT the answer.
<b>Scout round</b>	Look in different places for something.	I SCOUTED ROUND for a bargain.
<b>Scout up</b>	Try to find someone for a task or requirement.	We'd better SCOUT UP a replacement for her.
<b>Scrape along</b>	Manage with little money.	I've been SCRAPING ALONG on temporary work since I lost my job.
<b>Scrape by</b>	Just manage to pass something.	I thought I was going to fail, but SCRAPED BY with 51%.
<b>Scrape in</b>	Just get enough to succeed, pass or be accepted.	The government SCRAPED IN with 51% of the votes cast.
<b>Scrape into</b>	Be accepted somewhere, but only just.	She got mediocre grades and just SCRAPED INTO university.
<b>Scrape through</b>	Pass a test but only just.	I did no revision and only just SCRAPED THROUGH the final exams.
<b>Scrape together</b>	Manage to collect enough of something you need, usually money.	I had to search my flat for money to SCRAPE TOGETHER what I needed.
<b>Scrape up</b>	Manage to collect enough of something you need, usually money.	It took me ages to SCRAPE UP the money for the tickets.
<b>Screen off</b>	Separate a part of a room with something like a curtain, screen, etc..	We SCREENED OFF the area where we had the discussion from the rest of the meeting.
<b>Screen out</b>	Exclude.	Applicants without the right qualifications were SCREENED OUT.
<b>Screen out</b>	Block light.	The sun cream SCREENS OUT UV light.
<b>Screen out</b>	Stop noticing something.	There are so many notices and signs that I have started SCREENING them OUT.
<b>Screw around</b>	Waste time.	He spent the afternoon SCREWING AROUD and got nothing done.
<b>Screw around</b>	Be sexually promiscuous.	He SCREWED AROUND a lot at university.
<b>Screw over</b>	Treat harshly or cheat.	The IRS really SCREWED him OVER.
<b>Screw up</b>	Do badly or fail.	David SCREWED UP his oral exam but still managed to scrape a pass.
<b>See about</b>	Arrange, consider.	I'll SEE ABOUT whether we can manage it.
<b>See into</b>	Accompany someone into an office.	Her secretary SAW me INTO her office.
<b>See off</b>	Chase somebody or something away.	A cat came into the back garden but the

		dog soon SAW it OFF.
<b>See off</b>	Go to the airport, station, etc., to say goodbye to someone.	I went to the station to SEE them OFF.
<b>See out</b>	Accompany a guest to your front door when they are leaving your house.	Are you sure you're going? I'll get your coats and SEE you OUT.
<b>See through</b>	Continue with something to the end.	They had a lot of difficulties in implementing the project, but the team SAW it THROUGH successfully.
<b>See through</b>	Realise someone is lying or being deceitful.	The police quickly SAW THROUGH her disguise and arrested her.
<b>See to</b>	Deal with something.	He SAW TO the arrangements and everything ran smoothly and efficiently.
<b>Sell off</b>	Sell a business or part of it.	They SOLD OFF their research subsidiary.
<b>Sell off</b>	Sell something cheaply because you need the money or don't need it.	She SOLD OFF her furniture before she emigrated.
<b>Sell on</b>	Convince someone.	We managed to SELL him ON the expansion plans.
<b>Sell on</b>	Buy something then sell it to someone else.	We buy them wholesale and SELL them ON to the public.
<b>Sell out</b>	Have no more of something left because it has been bought.	The tickets for the Primal Scream concert at the Brixton Academy SOLD OUT in a couple of hours.
<b>Sell out</b>	Lose all artistic integrity in return for commercial success.	Most bands SELL OUT when they sign to a major record label, and forget all their principles when pursuing chart success.
<b>Sell up</b>	Sell a house or business to move somewhere or do something different.	We want to SELL UP and move to the country.
<b>Send back</b>	Return something.	I SENT my food BACK because it was overcooked.
<b>Send for</b>	Ask someone to come and help.	I had to SEND FOR a plumber because the radiator was leaking.
<b>Send in</b>	Order people into a place to handle a problem.	The police were SENT IN to quell the riot as the protesters had started burning cars and wrecking shops.
<b>Send in</b>	Write to get information.	If you want to enter the competition, you have to SEND IN for an entry form.
<b>Send off</b>	Expel a sports player from a match.	The football striker was SENT OFF for arguing with the referee's decision.
<b>Send off</b>	Post a letter.	I must SEND this letter OFF today otherwise it won't get there in time.
<b>Send off for</b>	Order something by post.	I SENT OFF FOR some jeans that I liked in the catalogue.
<b>Send out</b>	Send something to a lot of people.	They SENT OUT a mailshot to all their existing customers.
<b>Send out for</b>	Order takeaway food by phone.	We couldn't be bothered to cook, so we SENT OUT FOR a pizza.



<b>Send up</b>	Imitate/impersonate for comic effect.	The mischievous schoolboy was standing at the front of the class, <b>SENDING</b> the teacher <b>UP</b> , when the teacher opened the door behind him.
<b>Set about</b>	Start doing something.	We <b>SET ABOUT</b> the cleaning and got it done before lunchtime.
<b>Set about</b>	Attack.	The gang <b>SET ABOUT</b> her as she left the bank.
<b>Set apart</b>	Distinguish, be better than or different from others.	The quality of their work <b>SETS</b> them <b>APART</b> from their rivals.
<b>Set aside</b>	Overturn a court verdict or decision.	The Appeal Court <b>SET ASIDE</b> the guilty verdict because the evidence was unsatisfactory and declared her not guilty.
<b>Set back</b>	Cost.	The car repairs <b>SET</b> me <b>BACK</b> eight hundred pounds.
<b>Set back</b>	Delay.	The accident <b>SET</b> the project <b>BACK</b> several months.
<b>Set forth</b>	State or outline an opinion.	He <b>SET FORTH</b> his ideas in his autobiography.
<b>Set forth</b>	Start a journey.	We <b>SET FORTH</b> at daybreak for the summit of the mountain.
<b>Set in</b>	Change season noticeably.	Winter has <b>SET IN</b> ; it's started snowing.
<b>Set off</b>	Explode a bomb.	Terrorists <b>SET OFF</b> a car bomb in the city centre last night. Fortunately, no-one was hurt or killed.
<b>Set off</b>	Ring an alarm.	The smoke <b>SET</b> the fire alarm <b>OFF</b> .
<b>Set off</b>	Start a journey.	We <b>SET OFF</b> for work at seven-thirty.
<b>Set off</b>	Counterbalance a debt.	The company <b>SET OFF</b> its overseas debts against its profits at home.
<b>Set off</b>	Provide a visual contrast that looks good.	The dark frame <b>SETS</b> the pale drawing <b>OFF</b> well.
<b>Set off</b>	Cause, trigger events.	The pay freeze <b>SET OFF</b> a wave of strikes.
<b>Set on</b>	Attack.	He was <b>SET ON</b> when he left the bar.
<b>Set out</b>	Display, show.	The figures are <b>SET OUT</b> in the council's annual report.
<b>Set out</b>	Start a journey.	The explorers <b>SET OUT</b> for the South Pole yesterday morning.
<b>Set out</b>	Arrange, organise.	The contract <b>SETS OUT</b> all the details of the agreement.
<b>Set to</b>	Work hard or enthusiastically.	If we all <b>SET TO</b> , we should be able to finish this in a few hours.
<b>Set up</b>	Prepare equipment, software, etc., for use.	The technician <b>SET UP</b> the computer network perfectly.
<b>Set up</b>	Start a company.	They <b>SET UP</b> a dot com company, floated it a couple of years later on the Stock Exchange and made an absolute fortune.

<b>Set up</b>	Provide someone with the money needed to live.	Winning the lottery SET them UP for life.
<b>Set up</b>	Trick, deceive.	The police SET them UP.
<b>Set upon</b>	Attack.	They SET UPON her when she was in the car park.
<b>Settle down</b>	Start living a fixed and routine life.	After years of partying and drinking, she finally got married and SETTLED DOWN.
<b>Settle for</b>	Accept whatever is available.	We were upset not to win and had to SETTLE FOR the second prize.
<b>Settle in</b>	Get used to.	It took him a while to SETTLE IN when he moved to Japan.
<b>Settle on</b>	Agree.	They couldn't agree at first on a name for their daughter, but finally SETTLED ON Alice.
<b>Settle up</b>	Pay a debt.	Let's SETTLE UP for the dinner the other night.
<b>Sex up</b>	Change information to make it more attractive to the reader or listener.	The government denied that they had SEXED UP the report to make the front page.
<b>Shack up</b>	Live with someone when you are in a relationship..	They SHACKED UP a few months after they started going out.
<b>Shack up</b>	Live somewhere temporarily.	We had to SHACK UP with friends while our house was being decorated.
<b>Shade in</b>	Make a part of a picture darker.	She SHADED IN the area under the tree.
<b>Shake down</b>	Search.	The police SHOOK the house DOWN looking for drugs.
<b>Shake down</b>	Extort or cheat money from someone.	He SHOOK the guy DOWN with some story about needing the money for an operation.
<b>Shake off</b>	Get rid of an illness.	It took me ages to SHAKE OFF the cough.
<b>Shake out</b>	Shake clothes, cloths, etc to remove dirt or creases.	He took the tablecloth outside and SHOOK it OUT after dinner.
<b>Shake up</b>	Upset or shock.	The news of her death really SHOOK me UP.
<b>Shake up</b>	Make major changes to improve or save a company, organisation, etc.	The management are SHAKING things UP and getting rid of a lot of workers.
<b>Shake up</b>	Mix things in a container by shaking hard.	Pour the ingredients into a container and SHAKE them UP.
<b>Shape up</b>	Develop in a positive way.	Things are SHAPING UP at work- everything's going well again.
<b>Shape up</b>	Improve to reach an acceptable standard.	If they don't start SHAPING UP, they're going to lose their jobs.
<b>Shave off</b>	Shave completely.	He has SHAVED OFF his moustache and looks much younger.
<b>Shave off</b>	Reduce by a small amount.	He SHAVED a few thousand OFF the

<b>Shell out</b>	Spend money on something, especially when you think it's too expensive.	budget for the year. I had to SHELL OUT a hundred pounds on the dinner.
<b>Ship off</b>	Send someone away, often because of a problem.	He was causing a lot of trouble, so they SHIPPED him OFF to another branch
<b>Ship out</b>	Send goods to a place.	We SHIPPED the order OUT two days ago.
<b>Ship out</b>	Leave a place.	If you've finished your work, I'm ready to SHIP OUT.
<b>Shoot away</b>	Leave somewhere quickly.	He SHOT AWAY as soon as the bell rang for the end of the lesson.
<b>Shoot back</b>	Return quickly.	I'm SHOOTING BACK home to pick up some things I forgot to bring with me.
<b>Shoot for</b>	Have as a goal.	I'm SHOOTING FOR nothing less than the presidency.
<b>Shoot off</b>	Leave promptly and quickly.	I'll have to SHOOT OFF as soon as the lesson finishes, otherwise I'll miss my train.
<b>Shoot out</b>	Go out for a short time.	I'm SHOOTING OUT to the shops for a paper.
<b>Shoot up</b>	Increase quickly.	The share prices of internet companies have been SHOOTING UP lately.
<b>Shoot up</b>	Take illicit drugs intravenously..	The heroin-user would SHOOT UP in shop doorways.
<b>Shoot up</b>	Damage with gun-shots.	The gangsters SHOT UP the pub.
<b>Shoot up</b>	Increase quickly, grow.	Johnny has SHOT UP since I last saw him
<b>Shop around</b>	Look around for the best price, quality, etc..	If you SHOP AROUND, you can find some real bargains for air tickets.
<b>Short out</b>	Short circuit.	The battery SHORTED OUT when it got wet.
<b>Shout down</b>	Make so much noise to stop someone being heard.	His efforts to raise the issue were SHOUTED DOWN.
<b>Shout out</b>	Say something loudly, often to attract someone's attention.	She SHOUTED OUT my name.
<b>Show around</b>	Take someone to a place to show them certain parts.	The estate agent SHOWED us AROUND the house but we didn't like it much.
<b>Show in</b>	Take someone into an office or other room.	The secretary SHOWED me IN to speak to the manager.
<b>Show off</b>	Behave in a way so as to attract attention.	The children were SHOWING OFF and irritated me.
<b>Show off</b>	Display something you are proud of.	He wanted to SHOW OFF his new sound system.
<b>Show off</b>	Make the qualities of another thing more apparent.	The shirt really SHOWED OFF his new tie.
<b>Show out</b>	Take someone to out of a room or building.	Her secretary SHOWED me OUT after the interview.

<b>Show over</b>	Take someone around a site.	He <b>SHOWED</b> us <b>OVER</b> the scene of the accident
<b>Show round</b>	Take someone to a place to show them certain parts.	The guide <b>SHOWED</b> them <b>ROUND</b> the historic part of the city.
<b>Show through</b>	When a feeling can be seen despite attempts to conceal it.	His anger <b>SHOWED THROUGH</b> despite his smile.
<b>Show up</b>	Attend something or arrive somewhere.	Very few <b>SHOWED UP</b> at the meeting.
<b>Show up</b>	Become clear or apparent.	The downturn in sales <b>SHOWED UP</b> in the company's accounts.
<b>Show up</b>	Make someone feel embarrassed or ashamed.	He <b>SHOWED</b> us <b>UP</b> when he arrived drunk and started arguing.
<b>Shrug off</b>	Disregard something, not consider it important or harmful.	He <b>SHRUGGED OFF</b> the criticism and carried on the same way.
<b>Shut away</b>	Imprison or remove someone's freedom.	Many people have been <b>SHUT AWAY</b> in psychiatric hospitals for disagreeing with the government.
<b>Shut down</b>	Close a business, shop, etc..	The shop <b>SHUT DOWN</b> when the out-of-town supermarket opened.
<b>Shut down</b>	Turn a computer off.	You should close all programs before you <b>SHUT</b> a computer <b>DOWN</b> .
<b>Shut in</b>	Prevent someone from leaving.	I <b>SHUT</b> the cat <b>IN</b> until it was time to go to the vet.
<b>Shut off</b>	Close, prevent access.	They <b>SHUT</b> the water <b>OFF</b> while they did the repairs.
<b>Shut out</b>	Exclude.	You have to <b>SHUT</b> your feelings <b>OUT</b> to deal with it.
<b>Shut out</b>	Not allow a player or team to score.	The Dodgers <b>SHUT OUT</b> the Giants 3-0.
<b>Shut out of</b>	Exclude someone from an activity, etc.	He's been <b>SHUT OUT OF</b> the discussions.
<b>Shut up</b>	Stop talking or making noise.	He told us to <b>SHUT UP</b> and start working.
<b>Shut up</b>	Close for a period of time.	They <b>SHUT</b> the shop <b>UP</b> for a fortnight while they were on holiday.
<b>Shut yourself away</b>	Withdraw from company.	She's <b>SHUT</b> herself <b>AWAY</b> to revise for her exams.
<b>Shy away from</b>	Avoid doing something because you lack confidence.	Many learners <b>SHY AWAY FROM</b> using phrasal verbs.
<b>Side with</b>	Support someone.	The lecturer <b>SIDED WITH</b> her students and got sacked for her pains.
<b>Sidle up to</b>	Approach someone discreetly.	He <b>SIDLED UP TO</b> me and whispered his name.
<b>Sift through</b>	Examine a lot of things carefully.	We had to <b>SIFT THROUGH</b> thousands of files before we found what we were looking for.
<b>Sign away</b>	Give away legal or property rights.	He <b>SIGNED AWAY</b> his rights to compensation when he signed the

		contract.
<b>Sign for</b>	Write a signature on behalf on someone.	My boss was out for the day, so I SIGNED her letters FOR her.
<b>Sign in</b>	Register in a hotel.	We SIGNED IN and went straight to bed.
<b>Sign in</b>	Open a computer program that requires a name and password.	I SIGNED IN and started chatting online.
<b>Sign in</b>	Write your name when entering a place.	You have to SIGN IN before you can enter the club.
<b>Sign into</b>	Open a particular computer program that requires a name and password.	I SIGN INTO MSN Messenger automatically when I boot up.
<b>Sign off</b>	End a message.	I'll SIGN OFF now, but will write again next week.
<b>Sign off</b>	Close a claim for unemployment benefit.	I SIGNED OFF when I got my new job.
<b>Sign off</b>	Stop doing something to leave.	I'm SIGNING OFF now and going home- I'm shattered.
<b>Sign off</b>	Give someone a letter to be away from work.	My doctor SIGNED me OFF for a month with back problems.
<b>Sign off on</b>	Give official approval.	The director SIGNED OFF ON the plans to increase sales.
<b>Sign on</b>	Open a claim for unemployment benefit.	I had to SIGN ON when I lost my job.
<b>Sign on</b>	Agree to participate.	I've SIGNED ON to help at the village fete.
<b>Sign on</b>	Start broadcasting.	He SIGNS ON the same way every show.
<b>Sign on</b>	Employ.	We've SIGNED ON two new teachers.
<b>Sign on with</b>	Sign a document joining or agreeing to something.	He's SIGNED ON WITH Manchester United for the next three years.
<b>Sign out</b>	Close a computer program that requires a name and password.	I SIGNED OUT and then shut the computer down.
<b>Sign out</b>	Sign something to show you have borrowed something.	Could you SIGN those books OUT, please?
<b>Sign out of</b>	Close a particular computer program that requires a name and password.	I SIGNED OUT OF MSN Messenger and shut the computer down.
<b>Sign up</b>	Give your name to do something.	I've SIGNED UP as a volunteer.
<b>Sign up</b>	Subscribe.	I SIGNED UP for their newsletter.
<b>Sign with</b>	Make a contract with.	She's SIGNED WITH EMI for the next few years.
<b>Simmer down</b>	Become calmer, make less noise.	He told them to SIMMER DOWN because they were disturbing the class next door.
<b>Sing along</b>	To sing when a piece of music is being played or performed by someone else..	I SANG ALONG when they played it on the radio.
<b>Sing out</b>	Reply loudly.	When you hear your name, SING OUT!
<b>Sing out</b>	Sing loudly.	Everyone SANG OUT during the chorus.
<b>Sing up</b>	Sing louder.	We can't hear you- SING UP.
<b>Single out</b>	Select or choose one from a group.	Many people applied for the job but we



<b>Sink in</b>	Slowly come to be understood.	will SINGLE OUT the best one.
<b>Sit about</b>	Sit and do nothing, especially when you should be working.	The truth finally SANK IN about her death when it was broadcast on TV.
<b>Sit around</b>	Sit idly, doing nothing.	We spent the afternoon SITTING ABOUT chatting instead of doing any work.
<b>Sit back</b>	Wait for something to happen without making any effort.	They just SAT AROUND while the others did all the work.
<b>Sit back</b>	Relax in a chair.	We SAT BACK and waited for them to make the first mistake.
<b>Sit by</b>	Not try to stop something.	I SAT BACK and enjoyed the show.
<b>Sit down</b>	Help someone to sit.	I can't SIT BY while they are punished wrongly.
<b>Sit for</b>	Pose for an artist or photographer.	The nurse SAT me DOWN in a chair.
<b>Sit for</b>	Look after children while their parents are out.	The Queen SAT FOR another official portrait.
<b>Sit in</b>	Occupy a building to protest about something.	She SITS FOR her neighbors when they go out.
<b>Sit in for</b>	Take on someone's responsibilities while they are absent.	The students SAT IN the Library as a protest against the increase in tuition fees.
<b>Sit in on</b>	Attend as an observer.	Her deputy's SITTING IN FOR her while she's away.
<b>Sit on</b>	Be on a committee.	She SAT IN ON the meeting and took notes but said nothing.
<b>Sit on</b>	To handle somebody firmly who behaves impertinently, conceitedly.	She's SAT ON the finance committee from the beginning.
<b>Sit on</b>	Hold information back or keep it secret.	If his girlfriend finds out, she'll get mad and SIT ON him.
<b>Sit out</b>	Not take part.	The government have been SITTING ON the report because it was so critical.
<b>Sit over</b>	Eat or drink slowly.	I had to SIT the game OUT because I was ill.
<b>Sit through</b>	Stay till the end of something dull.	WE SAT OVER dinner discussing the plans.
<b>Sit with</b>	Reconcile different positions.	I was bored and wanted to leave halfway through, but we SAT THROUGH the film.
<b>Size up</b>	Assess a situation or person carefully..	It's hard to see how their new plan SITS WITH the promises they made.
<b>Size up</b>	Make something bigger or produce bigger products.	The doorstaff SIZED UP everyone entering the club.
<b>Skin up</b>	Make a cannabis joint.	Soft drinks manufacturers have SIZED UP their products in recent years.
<b>Skin up</b>	Make a cannabis joint.	She SKINNED UP a fat spliff.
<b>Skive off</b>	Avoid doing work or other duty.	Who's going to SKIN UP?
		I pretended I was ill and SKIVED OFF

<b>Slack off</b>	Reduce one's effort, perform with less enthusiasm and energy.
<b>Slacken off</b>	Become less busy or intense.
<b>Slag off</b>	Criticise heavily.
<b>Slant toward</b>	Favour one viewpoint, bias.
<b>Sleep in</b>	Sleep longer than usual.
<b>Sleep off</b>	Sleep in order to recover from excess alcohol, drugs, etc..
<b>Sleep on</b>	Think about something.
<b>Sleep over</b>	Spend the night at someone else's house.
<b>Sleep through</b>	Not wake up.
<b>Slice off</b>	Cut, remove an amount or part of something.
<b>Slice up</b>	Cut completely into pieces or slices.
<b>Slip away</b>	Lose an opportunity or the chance of winning, succeeding, etc.
<b>Slip away</b>	Pass quickly (time).
<b>Slip by</b>	Pass quickly (time).
<b>Slip by</b>	Lose an opportunity or the chance of winning, succeeding, etc.
<b>Slip down</b>	Be enjoyable to drink or eat.
<b>Slip in</b>	Try to include something discreetly when speaking.
<b>Slip into</b>	Put clothes on quickly.
<b>Slip into</b>	Acquire bad habits or fall into a bad or negative state or condition.
<b>Slip off</b>	Leave a place discreetly.
<b>Slip off</b>	Remove clothes.
<b>Slip off to</b>	Go somewhere discreetly.
<b>Slip on</b>	Put clothes on quickly.

on Monday.

Students usually begin the term well, then SLACK OFF near the end of the semester.

Work SLACKENS OFF during the holiday period.

The concert was terrible and all the papers SLAGGED the band OFF.

That travel magazine is totally SLANTED TOWARD the ultra-rich.

Let's SLEEP IN tomorrow morning- we won't have another chance for weeks.

She went to bed TO SLEEP OFF the effects of the tequila.

My boss said she'd have to SLEEP ON it when I asked her for a raise.

The au pair made tea for the friends who were SLEEPING OVER.

I SLEPT THROUGH the storm even though the wind blew some slates off the roof.

They CUT 10% OFF the original price.

I SLICED the cake UP and handed it round to the people there.

Their hopes of getting back into the game SLIPPED AWAY after the second goal.

The year has SLIPPED AWAY and it is hard to believe it's over.

The years SLIP BY as you get older.

He didn't follow the offer up and let it SLIP BY.

The cold beer SLIPPED DOWN a treat after the walk.

He SLIPPED IN a mention of his exam results to remind us how well he did.

I got out of my suit and SLIPPED INTO my pyjamas.

The economy SLIPPED INTO recession and shows no signs of recovery.

It was very boring so we SLIPPED OFF before it finished.

I SLIPPED my shoes OFF when I entered.

We SLIPPED OFF TO the pub.

I SLIPPED my coat ON and rushed outside.

**Slip out** Leave discreetly.

**Slip up** Make an error.

**Slob about** Be lazy, do nothing.

**Slob around** Be lazy, do nothing.

**Slope off** Leave somewhere without letting others know.

**Slough off** Get rid of, dispose.

**Slough off** Lose or shed outer layers of skin.

**Slough off** Ignore or trivialize an injury or insult.

**Slow down** Reduce speed.

**Slow down** Become less active.

**Slow up** Slow the progress of something.

**Slug it out** Fight or argue.

**Smack off** Appear to have a negative quality.

**Smash down** Demolish or break something down.

**Smash in** Break something by hitting it repeatedly.

**Smash up** Destroy, break into many pieces.

**Smoke out** Force someone out of a place they're hiding in.

**Snaffle up** Consume, take, buy something other people may want.

**Snap off** Break a piece off something.

**Snap out of** Control negative emotions.

**Snap to it!** Do something quickly.

**Snap up** Get, acquire or buy something quickly.

**Snarl up** Entangle.

**Sneak out** Depart furtively.

The party was really dull so we **SLIPPED OUT** and went to the pub instead.

The waitress **SLIPPED UP** and didn't bring us what we had ordered.

I **SLOBBED ABOUT** all day as I couldn't be bothered to do any work.

I spent the day **SLOBBING AROUND** at home.

The lecture sounded really boring, so I **SLOPED OFF** and went to the pub.

The government is increasing its powers but is **SLOUGHING OFF** responsibility for its failures.

Snakes **SLOUGH OFF** their old skin.

He **SLOUGHED OFF** the pain and continued running.

The car **SLOWED DOWN** when they saw the police.

It is important to slow down, rest, and eat sensibly.

The negotiations were **SLOWED UP** by the arguments.

They **SLUGGED IT OUT** for hours but never came to an agreement.

The government's decision **SMACKS OF** hypocrisy.

The police **SMASHED** the door **DOWN** to get into the house.

He **SMASHED** the windscreen **IN**.

The burglars **SMASHED UP** the office as there was no money to steal.

The police **SMOKED** the gang **OUT** and arrested them.

They **SNAFFLED UP** all the food before we got there.

He **SNAPPED OFF** a bit of chocolate from the bar and gave it to me..

I was feeling depressed and knew I had to **SNAP OUT OF** it.

He had taken ages so I told him to **SNAP TO IT** and get it finished.

Collectors **SNAPPED UP** every copy the day it was released.

My line was all **SNARLED UP** after I caught that last fish.

Although the thieves tried to **SNEAK OUT** after dark, we were ready for them.

**Sneak up on** Approach someone furtively.

**Sniff around** Look around to see how good something is or to try to find something better.

**Sniff at** Disapprove or be scornful.

**Sniff out** Find something by smell (usually for dogs).

**Sniff out** Find out information, especially when people don't want anyone to know.

**Snitch on** Divulge secrets, inform authorities about someone.

**Snuff out** Extinguish a small flame by covering it.

**Snuff out** Kill.

**Snuff out** End something suddenly.

**Sober up** Stop showing the effects of alcohol or drugs.

**Soften up** Weaken.

**Soften up** Do things to please someone in the hope that they will do what you want.

**Soldier on** Continue even when things get difficult.

**Sort out** Resolve a problem.

**Sound off** To express your opinions forcefully.

**Sound out** Check what someone thinks about an issue, idea, etc..

**Spaff away** Waste (money, time, resources, etc).

**Spark off** Cause something, usually unpleasant, to happen.

**Spark up** Light a cigarette or joint.

**Speak out** Talk openly and freely.

**Speak up** Talk more loudly.

**Spell out** Explain something in great detail.

Dave tried to SNEAK UP ON the guard, but was seen anyway.

I SNIFFED AROUND to see if I could find a better deal.

A job opportunity like that is not to be SNIFFED AT.

Customs use dogs to SNIFF OUT illegal drugs being smuggled in.

Our rivals are trying to SNIFF OUT our plans for expansion.

Reggie was caught after someone SNITCHED ON him to the teacher.

I SNUFFED OUT the candles before I went to bed.

He got SNUFFED OUT in a gang war.

I messed up the first question, which SNUFFED OUT my chances of getting a good grade.

Keith SOBERED UP a bit when we left the pub and walked home.

The bombardment SOFTENED UP their defenses; I think we can move in tomorrow.

I paid for everything to SOFTEN them UP before they made the decision.

Life got hard for my dog when he went blind, but he just SOLDIERED ON and never complained.

Has the firm SORTED OUT its tax problems yet?

He SOUNDED OFF about the quality of the food.

You should SOUND her OUT to get her opinion before you go ahead with the plan.

The council is SPAFFING AWAY our taxes on bonuses and consultants.

The riot was SPARKED OFF by the police raid on the club.

They SPARKED UP in a no smoking area.

People are afraid to SPEAK OUT in oppressive political regimes.

They couldn't hear the speaker and asked him to SPEAK UP a bit.

He won't understand you unless you SPELL everything OUT for him.

<b>Spell out</b>	Write or say the individual letters that make up a word.	I had to SPELL my surname OUT to him as he didn't know how to spell it.
<b>Spew out</b>	Expel, throw out.	The volcano is SPEWING OUT lava and hot gases.
<b>Spew up</b>	Vomit.	He SPEWED UP when he was drunk.
<b>Spill out</b>	When large numbers of people leave a place at the same time.	The crowd SPILLED OUT onto the streets after the match had ended.
<b>Spill out</b>	Come or flow out of a box, container, etc.	The container was cracked and the chemicals SPILLED OUT.
<b>Spill out</b>	Express or display emotions openly.	I let my frustration SPILL OUT.
<b>Spill over</b>	When something bad has a wider impact on other people or situations.	The protests and demonstrations have SPILLED OVER into neighbouring states.
<b>Spill over</b>	Flow over the edge or top of a container.	I forgot to turn the tap off and the water SPILLED OVER.
<b>Spin off</b>	Produce an unexpected additional benefit.	The research SPUN OFF a number of new products as well as solving the problem.
<b>Spin off</b>	Form a separate company from part of an existing one.	They SPUN OFF the retail division last year.
<b>Spin off</b>	Create a TV show using characters from a popular show.	They SPUN it OFF from the main show, but it didn't really attract many viewers.
<b>Spin out</b>	Lose control (vehicle).	The car hit the water and SPUN OUT.
<b>Spin out</b>	Make something last as long as possible.	I SPUN the work OUT to make as much money from the job as I could.
<b>Spirit away</b>	Remove someone secretly from a place.	They SPIRITED her AWAY before the police arrived.
<b>Spirit off</b>	Remove someone secretly from a place.	They SPIRITED him OFF before any trouble started.
<b>Spit it out</b>	An informal way of telling someone to say something they are unwilling to say.	Hurry up, SPIT IT OUT! I can't wait all day for the truth.
<b>Spit out</b>	Say something angrily.	He SPAT her name OUT when he saw her arrive.
<b>Splash down</b>	Land in the sea (space capsules).	Apollo 13 SPLASHED DOWN after a harrowing flight.
<b>Splash out</b>	Spend a lot of money on something that is not essential.	We went to an expensive restaurant and SPLASHED OUT to celebrate
<b>Splash out on</b>	Spend a lot of money on something.	I SPLASHED OUT ON a new camera.
<b>Split up</b>	Divide into groups.	The teacher SPLIT the class UP into groups of four.
<b>Split up</b>	Finish a relationship.	They are always SPLITTING UP and then getting back together again.
<b>Spoil for</b>	Really want something.	He's been SPOILING FOR an argument all day.
<b>Sponge down</b>	Clean something with a sponge.	I'll SPONGE it DOWN before putting it away.



<b>Sponge off</b>	Accept free food and support without any shame or qualms.	Let's go to New York, we can always SPONGE OFF my brother there.
<b>Sponge on</b>	Accept or get money without doing any work.	A lot of people are SPONGING ON the state by claiming benefits they're not entitled to.
<b>Spring back</b>	Return to original position after being bent, forced or when pressure is removed.	The lock SPRINGS BACK when the key is turned.
<b>Spring for</b>	Pay for, often generously.	She is going to SPRING FOR all their medical bills.
<b>Spring from</b>	Appear suddenly and unexpectedly.	He SPRANG FROM the bushes when I walked past.
<b>Spring from</b>	Be the cause of something.	His anger SPRINGS FROM his feelings of insecurity.
<b>Spring on</b>	Surprise someone.	They SPRUNG a birthday party ON me at work.
<b>Spring up</b>	Appear suddenly.	Charity shops are SPRINGING UP in the recession.
<b>Spruce up</b>	To smarten, make something neat and tidy.	We SPRUCED the flat UP before we put it on the market.
<b>Spur on</b>	Encourage someone to continue.	The thought of the bonus SPURRED her ON to complete the work on time.
<b>Square away</b>	Finish or sort something out.	There are few things I have to SQUARE AWAY before I can leave.
<b>Square off</b>	Confront someone or prepare to fight them.	The two drunks SQUARED OFF and the barman had to intervene before a fight broke out.
<b>Square off against</b>	Confront someone or prepare to fight them.	They SQUARED OFF AGAINST the police when they arrived.
<b>Square up</b>	Pay back a debt.	Can I SQUARE UP with you for last night?
<b>Square up</b>	Confront someone or prepare to fight them.	The companies are SQUARING UP for a fight.
<b>Square up to</b>	Accept responsibility or guilt.	They need to SQUARE UP TO what they did wrong if we are to make any progress.
<b>Square with</b>	Match, conform to.	What he said doesn't SQUARE WITH what the others said.
<b>Square with</b>	Check with someone that something is OK.	I'll have to CHECK that WITH my boss before I can confirm it.
<b>Squeeze up</b>	Get more people into a space than normal or comfortable.	Four of us had to SQUEEZE UP in the back of the car.
<b>Stack up</b>	Put things in a pile.	I STACKED UP the boxes.
<b>Stack up</b>	Accumulate.	Work STACKED UP while I was away on holiday.
<b>Stack up</b>	Increase, accumulate something.	I've been STACKING UP a lot of air miles.
<b>Stack up</b>	Be logical, make sense.	The budget figures don't STACK UP.
<b>Stack up</b>	Build up the number of planes waiting to	Planes were STACKING UP while the

	land at an airport.	airport was closed after the bomb threat.
<b>Stack up against</b>	Be as good as something.	The new model doesn't STACK UP AGAINST the old one.
<b>Staff up</b>	Employ someone for something specific.	They haven't STAFFED the project UP yet.
<b>Stamp out</b>	Get rid of something.	The government has started a campaign to STAMP OUT drugs in schools.
<b>Stand about</b>	Spend time in a place waiting or doing nothing or very little.	We STOOD ABOUT drinking coffee before the lecture.
<b>Stand around</b>	Spend time in a place waiting or doing nothing or very little.	We STOOD AROUND for an hour waiting for them to turn up.
<b>Stand aside</b>	Leave a position so that someone else can take it.	The prime minister should STAND ASIDE and let a new leader head the party.
<b>Stand back</b>	Keep a distance from something.	We STOOD BACK while he lit the firework.
<b>Stand back</b>	Try to understand something by taking a different perspective.	We need to STAND BACK and look at the problem differently.
<b>Stand by</b>	Support someone.	He STOOD BY her throughout the trial as he believed her to be innocent.
<b>Stand by</b>	Be ready and waiting for something to happen.	The emergency services were STANDING BY waiting for the plane to land.
<b>Stand down</b>	Leave a job or position so that someone else can take it.	The minister announced her intention to STAND DOWN at the next election.
<b>Stand down</b>	Finish being asked questions in a court.	The judge told the witness to STAND DOWN after the questioning.
<b>Stand for</b>	Accept or tolerate behaviour.	I'm not going to STAND FOR their rudeness any longer.
<b>Stand for</b>	The words represented by certain initials.	'WHAT do the letters BBC STAND FOR? 'British Broadcasting Corporation.'
<b>Stand in for</b>	Substitute someone temporarily.	She had to STAND IN FOR the editor while he was on holiday.
<b>Stand out</b>	Be extraordinary and different.	She STOOD OUT from the crowd in selection and was offered the job.
<b>Stand up</b>	Move from a sitting or lying down to a vertical position.	Everybody STOOD UP when the judge entered the court.
<b>Stand up</b>	Fail to keep an appointment.	He agreed to meet me last night, but he STOOD me UP.
<b>Stand up for</b>	Defend, support.	He's the kind of manager who will always STAND UP FOR his staff.
<b>Stand up to</b>	Keep your principles when challenged by an authority.	She STOOD UP TO the police when they tried to corrupt her.
<b>Stand up to</b>	Resist damage.	This coat will STAND UP TO the roughest weather conditions.
<b>Stare down</b>	Look at someone until they cannot look at you.	He was angry but I STARED him DOWN and he left without saying much.

<b>Start off</b>	Make something start.	They <b>STARTED OFF</b> the meeting with an attack on our performance.
<b>Start off</b>	Begin life, a career or existence.	She <b>STARTED OFF</b> as a receptionist and ended up as the CEO.
<b>Start off</b>	Begin a journey.	We <b>STARTED OFF</b> early because we knew the journey would take all day.
<b>Start off</b>	Make someone laugh.	I was trying to be serious, but their comment <b>STARTED</b> me <b>OFF</b> .
<b>Start off on</b>	Help someone to start a piece or work or activity.	I <b>STARTED</b> her <b>OFF ON</b> the project then left her to finish it.
<b>Start on</b>	Begin to use or consume.	It's time to <b>START ON</b> that bottle of wine.
<b>Start on</b>	Criticise angrily.	The manager was furious and <b>STARTED ON</b> her staff for not trying hard enough.
<b>Start on at</b>	Criticise or nag.	He <b>STARTED ON AT</b> me for being late.
<b>Start out</b>	Begin a journey.	We <b>STARTED OUT</b> early in the morning.
<b>Start out as</b>	Begin life, existence or a career.	What had <b>STARTED OUT AS</b> a protest quickly turned into a full-blown rebellion.
<b>Start out to</b>	Intend, plan.	I didn't <b>START OUT TO</b> become the boss- it just happened.
<b>Start over</b>	Begin something again.	It's a mess- I think we should just <b>START OVER</b> .
<b>Start up</b>	Open a business.	The firm <b>STARTED UP</b> on a shoestring budget.
<b>Start up</b>	Begin, especially sounds.	There was a pause, then the noise <b>STARTED UP</b> again.
<b>Start up</b>	When an engine starts working.	The car <b>STARTED UP</b> first time.
<b>Start up</b>	Make an engine work.	I <b>STARTED</b> the car <b>UP</b> .
<b>Start up</b>	Sit or stand upright because someone has surprised you.	He <b>STARTED UP</b> when I entered the room and tried to hide what he was doing.
<b>Stash away</b>	Store or hide something in a safe place.	I <b>STASHED</b> some money <b>AWAY</b> behind some books.
<b>Stave in</b>	Push or break something inwards.	The police <b>STOVE</b> the front door <b>IN</b> and arrested them.
<b>Stave off</b>	Delay, prevent something from happening.	The medicine <b>STAVED OFF</b> the worst of the disease.
<b>Stay away</b>	Not come.	He said he didn't like them coming and wanted them to <b>STAY AWAY</b> .
<b>Stay away from</b>	Avoid, not come.	He told them to <b>STAY AWAY FROM</b> him.
<b>Stay in</b>	Not go out.	I'm going to <b>STAY IN</b> and chill tonight; I can't be bothered to go out.
<b>Stay on</b>	Remain longer than anticipated.	She <b>STAYED ON</b> after she graduated to do a Master's degree.
<b>Stay out</b>	Not go home.	We <b>STAYED OUT</b> all night.
<b>Stay over</b>	Stay overnight.	I <b>STAYED OVER</b> at a friend's house last

<b>Stay up</b>	Not go to bed.	night because of the train strike. The children <b>STAYED UP</b> until way past their bedtime.
<b>Steal away</b>	Leave a place quietly or secretly.	We didn't want to wake them, so we <b>STOLE AWAY</b> in the middle of the night.
<b>Steal out</b>	Leave in a stealthy or quiet manner.	Not wanting to attract attention, she <b>STOLE OUT</b> early.
<b>Steal over</b>	Be gradually overcome by an emotion or feeling.	A feeling of pride <b>STOLE OVER</b> me as I watched.
<b>Steal up</b>	Approach quietly or secretly.	The lights were off and everything was quiet so we <b>STOLE UP</b> as quietly as we could.
<b>Steal up on</b>	Approach a place or someone quietly or secretly.	We <b>STOLE UP ON</b> them so that they couldn't sound the alarm.
<b>Steer clear of</b>	Avoid.	He's trying to <b>STEER CLEAR OF</b> his lecturer because he hasn't finished his assignment yet.
<b>Stem from</b>	Originate, be caused by.	The trouble <b>STEMS FROM</b> their refusal to discuss the matter.
<b>Step aside</b>	Leave a job or position so that someone else can take over.	Everyone thinks that the prime minister should <b>STEP ASIDE</b> so that someone new can lead the party into the election.
<b>Step back</b>	Look at something from a different perspective.	We should <b>STEP BACK</b> and try to see how our customers will view the scheme.
<b>Step down</b>	Leave a job or position so that someone can take over.	The CEO <b>STEPPED DOWN</b> after the share price dropped.
<b>Step down</b>	Reduce.	Production is being <b>STEPPED DOWN</b> because demand has dropped.
<b>Step forward</b>	Offer help.	When I had the accident, a lot of people <b>STEPPED FORWARD</b> to help me.
<b>Step in</b>	Get involved by interrupting something.	I had to <b>STEP IN</b> when they started fighting.
<b>Step on it</b>	An imperative used to tell someone to go faster, especially when driving.	I told the taxi driver to <b>STEP ON IT</b> as I was late for the meeting.
<b>Step out</b>	Leave a place for a very short time.	They've <b>STEPPED OUT</b> for a cigarette.
<b>Step to</b>	Confront.	Don't <b>STEP TO</b> those guys; they'll kill you.
<b>Step to</b>	Chat, talk to.	He tried to <b>STEP TO</b> her in the bar.
<b>Step up</b>	Increase.	The police have <b>STEPPED UP</b> the pressure on beggars working the Underground.
<b>Stick around</b>	Stay in a place for some time.	He's late, but I'll <b>STICK AROUND</b> for another few minutes before I leave.
<b>Stick at</b>	Continue doing something despite difficulties.	She found the course very tough but she <b>STUCK AT</b> it and did well in the end.
<b>Stick by</b>	Support someone when they are having difficulties.	No one <b>STUCK BY</b> him when the scandal became public.

<b>Stick by</b>	Support a plan, opinion or decision.	They are <b>STICKING BY</b> their claims.
<b>Stick down</b>	Write something quickly or without thinking about it.	I couldn't answer the test so I just <b>STUCK</b> anything <b>DOWN</b> that I could remember.
<b>Stick down</b>	Join surfaces with glue.	I <b>STUCK</b> the label <b>DOWN</b> .
<b>Stick it to</b>	Criticise someone.	She <b>STUCK IT TO</b> me for turning up half an hour late.
<b>Stick it to</b>	Treat someone badly or unfairly.	My boss always <b>STICKS IT TO</b> me when she's in a bad mood.
<b>Stick out</b>	Be easily noticed.	He's so much better than the others that he <b>STICKS OUT</b> .
<b>Stick out</b>	Extend part of your body.	He <b>STUCK</b> his tongue <b>OUT</b> at me.
<b>Stick out</b>	Continue doing something difficult or unpleasant.	I <b>STUCK</b> it <b>OUT</b> even though I hated every minute of it.
<b>Stick out for</b>	Demand a salary raise.	We're <b>STICKING OUT FOR</b> a 5% increase.
<b>Stick to</b>	Not change.	The Prime Minister decided to <b>STICK TO</b> the original plan despite the criticism in the media.
<b>Stick to</b>	Restrict or limit and not change.	I <b>STUCK TO</b> the path and didn't take the shortcut.
<b>Stick together</b>	Support each other.	If we don't <b>STICK TOGETHER</b> , things will be much worse for all of us- we need some unity.
<b>Stick up</b>	Stand on end.	The static electricity made my hair <b>STICK UP</b> .
<b>Stick up</b>	Rob using weapons.	They <b>STUCK</b> the bank <b>UP</b> and stole tens of thousands.
<b>Stick up for</b>	Support or defend.	You have to <b>STICK UP FOR</b> yourself here, because no one will back you.
<b>Stick with</b>	Not change something.	We'd better <b>STICK WITH</b> our original idea.
<b>Stick with</b>	Stay near someone.	He told the children to <b>STICK WITH</b> him in the station.
<b>Stick with</b>	Not be forgotten.	The details have <b>STUCK WITH</b> me ever since.
<b>Stick with</b>	Continue with something difficult or unpleasant.	I <b>STUCK WITH</b> the job though I found it very stressful.
<b>Stiffen up</b>	Become rigid.	My back <b>STIFFENS UP</b> in cold weather.
<b>Stiffen up</b>	Make something rigid.	They used starch to <b>STIFFEN</b> the collars <b>UP</b> .
<b>Stir up</b>	Make trouble for someone else.	He <b>STIRRED</b> things <b>UP</b> by complaining to senior management about his line manager.
<b>Stitch up</b>	Sew something so that it is closed.	I <b>STITCHED UP</b> the hole in my sleeve.
<b>Stitch up</b>	Finalise a deal.	We get the contract <b>STITCHED UP</b> this



**Stitch up** Cheat someone or make them look guilty when they aren't.

**Stomp off** Leave somewhere angrily.

**Stomp on** Treat badly or defeat.

**Stop around** Visit someone for a short time..

**Stop back** Return somewhere.

**Stop behind** Stay somewhere when other people leave.

**Stop by** Visit somewhere briefly or quickly.

**Stop in** Stay at home.

**Stop in** Visit briefly.

**Stop off** Break a journey.

**Stop out** Be out late, especially when you are expected home.

**Stop over** Stay somewhere when on a journey.

**Stop up** Stay up late.

**Stop up** Fill or block something.

**Storm off** Leave a place angrily.

**Storm out** Leave a place angrily.

**Stow away** Hide in a vehicle to travel without people knowing.

**Stow away** Store something in a safe place.

**Straighten out** Make something straight.

**Straighten out** Deal with a problem.

**Straighten out** Make clear and resolve.

**Straighten out** Improve someone's behaviour.

**Straighten** Stand straight.

week.

The police **STITCHED** them **UP** because they couldn't find any evidence against them.

He lost his temper and **STOMPED OFF** home.

They **STOMP ON** their competitors.

Why don't you **STOP AROUND** my place on your way back?

I'll **STOP BACK** this afternoon when you're free.

I **STOPPED BEHIND** at the end of the lecture to ask a couple of questions.

I must **STOP BY** the supermarket and pick up some things for dinner.

I was feeling tired so I **STOPPED IN** last night.

I **STOPPED IN** at my aunt's after work.

We **STOPPED OFF** for lunch about halfway there, then carried on driving.

Her parents were annoyed because she **STOPPED OUT** all night.

I **STOPPED OVER** in Bangkok for a couple of days on my way back from Tokyo.

I **STOPPED UP** last night watching the film.

I **STOPPED UP** the bottle with a cork.

They had a row and he **STORMED OFF**.

He lost his temper and **STORMED OUT OF** the bar. (If you don't mention the place, you can just say 'He stormed out')

She **STOWED AWAY** on the plane but was caught when it landed.

We **STOWED** it **AWAY** in the garage to keep it dry.

I'm always having to **STRAIGHTEN OUT** the wires connected to my computer.

I had to **STRAIGHTEN OUT** things after the mess they had made.

There are a few issues I'd like to **STRAIGHTEN OUT** first.

Starting work has **STRAIGHTENED** him **OUT** and calmed him down.

She **STRAIGHTENED UP** when her boss

**up**

**Straighten up** Tidy.

**Strike back** Attack, take action against someone who has hurt you.

**Strike down** Kill.

**Strike down** Make someone ill.

**Strike down** Disallow a law, decision, etc.

**Strike off** Remove someone's professional licence to practise.

**Strike on** Have a good idea.

**Strike out** Start doing something new and different.

**Strike out** Try to hit someone.

**Strike out** Start going towards a place.

**Strike out** Cross writing out.

**Strike out** Fail.

**Strike up** Start (conversation, relationship).

**Strike up** Start performing music.

**Strike upon** Have a good idea.

**String along** Deceive someone for a long time.

**String along** Accompany someone because you haven't got anything better to do.

**String out** Make something last as long as possible.

**String together** Put words together into a coherent text.

**String up** Hang somebody.

walked in.

I STRAIGHTENED UP the room before they arrived.

At first, he ignored them, but when things got very serious, he STRUCK BACK.

A hitman STRUCK him DOWN as he entered the building. (This verb is often used in the passive- He was struck down as he entered the building.)

I was STRUCK DOWN with food poisoning. (This verb is mostly used in the passive.)

The Appeal Court STRUCK DOWN the lower court's ruling.

The Medical Council STRUCK him OFF for malpractice.

I STRUCK ON the solution when I was out with my dog.

After doing the same job for five years, I decided to STRIKE OUT and change careers.

When he pushed me, I STRUCK OUT.

We got up early and STRUCK OUT for our final destination.

As they arrived, I STRUCK their names OUT on the list I had.

I tried to get the government to support us but I STRUCK OUT.

He STRUCK UP a conversation with me in the bar.

The band STRUCK UP and everyone turned to listen.

It took us a long time to STRIKE UPON a solution.

They kept saying they were interested, but they were just STRINGING me ALONG

Is it alright if I STRING ALONG with you tonight?

There was half an hour to go, so I STRUNG the questions OUT as long as I could.

I was so nervous in the interview that I could hardly STRING a sentence TOGETHER.

The rebels STRUNG the soldiers UP after they captured them.

<b>Stub out</b>	Extinguish a cigarette.	He STUBBED his cigarette OUT in a saucer because he couldn't find an ashtray.
<b>Stuff up</b>	Make a mistake, do badly, spoil.	I STUFFED the exam UP.
<b>Stumble across</b>	Find something accidentally.	You'll never guess what I STUMBLED ACROSS when I was packing my stuff.
<b>Stumble upon</b>	Find something accidentally.	I STUMBLED UPON these photos when I was clearing my room up.
<b>Stump up</b>	Pay for something.	He didn't want to pay me back, but I got him to STUMP UP in the end.
<b>Suck in</b>	Become involved in something unpleasant.	Everyone around her was taking drugs and she got SUCKED IN.
<b>Suck into</b>	Become involved in something unpleasant.	The country got SUCKED INTO the war.
<b>Suck up</b>	Try to ingratiate yourself.	He is always SUCKING UP to try to get the boss's approval.
<b>Suck up to</b>	Ingratiate yourself with someone.	He's always SUCKING UP TO our boss.
<b>Suit up</b>	Get dressed or put on a uniform for an activity or task.	They SUITED UP and went to the interview
<b>Sum up</b>	Summarise.	At the end of the lecture, she SUMMED UP the main points again.
<b>Summon up</b>	Get the energy or courage to do something.	Andrea couldn't SUMMON UP the enthusiasm to apply for the position.
<b>Suss out</b>	Come to understand.	It took her ages to SUSS OUT what was going on.
<b>Swan about</b>	Move in a dramatic or affected manner.	He SWANNED ABOUT at the party.
<b>Swan around</b>	Move in a dramatic or affected manner.	She SWANNED AROUND trying to impress people.
<b>Swan in</b>	Enter in a dramatic or attention-seeking manner.	He SWANNED IN surrounded by photographers.
<b>Swan off</b>	Leave somewhere in a defiant or pompous manner.	He didn't like the way the spoke to him so he SWANNED OFF angrily.
<b>Swear by</b>	Have great confidence in.	I SWEAR BY their products- they're the best on the market.
<b>Swear down</b>	Promise that something is true.	He SWORE DOWN that he hadn't done it.
<b>Sweep through</b>	Pass easily, succeed.	She SWEPT THROUGH the exams.
<b>Sweep through</b>	Move quickly through.	The disease SWEPT THROUGH the population.
<b>Swing around</b>	Change your opinion quickly.	They SWUNG AROUND to our idea after reading the press reports.
<b>Swing around</b>	Turn around quickly.	He SWUNG ROUND to see what had made the noise.
<b>Swing at</b>	Try to hit.	He SWUNG AT me but missed.
<b>Swing by</b>	Visit a person or place on your way	I will SWING BY this afternoon and pick

	somewhere.	you up.
<b>Swing round</b>	Change your opinion quickly.	They were against it at first then SWUNG ROUND and supported it.
<b>Swing round</b>	Turn around quickly.	She SWUNG ROUND and greeted them.
<b>Syphon off</b>	Take business, support or votes from someone.	The candidate SYPHONED OFF a lot of votes because of his anti-war stance.
<b>Syphon off</b>	Divert money illegally.	The minister had been SYPHONING OFF funds from his department for years.
<b>Tack on</b>	Add something that wasn't planned.	They TACKED ON a new ending to the film when they found that test audiences didn't like the original.
<b>Tack onto</b>	Add or attach something that wasn't planned to something.	I TACKED a quick message ONTO the end of the letter after I'd printed it.
<b>Tag along</b>	Accompany someone, especially if they haven't specifically invited you.	You're off to the cinema; can we TAG ALONG?
<b>Tag on</b>	Add an additional point to something written or spoken.	He TAGGED ON a few comments after reading my report.
<b>Tag onto</b>	Add an additional point to something written or spoken.	He TAGGED his ideas ONTO the end of my report.
<b>Tag with</b>	Add a keyword link or bookmark to a blog entry or webpage.	The post was TAGGED WITH keywords.
<b>Tail away</b>	Become silent or inaudible.	His voice TAILED AWAY when he was speaking about what he'd done wrong.
<b>Tail back</b>	Form a traffic jam.	The traffic TAILED BACK for several miles after the accident.
<b>Tail off</b>	Become silent or inaudible.	The voices TAILED OFF when she entered.
<b>Tail off</b>	Decrease.	Profits TAILED OFF sharply in the last quarter of the year as a result of the increase in the price of oil.
<b>Take after</b>	Look like, resemble.	He TAKES AFTER his mother.
<b>Take apart</b>	Take something to pieces.	She TOOK the photocopier APART to see what had got stuck in it.
<b>Take aside</b>	Get someone alone to talk to them.	The teacher TOOK her ASIDE and said that she'd failed the exam.
<b>Take away</b>	Remove.	The police TOOK the protestors AWAY.
<b>Take back</b>	Make someone nostalgic.	That song always TAKES me BACK to when I was at university.
<b>Take back</b>	Retract a statement, admit that something was wrong.	I had to TAKE BACK everything bad I'd said about them when I learned how they'd helped out.
<b>Take down</b>	Make notes or write down in full.	The police TOOK DOWN his answers to their questions.
<b>Take down</b>	Remove.	People TAKE DOWN their Christmas decorations twelve days after Christmas.

<b>Take in</b>	Absorb information.	The lecture was rather boring and I didn't TAKE IN much of what the lecturer said.
<b>Take in</b>	Deceive.	She TOOK me IN with her story until someone told me the truth.
<b>Take in</b>	Make clothes smaller.	The jacket was far too big around the shoulders, so I had it TAKEN IN so that I could wear it.
<b>Take in</b>	Assume care or support.	The family TOOK IN the three homeless kittens.
<b>Take it</b>	Accept criticism.	He's good at criticising others, but can't TAKE IT himself.
<b>Take it out on</b>	Abuse someone because you're angry.	Whenever things go wrong, he always shouts and TAKES IT OUT ON me, even if I had nothing to do with the problem.
<b>Take it upon yourself</b>	Take responsibility, often without consulting other people.	I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF to make sure he got up on time.
<b>Take off</b>	Make great progress.	The software house really TOOK OFF when they produced the latest version of their DTP package.
<b>Take off</b>	Reduce the price of an item.	They've TAKEN ten percent OFF designer frames for glasses.
<b>Take off</b>	When a plane departs or leaves the ground.	The flight for Dublin TOOK OFF on time.
<b>Take off</b>	Remove.	It was hot, so I TOOK my jacket OFF.
<b>Take on</b>	Allow passengers on a ship or plane.	The plane stopped at Zurich to TAKE ON some passengers.
<b>Take on</b>	Assume a responsibility.	She TOOK ON the task of indexing the book.
<b>Take on</b>	Employ.	The council has had to TAKE ON twenty extra employees to handle their increased workload.
<b>Take out</b>	Borrow a library book.	I TOOK OUT all the books I needed for my essay from the library.
<b>Take out</b>	Borrow money from a bank or other official lender.	Jackie and Anil TOOK OUT a mortgage to buy a bigger flat.
<b>Take out</b>	Extract or remove.	The dentist TOOK OUT all of my wisdom teeth before they started causing any problems.
<b>Take out</b>	Go out socially with someone, especially a date.	He TOOK her OUT to a restaurant last Friday night.
<b>Take out</b>	Obtain insurance.	I TOOK OUT some health insurance before I went backpacking around Latin America.
<b>Take out</b>	Kill, murder.	The gang TOOK him OUT after he spoke to the police.
<b>Take over</b>	Assume control of a company or	The bank was TAKEN OVER by a Hong



	organisation.	Kong bank that needed to buy a bank to get into the British market.
<b>Take over</b>	Start a job or position that someone had occupied before you.	She <b>TOOK OVER</b> responsibility for the project last month.
<b>Take through</b>	Explain something to someone.	He <b>TOOK</b> me <b>THROUGH</b> the procedures before we started.
<b>Take to</b>	Make a habit of something.	He's <b>TAKEN TO</b> wearing a baseball cap since his hair started thinning more noticeably.
<b>Take up</b>	Fill or occupy time or space.	An awful lot of my time at work is <b>TAKEN UP</b> with pointless bureaucracy nowadays.
<b>Take up</b>	Make clothes shorter.	The trousers were too long so I <b>TOOK</b> them <b>UP</b> to make them fit.
<b>Take up</b>	Start a new hobby, pastime, etc..	He <b>TOOK UP</b> squash as he felt he had to lose some weight.
<b>Talk around</b>	Persuade.	He <b>TALKED</b> them <b>AROUND</b> to accepting his point of view.
<b>Talk around</b>	Talk about a problem or issue without really dealing with it.	They <b>TALKED AROUND</b> the issue without reaching a conclusion.
<b>Talk at</b>	Talk to someone and not give them a chance to reply or listen to them.	There's no point trying to convince them- they'll just <b>TALK AT</b> you until you give up.
<b>Talk back</b>	Respond rudely to a person in authority.	The teacher was cross because the pupil <b>TALKED BACK</b> to her.
<b>Talk down</b>	Try to make something sound less important.	The company CEO <b>TALKED DOWN</b> the recent fall in shares.
<b>Talk down</b>	Persuade someone not to jump off a high place to kill themselves.	A man was threatening to jump off the building but the police <b>TALKED</b> him <b>DOWN</b> .
<b>Talk down to</b>	Talk in a way to show your superiority not communicate.	She's a dreadful teacher and <b>TALKS DOWN TO</b> her students instead of teaching them.
<b>Talk into</b>	Persuade someone to do something.	She didn't want to let me go, but I finally managed to <b>TALK</b> her <b>INTO</b> it.
<b>Talk out</b>	Discuss a problem or issue to find a solution.	They had a meeting to <b>TALK OUT</b> how people felt.
<b>Talk out of</b>	Persuade someone not to do something.	He was going to drive home after drinking half a bottle of wine, but his friends <b>TALKED</b> him <b>OUT OF</b> it.
<b>Talk over</b>	Discuss.	We <b>TALKED OVER</b> the problems in our relationship, but couldn't sort things out.
<b>Talk round</b>	Persuade.	She <b>TALKED</b> them <b>AROUND</b> to accepting her point of view.
<b>Talk round</b>	Talk about a problem or issue without really dealing with it.	<b>WE TALKED ROUND</b> the issue but didn't reach a conclusion.
<b>Talk through</b>	Guide someone through an issue.	The teacher <b>TALKED</b> me <b>THROUGH</b> the test so I knew what to expect.

<b>Talk up</b>	Make something appear more important or significant than it really is.	The government are trying to TALK UP the effect of their policies.
<b>Talk yourself out</b>	Talk until you have nothing left to say.	He TALKED himself OUT after a couple of hours and calmed down.
<b>Tap for</b>	Get money off someone.	I TAPPED him FOR a loan.
<b>Tap into</b>	Use or exploit a plentiful resource for your benefit.	The company is hoping to TAP INTO the Chinese market.
<b>Tap off with</b>	Have sex with.	He TAPPED OFF WITH someone at the party on Saturday.
<b>Tap out</b>	Play a rhythm quietly.	He TAPPED OUT the tune with his pencil while he was thinking.
<b>Tap out</b>	Use all the money available.	How can we buy a new house without TAPPING OUT our savings account.
<b>Tap up</b>	Approach a footballer illegally to get them to change teams.	Chelsea were accused of TAPPING him UP even though he was under contract.
<b>Team up</b>	Work with someone or a group to achieve something.	They TEAMED UP to publicise the issue.
<b>Tear apart</b>	Disturb or upset greatly.	People were TORN APART when news of the train crash came through.
<b>Tear at</b>	Pull or try to pull something to pieces.	The fighters TORE AT each other.
<b>Tear away</b>	Stop someone doing something unwillingly.	I had to TEAR him AWAY from the office for dinner.
<b>Tear away</b>	Remove a surface violently.	The roof was TORN AWAY in the hurricane.
<b>Tear down</b>	Demolish.	The estate was TORN DOWN so that they could develop the land into luxury flats.
<b>Tear into</b>	Criticise strongly or angrily.	She TORE INTO me for losing it.
<b>Tear off</b>	Remove part of a form or letter using your hands, not scissors.	She TORE the slip OFF the bottom of the form and sent it with her cheque.
<b>Tear off</b>	Leave at high speed.	The police TORE OFF in their car after arresting her.
<b>Tear off</b>	Remove with force.	The storm TORE the roof OFF.
<b>Tear out</b>	Depart rapidly.	The sheriff TORE OUT after the escaping criminals.
<b>Tear up</b>	Rip into pieces.	He TORE the fax UP and threw the bits of paper in the bin.
<b>Tear up</b>	Destroy.	They are TEARING UP the old part of town to build a new shopping centre.
<b>Tear up</b>	Have eyes fill with tears.	After hearing the tragic news he TEARED UP and could hardly speak.
<b>Tee off</b>	Start or launch an event.	The new project will TEE OFF next month.
<b>Tee off</b>	Place a golf ball on a short plastic or wooden stick before hitting it at the start of a hole..	He TEED OFF at the first hole.

<b>Tee off</b>	Annoy someone.	It TEES me OFF when they turn up late.
<b>Tee off on</b>	Criticise.	She TEED OFF ON me about the work I gave her.
<b>Tee up</b>	Place a golf ball on a short plastic or wooden stick before hitting it at the start of a hole..	She TEED UP two strokes ahead at the last hole.
<b>Tee up</b>	Make preparations before starting or launching something.	They are TEEING UP for the conference tomorrow.
<b>Tell apart</b>	See a difference between two things.	They're identical twins so I cannot TELL them APART.
<b>Tell off</b>	Chide; talk angrily to someone about something they've done wrong..	His fiancée TOLD him OFF for arriving nearly an hour late.
<b>Tell on</b>	Report someone to an authority.	The pupil TOLD ON the others for cheating and the teacher failed them.
<b>Text out</b>	Cancel an appointment by sending a text message.	I was feeling too tired to go and TEXTED OUT.
<b>Think over</b>	Consider something carefully.	I've THOUGHT it OVER and have made up my mind; I'm going to take the job in Leeds.
<b>Think through</b>	Consider all the possibilities and outcomes of a situation.	The plan fell through because they hadn't THOUGHT it THROUGH properly.
<b>Think up</b>	Create or invent something, especially when lying.	I'd better THINK UP a good reason for handing the work in late.
<b>Throw away</b>	Discard something when no longer needed.	I THREW the alarm clock AWAY because it had stopped working.
<b>Throw in</b>	Join, accompany.	May I THROW IN with you? My companions left me behind.
<b>Throw in</b>	Add something to a deal.	They THREW IN a printer so I bought it from them.
<b>Throw off</b>	Remove item of clothing quickly.	I THREW OFF my shoes and flopped on the settee.
<b>Throw off</b>	Get rid of.	It took me ages to THROW OFF the cold.
<b>Throw off</b>	Produce light or heat.	The lamp THROWS OFF a lot of heat.
<b>Throw on</b>	Put clothes on quickly.	I THREW ON a jacket and rushed outside.
<b>Throw out</b>	Get rid of.	I THREW OUT all my old clothes to make some space in my wardrobe.
<b>Throw out</b>	Dislocate.	Edward slipped on the ice and THREW OUT his shoulder.
<b>Throw out</b>	Reject.	The committee THREW the proposal OUT.
<b>Throw out</b>	Produce heat, fumes.	The car THROWS OUT a lot of smoke.
<b>Throw out</b>	Expel.	The school THREW him OUT for smoking.
<b>Throw over</b>	End a relationship with someone.	She THREW me OVER last year.
<b>Throw over</b>	Reject, refuse to accept.	They THREW OVER the agreement.

<b>Throw together</b>	Make or arrange quickly.	I THREW a quick dinner TOGETHER before we left.
<b>Throw up</b>	Vomit.	The prawns she ate at lunch made her THROW UP and she had to go home early.
<b>Throw up</b>	Produce problems, results, ideas, etc.	The talks THREW UP some interesting possibilities.
<b>Throw up</b>	Leave a job or position suddenly.	She THREW UP her job to go travelling.
<b>Throw up</b>	Create clouds of dust or splash water into the air.	The road was bumpy and the car in front was THROWING UP so much dust that we could hardly see where we were going.
<b>Throw yourself at</b>	Make it clear you are sexually attracted to someone.	He THREW HIMSELF AT her but she wasn't interested.
<b>Throw yourself into</b>	Do something enthusiastically or energetically.	She THREW herself INTO the project.
<b>Tick along</b>	Make reasonable progress without any serious problems.	Things are TICKING ALONG at work while the director's away.
<b>Tick away</b>	Pass (of time).	The last few seconds TICKED AWAY and the team couldn't come back.
<b>Tick by</b>	Pass (of time).	The seconds TICKED BY and the team failed to score.
<b>Tick off</b>	Annoy.	She really TICKS me OFF when she doesn't reply to my emails.
<b>Tick off</b>	Scold.	He TICKED me OFF for arriving late.
<b>Tick off</b>	Put a mark on an item in a list when it has been dealt with.	She TICKED OFF our names when we arrived.
<b>Tick over</b>	Continue working, but without improving.	The company TICKED OVER while she was away on holiday.
<b>Tick over</b>	Operate but without moving (engines).	The mechanic left the engine TICKING OVER for a while to see if he could see what was causing the problem.
<b>Tide over</b>	Use something carefully so as not to finish it.	This £50 will have to TIDE me OVER until I get paid.
<b>Tidy up</b>	Put things in the correct place in a room.	I TIDIED UP my bedroom because it was a complete mess.
<b>Tie back</b>	Fasten or secure so that it doesn't obstruct.	She TIED her hair BACK before playing tennis.
<b>Tie down</b>	Secure something to prevent it moving.	They TIED him DOWN to stop him escaping.
<b>Tie down</b>	Remove or restrict freedom.	Marriage TIES you DOWN.
<b>Tie down</b>	Stop people (often police or military) going where they are needed.	The army were TIED DOWN with the rebellion and couldn't help.
<b>Tie in</b>	Agree, be connected or support.	The theory TIES IN with what the police have been saying.
<b>Tie in</b>	Associate with.	He is TIED IN somehow with the crime

<b>Tie in with</b>	Occur at the same time.	syndicate. The publication TIES IN WITH the twentieth anniversary of the incident.
<b>Tie up</b>	Tie or fasten something securely.	They TIED UP the hostages so that they couldn't escape.
<b>Tie up</b>	Stop someone doing something.	Work has TIED me UP all week.
<b>Tie up</b>	Fasten.	I TIED UP my shoelaces.
<b>Tie up</b>	Block a road, etc.	The convoy TIED UP the road for an hour.
<b>Tighten up</b>	Make something more secure or function better.	They're TIGHTENING UP security for the president's visit.
<b>Time out</b>	End or close because of a time limit.	The program TIMED OUT before I could reply.
<b>Time out</b>	End or close something because of a time limit.	The program TIMED me OUT after twenty minutes.
<b>Tip off</b>	Secretly inform the police or authorities.	The police arrested the drug dealer after someone TIPPED them OFF.
<b>Tip over</b>	Spill, make something fall on its side.	I TIPPED my coffee OVER and ruined my keyboard.
<b>Tire of</b>	Get bored of something.	She soon TIRED OF the course and dropped out.
<b>Tire out</b>	Make someone exhausted.	Working so much TIRES me OUT.
<b>Toddle off</b>	Leave, go home.	It's getting late, so I'm going to TODDLE OFF home.
<b>Tone down</b>	Make something sound more moderate.	The Minister tried to TONE DOWN what she had said when the press started attacking her.
<b>Tool up</b>	Provide equipment.	The company spent a lot on TOOLING the factory UP.
<b>Tool up</b>	Arm yourself or somebody.	The gangsters got TOOLED UP before they went into the club.
<b>Tootle off</b>	Leave, depart.	It's getting late, so we're going to TOOTLE OFF home.
<b>Top off</b>	Finish something in a special way.	He complained for an hour and to TOP it OFF started shouting his head off.
<b>Top out</b>	Stop increasing, reach the highest point.	The temperature TOPPED OUT at forty degrees yesterday.
<b>Top up</b>	Refill something that isn't empty yet.	Shall I TOP UP your drink while I'm pouring myself one?
<b>Toss about</b>	Discuss something freely and openly, but not very seriously.	WE TOSSED ideas ABOUT before the negotiations.
<b>Toss around</b>	Discuss something freely and openly, but not very seriously.	We TOSSED their plan AROUND a bit and then rejected it.
<b>Toss back</b>	Drink quickly.	I TOSSED BACK my beer and left.
<b>Toss down</b>	Drink quickly.	I TOSSED a couple of drinks DOWN before they arrived.



<b>Toss for</b>	Make a decision by throwing a coin and seeing which side lands face up.	We <b>TOSSED FOR</b> who would start.
<b>Toss off</b>	Write something quickly and carelessly.	I <b>TOSSED OFF</b> the essay the night before I had to hand it in.
<b>Toss up</b>	Decide something by throwing a coin and seeing which side lands face up..	We <b>TOSSED UP</b> to see who would kick off.
<b>Touch down</b>	Land (planes).	The plane <b>TOUCHED DOWN</b> at Narita airport an hour late.
<b>Touch for</b>	Borrow money.	I <b>TOUCHED</b> him <b>FOR</b> some cash as I'd forgotten my cards.
<b>Touch off</b>	Cause a problem to occur.	The government's decision <b>TOUCHED OFF</b> riots in the capital.
<b>Touch on</b>	Mention.	The talk <b>TOUCHED ON</b> the issue, but didn't give any new information.
<b>Touch up</b>	Improve the appearance of something.	I couldn't be bothered to redecorate, so I just <b>TOUCHED UP</b> the bits that needed painting the most.
<b>Touch up</b>	Touch someone in a sexual way.	She got angry when he tried to <b>TOUCH</b> her <b>UP</b> in the elevator.
<b>Touch upon</b>	Mention.	They didn't <b>TOUCH UPON</b> the subject because of the controversy.
<b>Tow away</b>	Remove a vehicle, especially if parked illegally.	I parked in a no-parking zone and they <b>TOWED</b> my car <b>AWAY</b> .
<b>Toy at</b>	Pretend to think about or think about in a casual way.	She <b>TOYED AT</b> getting them to help her but then did it alone.
<b>Toy over</b>	Think about something.	I <b>TOYED OVER</b> the idea for a while, but decided not to go ahead with it.
<b>Toy with</b>	Not eat much of a meal.	It was horrible, so I just <b>TOYED WITH</b> the food.
<b>Toy with</b>	Consider something, but not very seriously.	We <b>TOYED WITH</b> the idea of moving to the country, but it isn't really practical.
<b>Toy with</b>	Move or play with something to occupy your hands.	He <b>TOYED WITH</b> his cup.
<b>Toy with</b>	Treat insincerely.	He thought she loved him but she was just <b>TOYING WITH</b> him.
<b>Track down</b>	Find after a long search.	It took me ages to <b>TRACK</b> them <b>DOWN</b> in the crowd at the football game.
<b>Trade down</b>	Sell something and replace it with something cheaper.	Their house is too large now that their children have left home, so they're going to <b>TRADE DOWN</b> to something smaller.
<b>Trade in</b>	Exchange something old as part of the price of something new.	She <b>TRADED IN</b> her old car for the new model.
<b>Trade in</b>	Leave your wife or husband to marry someone younger.	He <b>TRADED IN</b> his wife when he became the chairman.
<b>Trade off</b>	Bargain, make a deal or compromise.	A longer working week was <b>TRADED OFF</b> for a pay rise.
<b>Trade off</b>	Accept something you don't really want to	We had to <b>TRADE OFF</b> space for the

	get something you do want.	location when buying the apartment.
<b>Trade on</b>	Exploit, use something to your advantage.	He TRADES ON their insecurity to get his way.
<b>Trade up</b>	Buy larger or more expensive items.	British wine drinkers have TRADED UP over the last few years from cheap plonk to expensive wines.
<b>Trade up</b>	Leave your wife or husband and marry someone better looking, richer, etc.	She supported him for years while he was struggling, but when he hit the big time he left her and TRADED UP.
<b>Trade upon</b>	Exploit, use to your advantage.	They TRADE UPON their reputation to scare rivals.
<b>Train up</b>	Teach someone the specific skills they will need to carry out a job or task.	I have been TRAINING my new assistant UP.
<b>Trickle down</b>	Pass benefits from economic expansion through the economy to the less fortunate.	Despite the economic boom, few benefits have TRICKLED DOWN to the poor.
<b>Trip out</b>	Be under the influence of psychoactive drugs.	After taking the LSD he TRIPPED OUT for hours.
<b>Trip over</b>	Fall.	I TRIPPED OVER and hurt my knee.
<b>Trip over</b>	Fall because you hit an obstacle.	I TRIPPED OVER the kerb and broke my nose.
<b>Trip up</b>	Make a mistake.	I TRIPPED UP in the interview when they asked me about what I could offer the company.
<b>Trot off</b>	Leave.	The meeting was over so I TROTTED OFF.
<b>Trot off to</b>	Go somewhere.	I TROTTED OFF TO see the dentist.
<b>Trot out</b>	Make a statement (meant negatively).	The spokeswoman TROTTED OUT the same old unconvincing excuses.
<b>Trump up</b>	Charge or accuse someone falsely.	The police TRUMPED UP the charges against him and he ended up in prison though he hadn't done it.
<b>Try back</b>	Phone back.	I called but they weren't in, so I'll TRY BACK later.
<b>Try for</b>	Make an attempt to get something.	I'm going to TRY FOR the job.
<b>Try it on</b>	Provoke someone by being annoying or behaving badly.	The children were TRYING IT ON all night until I lost my temper.
<b>Try it on</b>	Attempt to get something, usually by deceit, without great hopes of success.	He knew I wasn't got to let him do it- he was just TRYING IT ON.
<b>Try on</b>	Put clothes on to see if they fit.	I TRIED the jacket ON before I bought it.
<b>Try out</b>	Test.	Scientists are TRYING OUT a new drug in the fight against the disease.
<b>Try out</b>	Test something to see if you like it or want to buy it.	I TRIED OUT the program before I bought it.
<b>Try out for</b>	Be tested for a sports team.	He TRIED OUT FOR the baseball team.
<b>Tuck away</b>	Put something in a safe place.	I TUCKED the money AWAY in my drawer.

<b>Tuck away</b>	Eat a lot.	We TUCKED AWAY a huge dinner before we went out.
<b>Tuck in</b>	Tidy the ends of items of clothing by placing them inside something.	I forgot to TUCK my shirt IN.
<b>Tuck in</b>	Start eating enthusiastically.	The dinner smelled so good I couldn't wait to TUCK IN.
<b>Tuck in</b>	Arrange the sheets, duvet or blankets to make someone, usually a child, comfortable in bed.	He TUCKED her IN and read her a story.
<b>Tuck into</b>	Start eating something.	I was starving and TUCKED INTO the food.
<b>Tuck up</b>	Arrange the sheets, duvet or blankets to make someone, usually a child, comfortable in bed.	She TUCKED her children UP in bed and switched the lights off.
<b>Tune in</b>	Watch or listen to a TV or radio show.	Be sure to TUNE IN next week for the next episode.
<b>Tune in to</b>	Watch or listen to a TV or radio programme.	Make sure you TUNE IN TO next week's show.
<b>Tune out</b>	Ignore, not pay attention.	I TUNED him OUT because he was talking such rubbish.
<b>Tune up</b>	Improve the performance of a machine or engine.	He's TUNED his car UP for the race.
<b>Tune up</b>	Tune a musical instrument before playing.	The orchestra TUNED UP their instruments before the concert.
<b>Turn against</b>	Stop liking and start disliking.	The public TURNED AGAINST the government when they became arrogant and ceased to listen.
<b>Turn away</b>	Not allow someone to enter a place.	The doorman TURNED him AWAY from the nightclub because he was wearing trainers.
<b>Turn down</b>	Reduce volume, temperature, etc..	The room was too hot, so she TURNED the heating DOWN.
<b>Turn down</b>	Reject an offer, invitation, etc..	They offered her the job, but she TURNED it DOWN.
<b>Turn down</b>	Fold the top covers of a bed down to make it ready for someone to go to sleep.	The hotel staff TURNED DOWN the bed and scattered flower petals on it while we was having dinner.
<b>Turn in</b>	Go to bed.	I TURNED IN at half past eleven because I had an early start the next morning.
<b>Turn in</b>	Hand in, submit.	She TURNED IN her paper.
<b>Turn into</b>	Become.	Tadpoles TURN INTO frogs.
<b>Turn off</b>	Stop a machine.	I TURNED the TV OFF and went to bed.
<b>Turn on</b>	Cause someone to feel attraction or pleasure.	He really TURNS me ON.
<b>Turn on</b>	Start a machine.	I TURNED the radio ON to get the weather forecast.
<b>Turn on</b>	Attack.	The neighbour's dog TURNED ON me

<b>Turn out</b>	Produce.	when I tried to stroke it.
<b>Turn out</b>	Produce an unexpected result.	The factory TURNS OUT three thousand units a day.
<b>Turn out</b>	Stop a light.	It looked as if we were going to fail, but it TURNED OUT well in the end.
<b>Turn out</b>	Attend.	She TURNED OUT the lights and went to bed.
<b>Turn over</b>	Give to the authorities.	Thousand TURNED OUT for the demonstration.
<b>Turn to</b>	Try to get help.	The court ordered the company to TURN OVER their financial records.
<b>Turn to</b>	Take up a habit.	She had nobody to TURN TO when her husband died.
<b>Turn up</b>	Appear.	He TURNED TO drink after he lost his job.
<b>Turn up</b>	Increase volume, temperature, etc..	She didn't TURN UP for class today.
<b>Type in</b>	Enter computer data or text.	I TURNED the music UP full blast.
<b>Type out</b>	Write a full or finished version of a text on a computer.	He TYPED the text IN and printed it off.
<b>Type up</b>	Type a finished version.	She TYPED her essay OUT and handed it in a the last minute.
<b>Urge on</b>	Encourage.	She TYPED UP her lecture notes and printed them out.
<b>Urge on</b>	Persuade or pressure to accept something.	The crowd URGED the players ON.
<b>Urge upon</b>	Persuade or pressure to accept something.	They URGED the deal ON the company.
<b>Use up</b>	Finish or consume all of something.	They URGED the contract UPON us.
<b>Usher in</b>	Be at, mark or celebrate an important point in time.	We USED UP all the olive oil.
<b>Usher in</b>	Make important changes happen.	We always give a party USHER IN the NEW YEAR.
<b>Vacuum up</b>	Consume.	Her appointment as CEO USHERED IN a whole new phase in the company's growth.
<b>Vamp up</b>	Make something more exciting, attractive, etc.	He VACUUMED UP all of the food.
<b>Vamp up</b>	Invent, maker up, improvise.	The place is dull and you need to VAMP it UP.
<b>Veg out</b>	Relax, do nothing.	I had to VAMP UP a reason for being so late.
<b>Venture forth</b>	Leave somewhere safe or comfortable.	I'm going to VEG OUT in front of the TV tonight.
<b>Wade in</b>	Start something or get involved, often without thinking or to forcefully.	If the storm has finished, we could VENTURE FORTH.
<b>Wade in</b>	Attack.	He just WADED IN without listening to what anyone had to say.
<b>Wade into</b>	Become embroiled or involved in a	The hooligans WADED IN when they saw fans from the other team.
		They WADED INTO the negotiations and

	situation, without thinking or planning usually.	the deal collapsed.
<b>Wade through</b>	Get to the end of something with difficulty.	It took me ages to WADE THROUGH the book.
<b>Wait about</b>	Wait somewhere doing nothing.	I WAITED ABOUT for an hour, but they didn't come.
<b>Wait around</b>	Wait somewhere doing nothing.	They were just WAITING AROUND to see if anything was going to happen.
<b>Wait behind</b>	Stay somewhere after other people have left.	I WAITED BEHIND to ask the lecturer a question.
<b>Wait in</b>	Stay at home because someone is going to visit.	I WAITED IN for the guy to fix the TV.
<b>Wait on</b>	Serve people in a restaurant.	They have two people WAITING ON each table.
<b>Wait on</b>	Sell goods in a shop.	He WAITS ON customers in an electronics store.
<b>Wait on</b>	Provide someone with everything they need or want.	He has a butler who WAITS ON him.
<b>Wait on</b>	Wait for a result before being able to make a decision.	They're WAITING ON the results of the vote before taking a final decision.
<b>Wait out</b>	Wait till something has finished, usually something unpleasant.	We'll have to WAIT OUT this uncertainty.
<b>Wait up</b>	Not go to bed because you are waiting.	I was worried and WAITED UP until they got home safe and sound.
<b>Wait up!</b>	Stop (imperative).	Wait up! I need to talk to you.
<b>Wait upon</b>	Provide someone with what they require.	They used to have servants WAITING UPON them.
<b>Wait upon</b>	Wait for a result before being able to make a decision.	They must WAIT UPON the outcome of the match before they know who they'll be playing.
<b>Wake up</b>	Stop sleeping.	I WOKE UP at half past six this morning.
<b>Walk away from</b>	Leave something you don't like.	You can't just WALK AWAY FROM your problems.
<b>Walk away with</b>	Win easily.	She WALKED AWAY WITH the first prize.
<b>Walk back from</b>	Retract a statement.	They declined to WALK BACK FROM their comments despite the controversy.
<b>Walk in on</b>	Enter somewhere unexpectedly and see something.	He WALKED IN ON them planning to sack him.
<b>Walk into</b>	Get work without effort.	He WALKED INTO a great job straight after university.
<b>Walk into</b>	Be unaware of the presence of something and either enter it (a trap) or bump into it (an obstruction).	You WALKED INTO that one [You became victim to a trap I set]orI WALKED INTO a door and broke my nose.
<b>Walk off</b>	Go for a walk to reduce the effects of an illness or bad feeling.	I tried to WALK OFF my hangover.



<b>Walk off with</b>	Win easily.	He WALKED OFF WITH the award.
<b>Walk off with</b>	Take something without permission or steal.	Someone WALKED OFF WITH my umbrella so I got soaked. I saw the accident but just WALKED ON as I didn't want to have to give a statement.
<b>Walk on</b>	Continue walking.	The workers WALKED OUT because the felt that safety wasn't being handled correctly.
<b>Walk out</b>	Leave work because of a dispute with the management.	The film was a bore so I WALKED OUT halfway through.
<b>Walk out</b>	Leave a place angrily or because you are not satisfied.	He WALKED OUT ON his wife last year.
<b>Walk out on</b>	Leave somebody angrily.	He WALKED me THROUGH the procedures.
<b>Walk through</b>	Explain or demonstrate something carefully to someone.	A man WALKED UP and asked me the time.
<b>Walk up</b>	Go to someone.	She WALTZED THROUGH the tests and got the highest score.
<b>Waltz through</b>	Pass or succeed easily.	She WANDERED OFF and got lost in the crowd.
<b>Wander off</b>	Leave a place, usually without telling other people.	The lecture was boring and my mind WANDERED OFF after ten minutes.
<b>Wander off</b>	Stop paying attention.	Jackie wasn't happy with her marriage and WANTED OUT.
<b>Want out</b>	Want to leave a relationship or arrangement.	The team WARMED UP half an hour before the volleyball match.
<b>Warm up</b>	Do exercises before a sport.	The ice cream stall on the beach was WASHED AWAY in the storm last night.
<b>Wash away</b>	When floods or waves completely remove a structure, building, etc..	I WASHED the antibiotics DOWN with a glass of water.
<b>Wash down</b>	Drink in order to swallow something solid.	The rain WASHED OUT the championship final.
<b>Wash out</b>	Rain so heavily that an event has to be cancelled.	He felt numb as grief WASHED OVER him.
<b>Wash over</b>	Suddenly experience a strong emotion.	The children WASHED UP after lunch.
<b>Wash up</b>	Clean everything used to prepare food and eat it.	After the crash, several bodies WASHED UP on the beach.
<b>Wash up</b>	When something in the sea or river is left on the shore or bank.	Be sure you and the kids WASH UP before dinner.
<b>Wash up</b>	Wash face and hands.	He WASTED AWAY as the cancer got worse.
<b>Waste away</b>	Become very thin and weak, usually due to illness.	Watch out- there's ice on the road.
<b>Watch out</b>	Be careful (imperative).	WATCH OUT FOR bats in the caves; many have rabies.
<b>Watch out for</b>	Be careful of something.	The lecturer WATCHED OVER the
<b>Watch over</b>	Keep an eye on something or someone to	

check that there's no trouble.

**Water down** Make something weaker and less effective.

**Wave aside** Ignore or refuse to consider what someone says.

**Wave down** Make a hand signal to stop a vehicle.

**Wave off** Go to a place where someone is leaving to wave goodbye.

**Wave on** Make a hand signal to tell someone to keep moving.

**Wean off** Slowly stop a dependency on something.

**Wear away** Erode, remove gradually.

**Wear down** Make something weaker.

**Wear off** Stop having an effect.

**Wear out** Use something until it stops working.

**Weed out** Remove, get rid of.

**Weigh down on** Burden with responsibilities, duties, etc.

**Weigh in** Have a certain weight (in sports like boxing).

**Weigh in** Enter an argument forcefully.

**Weigh in on** Enter an argument or discussion to express a strongly felt idea.

**Weigh on** Make someone consider carefully.

**Weigh out** Measure a certain amount of something by weight.

**Weigh up** Assess.

**Weird out** Disturb, cause concern or worry.

**Well up** Feel tears starting.

**Well up** Feel an emotion strongly.

**Well up** Experience an emotion or feeling, start to

students as they did the experiment.

The Freedom of Information Act was **WATERED DOWN** by the Government and didn't give ordinary people much access to official data files

They **WAVED ASIDE** our objections and carried on with the plan.

They **WAVED** the van **DOWN** and got a lift after the accident.

We **WAVED** her **OFF** at the station.

The accident was bad, but the police **WAVED** us **ON**.

We will have to **WEAN** him **OFF** his obsession.

The lawn has been **WORN AWAY** by people walking across it and it's just bare soil now with hardly a blade of grass.

The stress of my job is **WEARING** me **DOWN**.

The anaesthetic **WORE OFF** and my tooth started hurting.

She played the video so many times that she **WORE** the tape **OUT**.

The company **WEEDED OUT** the unsuccessful sales reps.

The requirements of her new job **WEIGHED DOWN ON** her.

The champion **WEIGHED IN** at 120 kilos.

He disliked the plan and **WEIGHED IN** with some heavy criticism.

She **WEIGHED IN ON** their immigration policies.

The issues raised **WEIGHED ON** her mind.

Could you **WEIGH OUT** 200 grammes of that for me?

They **WEIGHED** the pros and cons **UP** carefully before deciding.

The way he spoke was **WEIRDING** me **OUT**.

I felt tears **WELLING UP** when I heard the news.

Anger **WELLED UP** inside us when we saw what they had done.

Tears **WELLED UP** when I heard they

	cry.	had died.
<b>Wheel around</b>	Turn quickly and face in the opposite direction.	When he heard the whistle, he WHEELED AROUND to see what was happening.
<b>Wheel out</b>	Use something like an explanation that has been used many times before and has lost its impact.	They WHEELED OUT the same old excuses last time this happened.
<b>Wheel round</b>	Turn quickly and face in the opposite direction.	She WHEELED ROUND when he told her to stop.
<b>While away</b>	Spend time doing something because you have nothing better to do.	We WHILED a couple of hours AWAY playing computer games.
<b>Whip into</b>	Enter rapidly (as for a brief errand).	Ben WHIPPED INTO the convenience store for a bag of crisps.
<b>Whip out</b>	Remove quickly.	The police officer WHIPPED OUT her radio and called for back-up.
<b>Whip out of</b>	Exit rapidly.	Lola WHIPPED OUT OF a side street without looking and broadsided a police car.
<b>Whip through</b>	Do something quickly.	She WHIPPED THROUGH the task.
<b>Whip up</b>	Make food quickly.	We got back late and WHIPPED UP dinner.
<b>Whip up</b>	Mix liquid food quickly to make it thick and creamy.	I WHIPPED UP the egg whites.
<b>Whip up</b>	Make people feel more strongly about something.	The boss tried to WHIP UP some support for her new policies.
<b>Whisk away</b>	Take to another place quickly.	The police WHISKED the minister AWAY when the trouble started.
<b>White out</b>	Use correction fluid to cover a mistake in a written text.	Could you pass the Tippex? I need to WHITE this mistake OUT.
<b>Wig out</b>	Become excited and lose control.	He WIGGED OUT when he heard that he had failed.
<b>Wiggle out</b>	Avoid doing.	He was supposed to be in charge but tried to WIGGLE OUT.
<b>Wiggle out of</b>	Avoid doing something.	I WIGGLED OUT OF having to work late.
<b>Wimp out</b>	Not be brave enough to do something.	I was going to have the hottest curry on the menu, but I WIMPED OUT and had a mild lamb Korma instead.
<b>Wind down</b>	Relax.	I'm going to WIND DOWN in the country this weekend and do nothing.
<b>Wind down</b>	Slowly close a business or organisation.	They WOUND the committee DOWN after the inquiry.
<b>Wind on</b>	Forward a film or tape to a certain point.	He WOUND the video ON to show us the scene.
<b>Wind up</b>	Close a company because it's unprofitable.	The company was WOUND UP when the creditors demanded payment.

<b>Wind up</b>	Tighten the spring in a watch or clock to make it work.	I forgot to WIND UP my alarm clock and overslept.
<b>Wind up</b>	Irritate someone or increase their stress level, especially if done deliberately.	The children are really WINDING me UP
<b>Winkle out</b>	Find or get something that takes a great deal of effort.	It took me a while to WINKLE the truth OUT of him.
<b>Wipe out</b>	Make someone very tired.	Revising for the exam last night WIPED me OUT.
<b>Wipe out</b>	Kill all of a population, make extinct.	A meteor crashing into the planet WIPED the dinosaurs OUT.
<b>Wire up</b>	Make electrical connections.	She WIRED her new stereo system UP as soon as she got home.
<b>Wise up</b>	Stop being stupid.	His supervisor told him to WISE UP and start following the rules or else he'd lose his job.
<b>Word up</b>	Give someone information, advice.	The solicitor WORDED her UP client before the police interview, so they go very little out of him.
<b>Word up!</b>	A phrase that was used a greeting.	'Word up! You OK?'
<b>Work off</b>	Exercise to remove stress or weight.	She goes to the gym to WORK OFF her anger.
<b>Work on</b>	Improve or develop.	Scientists are WORKING ON genetically modified crops and foods.
<b>Work out</b>	End nicely.	Things were going wrong for them but fortunately it all WORKED OUT in the end.
<b>Work out</b>	Find the answer or solution.	I couldn't WORK OUT all the answers to the crossword puzzle.
<b>Work over</b>	Assault, beat up.	They WORKED him OVER and robbed him.
<b>Work over</b>	Repeat, do again.	They WORKED it OVER until they had got it right.
<b>Work over</b>	Examine carefully.	They WORKED OVER the market looking for bargains.
<b>Work through</b>	Deal with, resolve a problem, often emotional.	It took him a long time to WORK THROUGH his anger after he lost his job.
<b>Wrap around</b>	Cover with clothing, usually to keep warm.	She WRAPPED a scarf AROUND her head because it was so cold.
<b>Wrap around</b>	Cover or encircle with part of your body.	He WRAPPED his arms AROUND her.
<b>Wrap round</b>	Cover with clothing, usually to keep warm.	He WRAPPED the cloth ROUND his fingers to keep warm.
<b>Wrap round</b>	Cover or encircle with part of your body.	She WRAPPED her arms ROUND him.
<b>Wrap up</b>	Cover in paper.	They WRAPPED UP the presents then put a ribbon around them.
<b>Wrap up</b>	Dress warmly.	WRAP UP carefully or you'll catch your

<b>Wrap up</b>	Finish.	death of cold outside in that rain. That WRAPS things UP, so we'll end this meeting.
<b>Wriggle out of</b>	Avoid doing something in a way other people don't like.	He always manages to WRIGGLE OUT OF any extra work we get.
<b>Write down</b>	Make notes.	I WROTE her mobile number DOWN on a scrap of paper and I've lost it.
<b>Write in</b>	Send a letter to a TV station, etc..	They asked viewers to WRITE IN with their opinions and suggestions.
<b>Write off</b>	Destroy a car in an accident.	He WROTE the car OFF in an accident on the motorway.
<b>Write out</b>	Write something completely.	I WROTE OUT my notes in full to help me remember them.
<b>Write up</b>	Make complete written version.	I WROTE UP the report and submitted it.
<b>Yack on</b>	Talk continuously, especially if it is an annoying way.	He YACKED ON for an hour.
<b>Yammer on</b>	Talk continuously, especially if it is an annoying way.	She YAMMERED ON for ages.
<b>Yield to</b>	Surrender.	I tried hard to resist, but in the end I YIELDED TO temptation and ate it all.
<b>Zero in on</b>	Direct or focus attention on.	The police have ZEROED IN ON the man they believe to be responsible for the murder.
<b>Zero in on</b>	Head for, move towards.	The hurricane is ZEROING IN ON Florida.
<b>Zero out</b>	Cut off funding for a project.	The debt was ZEROED OUT by the department.
<b>Zero out</b>	Reduce to zero, cancel, remove.	The entry was ZEROED OUT of the database.
<b>Zip around</b>	Move quickly.	We ZIPPED AROUND the supermarket to get the shopping done.
<b>Zip by</b>	Pass quickly.	The motorbike ZIPPED BY the cars stuck in the traffic jam.
<b>Zip it</b>	Keep quiet, say nothing.	He told me to ZIP IT, so I said nothing.
<b>Zip up</b>	Keep quiet.	He was being stupid in the meeting, so we told him to ZIP UP.
<b>Zone in</b>	Pay attention after not doing so.	I was bored at first but then ZONED IN when things started getting more interesting.
<b>Zone in on</b>	Pay attention after not doing so.	I ZONED IN ON what they were saying when they started gossiping.
<b>Zone out</b>	Not pay attention.	She ZONED OUT during the lecture because it was so boring.
<b>Zone out</b>	Dissociate yourself from a situation.	I put some ambient music on and ZONED OUT.
<b>Zonk out</b>	Fall asleep.	I ZONKED OUT during the film and missed most of it.



**Zoom in** Focus more closely.

**Zoom in on** Focus more closely.

**Zoom off** Go somewhere quickly.

**Zoom out** Focus less closely.

The camera ZOOMED IN to show people's faces.

The camera ZOOMED IN ON his face.

He rushed out of the building and ZOOMED OFF in his car.

The camera ZOOMED OUT to show all the crowd.

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# Introduction

*1000 Phrasal Verbs in Context* is designed to help intermediate to advanced learners of English improve their knowledge of phrasal verbs. It can be used as a self-study guide by learners, or the material can be used by teachers in their EFL/ESL classes.

The book presents over 1,000 phrasal verbs in alphabetical order. The first section has phrasal verbs beginning with the letter 'a', followed by a set of quiz questions that test them. The second section has phrasal verbs beginning with the letter 'b', followed by another set of quiz questions, and so on.







<b>chop up</b>	Could you <b>chop up</b> some vegetables and put them in the soup, please? There's a knife over there.	chop up sth chop sth up
Let's chop those old boards up and use them as firewood.		 see also: <b>cut up</b>

Fig 1. Table presenting the phrasal verb 'chop up' (from p. 22)

Each phrasal verb is presented in its own table (see Fig. 1), and each table has:

- two example sentences, one with the phrasal verb colour-highlighted
- patterns of usage (e.g. 'chop up sth' / 'chop sth up')
- references to related phrasal verbs (e.g.  see also: **cut up**)
- space to write your own example sentence (under  )
- space to write your own notes (under  or  )

You may have noticed that there is no definition. This is because one of the best ways to learn phrasal verbs is to see them in context, and then figure out the meaning for yourself. It seems that if learners do this, they can get a clearer idea of the meaning, and a better understanding of how the phrasal verb is used, than they would by just memorizing a definition or a synonym. But figuring out a phrasal verb's meaning by seeing just one example of its use can be difficult, so in this book you are given two example sentences. To learn a new phrasal verb, start off by reading the sentence in which the phrasal verb is colour-highlighted. When you think you've worked out what it means, see if the meaning fits the second sentence as well. If it does, you can be fairly sure that you've found the correct meaning. If it doesn't, study both sentences again and see if you can get the correct meaning. If you really can't figure out the meaning, or if you're not sure whether the meaning you've come up with is correct or not, you can look the phrasal verb up in a dictionary. If the dictionary gives several meanings, make sure you find the one that fits the context in both the example sentences. Then you can write notes in the table to help you to remember it if you like (see Fig. 2).



<b>chop up</b>	Could you <b>chop up</b> some vegetables and put them in the soup, please? There's a knife over there.	chop up sth chop sth up
Let's chop those old boards up and use them as firewood.	 <i>The cat is hungry so I'm chopping up some meat for her.</i>	 see also: <b>cut up</b> <i>cut into small pieces</i>

Fig 2. Write your own example sentences and add your own notes.

Your notes can be written in English, or in your own language if you prefer. You can also make up and write your own example sentences. This will help you to remember the phrasal verbs, and it will also help you to remember how to use them correctly. If possible, have a teacher or a fluent speaker check your sentences for you.

Over 1,000 quiz questions are also included. All the questions are in the 'missing word' or cloze format. A sentence is given in which one word is missing, and you have to figure out what the missing word is (see Fig. 3). You are shown where the word fits in the sentence, and told how many letters it contains. In all the questions the missing word is part of a phrasal verb, either the verb (e.g. 'chop') or the particle (e.g. 'up').



36 Jenny looks a bit sad. Do you think a movie would cheer her _ _ ?	(2 letters)
37 After a hard day's work, I like to chill _ _ _ by watching TV.	(3 letters)
38 We should get our gardener to _ _ _ _ down that dead tree.	(4 letters)
39 Use this knife to chop _ _ the vegetables for the soup.	(2 letters)
40 The police are trying to clamp _ _ _ _ on drug dealers.	(4 letters)
41 If you make a mess in the kitchen, please _ _ _ _ _ it up.	(5 letters)

Fig 3. Some of the questions testing phrasal verbs beginning with 'c' (from p. 32)





















The quiz questions can be used in several ways. You can test yourself before studying to find out which phrasal verbs you need to learn. You can also do the quiz questions just after you've studied some of the phrasal verbs in order to check your understanding. The questions can also be used for revision. A couple of days after you've learned some of the phrasal verbs, do the questions that test them again. Keep doing them every few days until you get them all correct. Answer sheets are provided at the back of the book (pp. 145-149), and you can check your answers in the Answer Key (pp. 150-153).





You can also find two appendixes at the back of the book. Appendix 1 (p. 154) is a small selection of recommended phrasal verb dictionaries and study guides. Appendix 2 (p. 155) is a collection of links to various online resources, including dictionaries, grammar notes, interactive games and phrasal verb quizzes in various formats.

### Key to Abbreviations

sb	somebody
sth	something
inf	informal
Brit	British English
Am	American English
Aust	Australian English

<b>account for</b>	How can we <b>account for</b> the high electricity bill this month? Did we use the air-conditioning more than usual?	account for sth
Part of her job is to record and account for all the company's expenses.		
<b>act as</b>	Bobby is a big guy and he has studied boxing, so he can <b>act as</b> my bodyguard as well as my driver.	act as sth
The hairs in the nose act as filters to help keep dust out of our lungs.		see also: <b>function as</b>
<b>act on</b>	You should <b>act on</b> your teacher's advice and try to learn these phrasal verbs.	act on sth
We're acting on our tax lawyer's advice to set up an offshore company.		
<b>act up</b> (informal)	My computer was <b>acting up</b> , so I took it to a repair shop near my house and had it fixed.	act up
I'll have to miss golf as my knee is acting up again and it's very sore.		see also: <b>play up</b> (inf)
<b>add to</b>	On the film's opening night, the surprise appearance of several famous movie stars <b>added to</b> the excitement.	add to sth add sth to sth
It's reputation for friendly staff added a lot to the hotel's value.		see also: <b>contribute to</b>
<b>add up</b>	I don't believe his story. There are too many things that don't make sense and the whole thing just doesn't <b>add up</b> .	add up (Usually negative, as in 'It doesn't add up.')
The boss's claim that he didn't know doesn't add up. He must have known.		
<b>add up to</b>	What do 10, 7 and 6 <b>add up to</b> ? Do they <b>add up to</b> 22, or is it 23?	add up to add up to sth
I've checked the receipts for expenses, and they add up to over \$10,000.		see also: <b>come to</b>
<b>aim at</b>	The new ads for Levi jeans are <b>aimed at</b> young people in particular and, like all ads, they're <b>aimed at</b> increasing sales.	(be) aimed at sb/sth (be) aimed at doing sth aim sth at sb/sth
We've aimed this book at people who really want to learn phrasal verbs.		
<b>allow for</b>	When you figure out what time to leave for the airport, <b>allow time for</b> traffic jams, and also take the weather into account.	allow for sth allow sth for sth
When you make the budget, don't forget to allow for rising prices.		see also: <b>factor in</b>
<b>amount to</b>	A music CD needs to sell 100,000 copies or more to be a hit. Selling 10,000 copies doesn't really <b>amount to</b> success in the music business.	amount to sth
Does having had two books published amount to a career as a writer?		

<b>answer back</b>	My son got into trouble at school for being impolite by <b>answering back</b> to his teacher.	answer back to sb answer sb back
One of our players was sent off for answering back to the referee.		 see also: <b>talk back</b>
<b>appeal for</b>	After the earthquake, the government <b>appealed for</b> emergency aid and assistance from neighbouring countries.	appeal for sth appeal for sth from sb appeal to sb for sth
After she disappeared, the girl's family appealed to the public for help.		 see also: <b>ask for</b>
<b>appeal to</b>	Teenagers are a major market for mobile phones, so we need to design a range of cool phones that will <b>appeal to</b> them.	appeal to sb
The small apartments will appeal to single people more than families.		
<b>apply to</b>	The company's new regulation to ban smoking in offices <b>applies to</b> everyone, from cleaners and guards to the CEO.	apply to sb
Some young people from rich families think the law doesn't apply to them.		
<b>arrive at</b>	After doing research into diet, he <b>arrived at</b> the conclusion that a good diet included fish and seafood but didn't include animals or birds.	arrive at sth
They arrived at the retail price by considering all their production costs.		
<b>ask after</b>	I got an email from Elisa and she <b>asked after</b> you. I said you were fine and doing well in your new job.	ask after sb
Whenever I meet James, he asks after you and I tell him you're fine.		
<b>ask for</b>	If you get lost, <b>ask</b> someone <b>for</b> directions to your hotel and they'll tell you where to go.	ask for sth ask sb for sth
I tell my staff not to be afraid of asking for help or advice if they need it.		
<b>ask out</b>	If you like Mirka, you should <b>ask</b> her <b>out</b> . Tell her you'd like to take her to dinner and then see a movie or go dancing or whatever.	ask sb out ask sb out for sth
Do you think it's strange for a girl to ask a guy out for dinner or for a date?		 see also: <b>invite out</b>
<b>ask over / around</b>	We're <b>asking</b> some friends <b>over</b> to our new apartment for dinner on Saturday night.	ask sb over ask sb around
Let's ask a few people from work around to play cards on Sunday.		 see also: <b>invite over / around</b>
<b>attach to</b>	You shouldn't <b>attach</b> too much importance <b>to</b> what the critics say about your book. What really matters is what your readers think.	attach sth to sth
I think our boss attaches too much significance to how someone looks.		

<b>attend to</b>	We have to make sure there are enough sales staff in our stores to <b>attend to</b> all the customers who need help, especially at busy times.	attend to sb/sth
There're two more issues that we should attend to in today's meeting.		 see also: <b>deal with, see to</b>
<b>average out</b>	Some days we sell more, some days we sell less, but sales <b>average out</b> at about 150 units a day.	average out average sth out average out at sth
His income depends on sales, but it averages out at about \$3,000 a month.		

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## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **A a**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'a'...**





















- 1 We'll have to account \_ \_ \_ the missing money somehow. (3 letters)
- 2 Maria sometimes has to \_ \_ \_ as our babysitter as well as our maid. (3 letters)
- 3 You should act \_ \_ your doctor's advice to eat more fruit and vegetables. (2 letters)
- 4 My printer was \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ up so I had to get it fixed. (6 letters)
- 5 A good light show adds a lot \_ \_ the excitement of a rock concert. (2 letters)
- 6 I don't believe his story. It just doesn't add \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 7 The electricity and telephone bills \_ \_ \_ up to \$325.00. (3 letters)
- 8 The ads for the new jeans are aimed \_ \_ teenagers. (2 letters)
- 9 Don't forget to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ enough time for traffic jams on the way to the airport. (5 letters)
- 10 Having one book published doesn't really amount \_ \_ a career as a writer. (2 letters)
- 11 He got into trouble for answering \_ \_ \_ \_ to his teacher. (4 letters)
- 12 The Red Cross had to appeal \_ \_ \_ more money to help people after the earthquake. (3 letters)
- 13 Our new line of watches is designed to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to young professional people. (6 letters)
- 14 The tax increases only \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to people in the top income brackets. (5 letters)
- 15 We arrived \_ \_ our conclusions after studying all the evidence. (2 letters)
- 16 I got an email from Mark and he \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ after you, so I said you were fine. (5 letters)
- 17 If you get lost, \_ \_ \_ someone for directions. (3 letters)
- 18 If you like her, you should ask her \_ \_ \_ on a date. (3 letters)
- 19 We're going to \_ \_ \_ some friends over for dinner tomorrow night. (3 letters)
- 20 You shouldn't attach any importance \_ \_ what people say when they've been drinking. (2 letters)
- 21 She has to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to two customers at once if there aren't enough sales staff. (6 letters)
- 22 Her income depends on sales of her books, but it averages \_ \_ \_ at about \$10,000 a month. (3 letters)





















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<b>back down</b>	The workers refused to <b>back down</b> on their demand for higher wages and voted to continue their strike.	back down back down on sth
The president wouldn't back down on his decision despite its unpopularity.		
<b>back out</b>	Before the election, the president promised to cut taxes if he won. But after being elected he <b>backed out</b> , saying they couldn't afford to.	back out
They'd agreed to increase wages, but backed out when their profits fell.		see also: <b>go back on</b> (esp. 'Go back on one's word')
<b>back out of</b>	The company <b>backed out of</b> the agreement it had signed to cut down on carbon emissions, saying the cost was now too high.	back out of sth
The government backed out of the deal to release the prisoners.		see also: <b>pull out (of)</b>
<b>back up</b>	When writing your essay, state your thesis and then <b>back up</b> what you say with examples to show that it's true.	back up sth back sth up
The prosecutor backed his claim up with enough evidence to prove it.		
<b>back up</b>	I'll <b>back</b> you <b>up</b> if anyone says you're lying. I know what you're saying is true and I'll do whatever I can to help you.	back sb up
We trust Sue and backed her up when the company accused her of stealing.		see also: <b>stand up for</b> , <b>stick by</b>
<b>bail out</b>	After he called and said he'd been arrested and locked up in a cell, I went to the police station and <b>bailed out</b> my troublesome son.	bail out sb bail sb out
Whenever Jim gets into debt, his parents bail him out by giving him money.		
<b>bank on</b>	We couldn't set up the computer network ourselves, so we're <b>banking on</b> an IT engineer from the university to set it up for us.	bank on sth / sb bank on sb to do sth bank on sb doing sth
They say the only two things we can bank on in life are death and taxes.		see also: <b>count on</b> , <b>depend on</b>
<b>base on</b>	They always <b>base</b> their new designs <b>on</b> the latest market research.	base sth on sth (be) based on sth
Our prices are based on the cost of production and customer expectations.		
<b>bear down on</b>	The protesters looked scared as police <b>bore down on</b> them, waving their batons as they moved in.	bear down on sb / sth
Everyone was worried as the cyclone bore down on their city.		see also: <b>close in (on)</b>
<b>bear on / upon</b>	The judge said that the new evidence didn't <b>bear on</b> the case and couldn't be presented in court.	bear on sth bear upon sth
We only need information that bears directly upon the issue being looked at.		





















<b>bear up</b>	Naomi <b>bears up</b> well when she's in a difficult situation. She stays calm and deals with the situation as well as she can.	bear up
Mike's a good designer, but he doesn't bear up well under pressure.		
<b>beat down</b>	I got the car for a good price. They wanted \$10,000 at first, but I <b>beat</b> them <b>down</b> to \$8,400.	beat sb down
We can usually beat our suppliers down by at least 10% from their first price.		
<b>beat up</b>	Brad told us about the time he was <b>beaten up</b> on the street by a gang of thugs and had to go to hospital.	beat up sb beat sb up (be) beaten up by sb
He said the police beat him up to make him sign the confession.		see also: <b>rough up</b> (inf)
<b>become of</b>	Does anyone know what <b>became of</b> Mary after she left school? I've never heard anything about her.	become of sb/sth
What became of that game for learning English? Is it still available?		see also: <b>happen to</b>
<b>beef up</b>	The Australian government decided to <b>beef up</b> security at all their embassies after a terrorist attack on their embassy in Jakarta.	beef up sth beef sth up
The coach decided to buy some players to beef up the team's weak defence.		
<b>begin with</b>	All of our classes <b>begin with</b> some conversation practice. The teacher comes in and asks us how we are and what we've been doing.	begin with sth
His first name is Rick, which begins with the letter 'r'.		see also: <b>start off (with)</b>
<b>believe in</b>	Not many people <b>believe in</b> ghosts these days, but when I was young many people <b>believed in</b> them.	believe in sth
Our boss believes in the power of positive thinking and teaches us about it.		
<b>belong to</b>	Who does that big Harley Davidson motorbike in the carpark <b>belong to</b> ? Is it yours?	belong to sb/sth
The DVD isn't mine. It belongs to the school, so I can't lend it to anyone.		
<b>bet on</b>	Sue said she'd help us make food for the party, but I wouldn't <b>bet on</b> it. She often promises to do things, but then says she can't for some reason.	bet on sth/sb (Usually negative, as in 'Don't bet on it.')
It might be a good day for golf, but I wouldn't bet on it. It could easily rain.		see also: <b>bank on</b> , <b>count on</b>
<b>black out</b>	The storm <b>blacked out</b> the city and there wasn't any electricity for over an hour.	black out sth
The city was blacked out when the power plant workers went on strike.		















<b>black out</b>	Jim drank so much whisky that he <b>blacked out</b> . We had to throw water on his face to wake him up.	black out
I don't remember anything about it, so I must have blacked out.		 see also: <b>pass out</b>
<b>block out</b>	It's too bright in here. Let's close the curtains to <b>block out</b> the sunlight.	block out sth block sth out
Close the windows to block sounds out before you start to meditate.		 see also: <b>shut out</b>
<b>block up</b>	It smells really bad in the bathroom. The pipes must be <b>blocked up</b> again.	(be) blocked up block up sth block sth up
He couldn't hear properly because wax was blocking his ears up.		 see also: <b>clog up</b>
<b>blow away</b>	I lost my favourite hat today. I was standing on a cliff when a strong gust of wind <b>blew it away</b> and it went sailing down into the sea.	blow away blow sth away blow away sth
If you stand downwind your cigarette smoke will be blown away from us.		
<b>blow out</b>	Becky <b>blew out</b> the candles on her birthday cake, and then she made a wish.	blow out blow out sth blow sth out
Make sure the flame in the lamp doesn't blow out. Lighting it isn't easy.		
<b>blow over</b>	The story was in the newspapers for a while, but it soon <b>blew over</b> and nobody heard anything more about it.	blow over
In politics, scandals blow over fairly quickly unless they involve crime.		 see also: <b>die down</b>
<b>blow up</b>	The terrorists planned to <b>blow up</b> the bridge, but they were killed when the bomb <b>blew up</b> in their truck on the way.	blow up blow up sth blow sth up
The police blew the bag up because they thought it contained a bomb.		
<b>blow up</b>	Could you come to the party early and help me <b>blow the balloons up</b> ?	blow sth up blow up sth
Check the pressure in your car's tyres and blow them up if it's too low.		
<b>bounce back</b>	It's been a bad year for our company, but I'm sure we'll <b>bounce back</b> and do better than ever next year.	bounce back
It didn't take David Beckham long to bounce back after his injury.		
<b>bow out</b>	After being captain of the team for ten years, Roberto <b>bowed out</b> so that a younger player could take over.	bow out bow out of sth
After leading the Labor Party for ten years, Bob bowed out of politics.		 see also: <b>step down, stand down</b>

<b>bowl over</b>	Ken was <b>bowed over</b> by the news that Barbie was having a baby. He was very surprised and happy.	(be) bowed over (be) bowed over by sth
As we sat on the beach, we were bowed over by the beauty of the sunset.		 see also: <b>(be) knocked out</b> (inf.)
<b>branch out</b>	Karl has always written about science, but now he's <b>branching out</b> into other areas such as philosophy and history.	branch out branch out into sth
We should branch out into other types of business to diversify.		
<b>break away</b>	The people in the south of the country wanted to <b>break away</b> and form their own separate state.	break away break away from sth
After the conflict, a few politicians broke away to form their own party.		
<b>break down</b>	When Katie was driving to work her car <b>broke down</b> , so she left it on the side of the road and took a taxi instead.	break down
Talks between the army and rebels broke down after more bomb attacks.		
<b>break down</b>	She <b>broke down</b> at the funeral, so I gave her a tissue to wipe the tears from her eyes.	break down
He broke down and cried when his son's body was returned from the war.		
<b>break in</b>	You should <b>break in</b> your new football boots by wearing them at training for a while before using them in a real match.	break in sth break sth in
I got blisters on my feet while I was breaking my new running shoes in.		
<b>break in</b>	Martina was having a conversation but I had to <b>break in</b> and tell her that her daughter was on the phone and needed to talk to her urgently.	break in break in on sth
They broke in on our meeting to tell us we had to evacuate the building.		 see also: <b>butt in</b>
<b>break into</b>	The thieves <b>broke into</b> the house and stole some valuable paintings and jewellery.	break into sth
Someone broke into our computer network and stole some important data.		
<b>break off</b>	William <b>broke off</b> his engagement to Kate after they'd had an argument, but they soon made up and eventually got married.	break off sth break sth off
The two sides couldn't agree, so they broke the negotiations off.		 see also: <b>call off</b>
<b>break out</b>	Many people were angry when the government increased the price of oil and petrol, and protests <b>broke out</b> on the streets of the city.	break out break out in sth
My father's skin broke out in a rash when he was giving up cigarettes.		

<b>break out</b>	A prisoner <b>broke out</b> of jail, but the police caught him quickly and put him back inside.	break out break out of sth
Mike broke out of his usual routine and went out dancing for a change.		
<b>break up</b>	I was surprised when Katie and Simon <b>broke up</b> . They seemed so happy together.	break up
The Beatles broke up after making music together for ten years.		see also: <b>split up</b>
<b>break up</b>	My son got in a fight at school today, and a teacher <b>broke it up</b> and kept both boys in after school.	break up sth break sth up
The police were sent to break up the protest against the government.		
<b>break up</b>	The signal on my phone was <b>breaking up</b> and I couldn't hear what he was saying.	break up (be) breaking up
The phone's signal was getting weak so I said, 'You're breaking up.'		
<b>brighten up</b>	She looked sad, but she <b>brightened up</b> when her friends told her the good news.	brighten up brighten up sth / sb brighten sth / sb up
Some posters and flowers would really help to brighten the office up.		see also: <b>cheer up, liven up</b>
<b>bring about</b>	The new government wants to <b>bring about</b> many changes in the way the country is run.	bring about sth bring sth about
The acts of a few greedy people brought about the Asian economic crisis.		see also: <b>bring on</b> (for sth bad only)
<b>bring along</b>	When we go to the beach, why don't you <b>bring</b> some friends <b>along</b> as well?	bring sb / sth along bring along sb / sth
Would you like us to bring along some food and drinks?		
<b>bring around</b>	It took a long time to persuade Yoko to study English, but her friends <b>brought</b> her <b>around</b> by saying she'd never get a good job without it.	bring sb around
After a lot of discussion, we brought him around to our point of view.		see also: <b>talk round, talk into, win over</b>
<b>bring back</b>	When she hears that song, it <b>brings</b> lots of memories <b>back</b> from when she was young.	bring sth back bring back sth
Reading my old diaries brought back the feelings I'd had many years ago.		
<b>bring down</b>	Rebel fighters want to <b>bring down</b> the government and take control of the country.	bring down sth / sb bring sth / sb down
Huge street protests eventually brought the corrupt president down.		



<b>bring forward</b>	The meeting was scheduled for next week, but we've had to <b>bring it forward</b> to tomorrow.	bring sth forward bring forward sth
The judge agreed to bring forward the trial date to help speed things up.		 see also: <b>put forward</b>
<b>bring in</b>	The government is <b>bringing</b> new laws <b>in</b> to fight corruption, but critics say the real problem is enforcement of laws, not the lack of laws.	bring sth in bring in sth
More tax increases have been brought in to cover the huge cost of the war.		 see also: <b>push through</b>
<b>bring off</b>	You got the top score in the exam! How did you <b>bring that off</b> without studying too much? Did you cheat?	bring sth off bring off sth
The Swiss team brought off an amazing victory over the Russian team.		 see also: <b>pull off</b>
<b>bring on</b>	Sally's crying. What <b>brought that on</b> ? Don't tell me someone asked her about her old boyfriend!	bring sth on bring on sth
I never drink alcohol because all it does is bring on a headache.		 see also: <b>bring about</b>
<b>bring out</b>	Our company has been <b>bringing out</b> good-quality products for many years, but we've only recently begun marketing them well.	bring sth out bring out sth
When will they be bringing out their latest range of phones?		 see also: <b>roll out</b>
<b>bring up</b>	Sanjaya was born in India, but an Australian couple adopted him when he was a baby and <b>brought him up</b> in Sydney.	bring sb up bring up sb
Poor kids are often brought up to be more polite than rich kids.		
<b>bring up</b>	If there's an idea or a topic you'd like to discuss, you can <b>bring it up</b> at our staff meeting on Friday.	bring up bring sth up bring up sth
There are some topics you shouldn't bring up, like religion and politics.		 see also: <b>put forward</b>
<b>brush up</b>	I'm nearly ready for the exam. I just need to <b>brush up</b> on the phrasal verbs we learned last week.	brush up brush up on sth
I'll brush up on French history and language before going there.		 see also: <b>polish up</b>
<b>budget for</b>	If we don't <b>budget for</b> the rising cost of oil and for salary increases, we might not have enough money to pay for them.	budget for sth
Did you budget for inflation and rising costs over the next year?		 see also: <b>allow for</b>
<b>build on</b>	We'll have to <b>build on</b> our success and keep working hard in order to stay ahead of our competitors.	build on sth
If we build on our market share, we could end up dominating the sector.		

<b>build up</b>	My son's going to the gym to <b>build up</b> his muscles. He wants to get big and strong so no-one will try to pick on him.	build up sth build sth up
Now she's building her stock portfolio up by buying shares in banks.		
<b>bump into</b>	You'll never guess who I <b>bumped into</b> at the mall today. It was Jenny! She just got back from India.	bump into sb
My wife comes from a huge family. She's always bumping into relatives.		 see also: <b>come across, run across, run into</b>
<b>burn down</b>	The house <b>burned down</b> in the fire. There was nothing left but rubble and ashes.	burn down burn down sth burn sth down
The fire burned their factory down, but their insurance will pay for it.		
<b>burn out</b> (informal)	After working too long without a vacation, he <b>burned out</b> . Now he's too tired and depressed to do anything.	burn out burn sb out
She burned herself out trying to raise a family while working full-time.		 see also: <b>wear out</b> (not as severe as <b>burn out</b> )
<b>butt in</b>	Maria interrupts people too much. When someone is speaking, she'll <b>butt in</b> before they've finished talking to tell us what <i>she</i> thinks.	butt in
She needs to learn how to join in a conversation without butting in.		 see also: <b>break in on</b>
<b>buy out</b>	A Swedish corporation is <b>buying out</b> our company, and when they take over we'll have to move our headquarters to Stockholm.	buy out sth buy sth out
Many workers weren't happy when investors bought the company out.		
<b>buy up</b>	If we <b>buy up</b> as many shares as possible, we might be able to buy out the company and take control.	buy up sth buy sth up
They're trying to buy all the land up so they can build a housing estate.		 see also: <b>snap up, pick up</b>

## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **B b**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'b'...**

- 1 The workers had to back \_ \_ \_ \_ on their demand for higher wages. (4 letters)
- 2 He said he'd help but later backed \_ \_ \_ , saying he was busy. (3 letters)
- 3 No-one will ever trust you again if you back out \_ \_ the deal now. (2 letters)
- 4 You have to back \_ \_ what you say with evidence to show that it's true. (2 letters)
- 5 I believe you, and I'll back you \_ \_ if anyone says you're lying. (2 letters)
- 6 If my kids get into financial trouble, I \_ \_ \_ \_ them out with 'loans' they never pay back. (4 letters)
- 7 Her son was arrested, so she had pay money to bail him \_ \_ \_ of jail. (3 letters)
- 8 We can bank \_ \_ Simon to be here on time. He's never late. (2 letters)
- 9 The conclusions we reached in our report are \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on the evidence we collected. (5 letters)
- 10 The evidence wasn't accepted because the judge said it didn't \_ \_ \_ \_ upon the case. (4 letters)
- 11 Everyone waited nervously as the cyclone bore \_ \_ \_ \_ on the city. (4 letters)
- 12 If you work as a share trader, you'll have to learn how to bear \_ \_ under real pressure. (2 letters)
- 13 They wanted \$120 for the bike, but I beat them \_ \_ \_ \_ to \$90. (4 letters)
- 14 He was beaten \_ \_ by some violent thugs and had to go to hospital. (2 letters)
- 15 What became \_ \_ James after he left his job here? Has anyone heard anything? (2 letters)
- 16 The government decided to beef \_ \_ security after the bomb attack. (2 letters)
- 17 This band's concerts always begin \_ \_ \_ \_ a slow song, followed by a faster one. (4 letters)
- 18 Do you believe \_ \_ UFOs and alien beings from other planets? (2 letters)
- 19 I found this bag in the bathroom. Does it belong \_ \_ anyone here? (2 letters)
- 20 Joe says he'll have the job done on time, but don't bet \_ \_ it. He often misses deadlines. (2 letters)
- 21 The lights blacked \_ \_ \_ during the storm, so we had to light some candles. (3 letters)
- 22 Nick drank so much vodka last night that he \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ out. (7 letters)
- 23 Could you close the curtains to block \_ \_ \_ the sunlight? (3 letters)
- 24 It smells really bad in the toilet. The pipes must be blocked \_ \_ again. (2 letters)
- 25 I let go of my kite and the wind \_ \_ \_ \_ it away. (4 letters)
- 26 She blew \_ \_ \_ the candles on her birthday cake. (3 letters)
- 27 The story was big news at first, but it soon blew \_ \_ \_ \_ and everyone forgot about it. (4 letters)
- 28 The terrorists planted a huge bomb and it blew \_ \_ the building. (2 letters)
- 29 It took an hour to \_ \_ \_ \_ up enough balloons for the party. (4 letters)
- 30 Our company nearly went broke in 2006, but it bounced \_ \_ \_ \_ and now it's doing well. (4 letters)
- 31 Terry will bow \_ \_ \_ after being captain for six years. (3 letters)
- 32 He was bowled \_ \_ \_ \_ by the news that his wife was pregnant. (4 letters)
- 33 Our company should \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ out into some new fields of business. (6 letters)
- 34 The southern states wanted to break \_ \_ \_ \_ and form their own separate country. (4 letters)
- 35 Her car \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ down, so she had to call for a mechanic. (5 letters)
- 36 The negotiations broke \_ \_ \_ \_ when the two sides couldn't agree. (4 letters)
- 37 She broke \_ \_ \_ \_ at her sister's funeral and started to cry. (4 letters)
- 38 You should break your new running shoes \_ \_ before wearing them in a race. (2 letters)
- 39 I had to tell them the news straight away, so I broke in \_ \_ their conversation. (2 letters)
- 40 A burglar broke \_ \_ \_ \_ our apartment and stole our money and jewellery. (4 letters)
- 41 Sally was very angry with Jim, so she broke \_ \_ \_ their engagement. (3 letters)
- 42 After the new taxes were announced, protests broke \_ \_ \_ . (3 letters)
- 43 The government broke \_ \_ \_ the talks with the rebels after another attack on their soldiers. (3 letters)
- 44 Robert's face broke out \_ \_ spots when he became a teenager. (2 letters)
- 45 Some prisoners broke \_ \_ \_ of jail, but the police soon caught them. (3 letters)
- 46 Judy sometimes gets tired of her routine and breaks out \_ \_ it by doing something new. (2 letters)
- 47 Sally and Jim broke \_ \_ after they had a big argument. (2 letters)
- 48 The teacher saw the boys having a fight and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ it up. (5 letters)
- 49 The signal on my phone is getting weak. You're \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ up. (8 letters)
- 50 He's not happy at the moment, but he'll brighten \_ \_ when he gets the good news. (2 letters)
- 51 The changes were brought \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in order to reduce costs and save money. (5 letters)
- 52 When we go to the cinema, bring \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ some friends if you like. (5 letters)
- 53 Bring your new friend \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to my house after work. (6 letters)
- 54 We tried to persuade Jim, but we couldn't bring him round \_ \_ our point of view. (2 letters)
- 55 When I drove past my old school, it \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ back lots of memories. (7 letters)
- 56 The protesters marched in the streets, hoping to bring \_ \_ \_ \_ the corrupt government. (4 letters)
- 57 Next week's meeting has been brought \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to this Friday instead. (7 letters)
- 58 The government is planning to bring \_ \_ many new laws. (2 letters)
- 59 Beating the world champion was a huge challenge, but she brought it \_ \_ \_ somehow. (3 letters)
- 60 Maria's really upset and she's crying. What brought that \_ \_ ? (2 letters)
- 61 When will Bob be bringing \_ \_ \_ the new computer game he's created? (3 letters)

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'b'...**

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|---|-------------|
| 62 Kathy was born in South Africa, but her parents brought her _ _ in England.          | (2 letters) |
| 63 I need to brush up _ _ some new vocab before the exam.                               | (2 letters) |
| 64 When planning for the future, we have to budget _ _ _ unexpected costs and expenses. | (3 letters) |
| 65 You have to keep working hard to _ _ _ _ _ on the success you've already achieved.   | (5 letters) |
| 66 He puts money into the bank every week in order to build _ _ his savings.            | (2 letters) |
| 67 I bumped _ _ _ _ an old friend at the mall today.                                    | (4 letters) |
| 68 Ten houses burned _ _ _ _ in the fire.   | (4 letters) |
| 69 He burned _ _ _ because he worked for too long, under pressure, without a break.     | (3 letters) |
| 70 She's very rude and often butts _ _ when I'm talking to someone.                     | (2 letters) |
| 71 Our company has been _ _ _ _ _ out by a big Japanese company.                        | (6 letters) |
| 72 If we bought _ _ all the shares on offer, could we take control of the company?      | (2 letters) |





















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<b>call back</b>	I'm just on my way into a meeting so I can't talk now, but I'll <b>call back</b> as soon as it's over.	call back call sb back
I called Jim but he was busy. He said he'd call me back later tonight.		
<b>call for</b>	The president made a serious mistake and many people thought it <b>called for</b> an official enquiry, but nothing was done.	call for sth
Many people called for his resignation after he was charged with corruption.		
<b>call off</b>	We didn't play golf today. We decided to <b>call</b> the game <b>off</b> because of the rain.	call sth off call off sth
The meeting was called off because our CEO was ill and couldn't come.		
<b>call on</b>	Did you <b>call on</b> Mike and see his new apartment while you were in New York City?	call on sb
Whenever they're in Paris, they call on old friends who live there.		see also: <b>drop by</b> (inf), <b>look up</b>
<b>call out</b>	I saw Terry walking along the street, so I <b>called out</b> his name and he turned around and waved.	call out call out sth call sth out
If you think you know the answer, don't call it out. Write it down instead.		see also: <b>cry out</b> , <b>yell out</b>
<b>call up</b>	Did you find Mike's phone number and <b>call</b> him <b>up</b> while you were in New York?	call up sb call sb up
When they got to Paris, they called up their friends to arrange a visit.		
<b>calm down</b>	If the baby gets upset and starts to cry, she'll <b>calm down</b> if you hold her and gently rock her.	calm down calm down sb calm sb down
The plane's crew had to calm the passengers down during the storm.		see also: <b>quieten down</b> , <b>settle down</b>
<b>care for</b>	He's staying with his grandmother so he can <b>care for</b> her while she's recovering from her illness.	care for sb
Our company supports an organisation that cares for homeless children.		see also: <b>look after</b>
<b>care for</b> (formal)	The waiter said, 'Would you <b>care for</b> some more wine, madam?'	care for sth
After a lovely meal, our host said, 'Care for some tea or coffee?'		
<b>carry on</b>	The tennis match was stopped because of the rain, but <b>carried on</b> as soon as the rain stopped.	carry on carry on sth carry on doing sth
We'll stop the meeting now, and carry on after lunch.		see also: <b>go on</b>























<b>carry out</b>	The players listened to their coach and then did their best to <b>carry out</b> his instructions during the game.	carry out sth carry sth out
We expect our staff to carry their duties out to the best of their ability.		
<b>catch on</b>	Cable TV took a while to <b>catch on</b> , but now nearly everyone watches it.	catch on
A new hairstyle can catch on quickly if kids see a pop star with it.		see also: <b>take off</b>
<b>catch on</b>	I didn't understand what she was saying at first, but I soon <b>caught on</b> when she started speaking slower.	catch on
It took a while for them to catch on, but scientists understand Einstein now.		see also: <b>cotton on</b> (inf)
<b>catch up</b>	She was a long way behind the leaders, so she had to run fast to <b>catch up</b> and win the race, but she did it. She <b>caught up</b> and won!	catch up catch sb up catch up with sb
I missed many classes, so I'll have to work hard to catch up with the others.		
<b>catch up</b>	He hasn't been to his hometown for a long time. When he goes back, he'll <b>catch up</b> with his relatives and find out what they've been doing.	catch up catch up with sb
Whenever I go home I spend time meeting old friends and catching up.		
<b>catch up on</b>	If Mike travels on business, he takes his laptop computer and <b>catches up on</b> work or his emails whenever he gets the chance.	catch up on sth
I went to bed early last night because I needed to catch up on some sleep.		
<b>cater to</b>	This hotel doesn't have TVs or internet connections because it <b>caters to</b> the needs of budget travellers, not business travellers.	cater to sth/sb
Our hospital isn't very big so it can only cater to a small number of patients.		
<b>change into</b>	A caterpillar spends a few months in a cocoon, and by the time it comes out it has <b>changed into</b> a beautiful butterfly.	change into sth
Raul had changed into a young man, but his mum still treated him as a boy.		see also: <b>turn into</b>
<b>change over</b>	After a virus attacked our computers and destroyed a very important database, we decided to <b>change over</b> to Mac computers.	change over to sth
Will the U.S. ever change over to the metric system of weights and measures?		see also: <b>move over</b>
<b>charge with</b>	The police caught him with a gun near the bank just after it was robbed, so they arrested him and <b>charged</b> him <b>with</b> armed robbery.	charge sb with sth (be) charged with sth
The company's directors were arrested and charged with tax evasion.		





















<b>chase up</b>	She spends a lot of time contacting shipping companies to <b>chase up</b> deliveries that haven't reached customers on time.	chase up sth/sb chase sth/sb up
One of the most boring parts of her job is chasing up late payments.		see also: <b>check on</b> , <b>track down</b>
<b>chat up</b> (informal)	Marco is trying to find a new girlfriend, so he goes out to bars and tries to <b>chat up</b> single women.	chat up sb chat sb up
Marcel is very good at chatting girls up. He makes them laugh.		
<b>cheat out of</b>	Never answer emails which promise you lots of money. They are sent by criminals who will <b>cheat</b> you <b>out of</b> your money if you let them.	cheat sb out of sth
A man who cheated many people out of their life savings has been caught.		see also: <b>rip off</b> (inf)
<b>check in</b>	After you <b>check in</b> to the hotel, the porter will take your bags up to your room.	check in
Get to the airport and check in at least an hour before your flight departs.		:
<b>check into</b>	My grandmother had to <b>check into</b> the hospital after she broke her leg.	check into sth
He had a drug problem so he checked into a drug rehabilitation centre.		
<b>check on</b>	I'd better go and <b>check on</b> the baby to make sure she's all right. I'll be back in a minute.	check on sb/sth
The teacher went around the class to check on her students' work.		see also: <b>look in on</b> (only used for people or animals)
<b>check out</b>	Don't forget to give back the room key when you <b>check out</b> of the hotel.	check out check out of sth
I'll need my insurance details when I check out of the hospital.		
<b>check out</b> (informal)	Let's <b>check out</b> that new website Jim found. It sounds really interesting.	check out sth/sb check sth/sb out
The girls like to hang out at the mall to check out all the cute boys.		see also: <b>look at</b>
<b>check over</b>	He <b>checked</b> the car <b>over</b> and didn't find any serious problems, so he bought it.	check over sth check sth over
I check over the accounts every month to make sure they're correct.		see also: <b>go over</b> , <b>look over</b>
<b>check through</b>	After I got off the plane, a customs officer <b>checked through</b> my bags. I think he was looking for drugs.	check through sth
She checked through all her records, but couldn't find his contact details.		see also: <b>go through</b> , <b>look through</b>





















<b>cheer on</b>	The fans competed to see which group could make the most noise when they <b>cheered on</b> their team.	cheer on sb cheer sb on
The champions played well today and everyone cheered them on.		
<b>cheer up</b>	Do you think going dancing would <b>cheer</b> Sally <b>up</b> ? She's still feeling bad about losing her job.	cheer up cheer up sb cheer sb up
Kim was upset so we took her to see a funny movie and it cheered her up.		 see also: <b>brighten up</b>
<b>chill out</b> (informal)	It was a stressful day at work, so I think I'll just get some pizza, go home and <b>chill out</b> in front of the TV.	chill out
When I'm on holidays, I like chilling out on the beach or at the pool.		 see also: <b>kick back, laze around</b>
<b>chop down</b>	Why don't you get the gardener to <b>chop down</b> that old tree before it falls on the house?	chop down sth chop sth down
Many people think we're chopping our forests down too quickly.		
<b>chop up</b>	Could you <b>chop up</b> some vegetables and put them in the soup, please? There's a knife over there.	chop up sth chop sth up
Let's chop those old boards up and use them as firewood.		 see also: <b>cut up</b>
<b>clamp down</b>	The police are <b>clamping down</b> on drunk drivers, so not many people are drinking alcohol and then driving a car.	clamp down clamp down on sth/sb
Many people want the police to <b>clamp down</b> on begging in the streets.		 see also: <b>crack down</b>
<b>clean up</b>	Could the person who spilled the milk in the kitchen please go back and <b>clean it up</b> ?	clean up clean sth up clean up sth
When a ship spills oil, the mess on the coast can be very difficult to clean up.		 see also: <b>tidy up</b>
<b>clear off</b> (informal)	The grumpy old man came out of his house and told the kids playing in the street to <b>clear off</b> .	clear off
The boys who'd been spraying paint saw police coming and cleared off.		
<b>clear out</b>	Sheng quit his job today, but he'll be back tomorrow to <b>clear out</b> his desk and his office.	clear out sth clear sth out clear sth out of sth
After splitting up with her boyfriend, she cleared his clothes out of her closet.		
<b>clear up</b>	Why is Sue still angry with John? I thought they'd talked things over and <b>cleared up</b> their misunderstanding.	clear up sth clear sth up
We're having a meeting with our suppliers to clear the confusion up.		 see also: <b>iron out, sort out, straighten out</b>





















<b>clear up</b>	It was raining all morning but it's <b>clearing up</b> now, so we can go for a walk after lunch if you like.	clear up clear up sth clear sth up
Carlos got some cream for his pimples, and it soon cleared them up.		
<b>cling to</b>	Even though there is no evidence to support it, some people still <b>cling to</b> the idea that communism offers a better life for the working class.	cling to sth/sb
If a leader becomes addicted to power, he'll do anything to cling to it.		see also: <b>hang on (to)</b> , <b>hold on (to)</b>
<b>clog up</b>	Something has <b>clogged up</b> the pipe under the kitchen sink. Do you think you could clear it out for us?	clog up clog up sth clog sth up
Heart attacks occur when fatty deposits clog up the heart's blood vessels.		see also: <b>block up</b>
<b>close down</b>	The police <b>closed</b> the bar <b>down</b> because it served alcoholic drinks to teenagers.	close down close sth down close down sth
Many factories are closing down as companies move production overseas.		see also: <b>shut down</b>
<b>close in</b>	The police pulled out their guns as they <b>closed in</b> on the killer's hideout.	close in close in on sth/sb
The soldiers slowly closed in on the enemy base, preparing to attack.		see also: <b>zero in on</b>
<b>clown around</b>	We were laughing at Dan as he danced around. But then our boss came in and said, 'OK guys. Enough <b>clowning around</b> .'	clown around
Joking and clowning around is fun, but it won't pay the bills.		see also: <b>kid around</b> , <b>mess around</b> , <b>play around</b>
<b>combine with</b>	If we <b>combined</b> my talent for invention <b>with</b> your marketing skills, we could form a successful business partnership.	combine with sth combine sth with sth
Their music combines the power of rock with the rhythm of dance music.		
<b>come about</b>	How did the idea of setting up your own business <b>come about</b> ? Was it something you planned, or did you just see an opportunity and take it?	come about
Their success came about as a result of hard work and some good luck.		
<b>come across</b>	While we were at the baseball game, we <b>came across</b> some old college friends. It was great to see them again.	come across sth/sb
While clearing out her cupboards, she came across some old letters.		see also: <b>bump into</b> , <b>run across</b> , <b>run into</b> (all these are for people only)
<b>come across</b>	He <b>comes across</b> as being a bit too serious when you first meet him, but when you get to know him he can be really funny.	come across come across as sth
She comes across well on TV, so she'd be good as a company spokesperson.		





















<b>come along</b>	How is your English <b>coming along</b> ? Is it getting better?	come along (be) coming along
The training program is coming along well now that Simon's running it.		 see also: <b>come on</b>
<b>come along</b>	We're going to see a movie after dinner. Why don't you and Ben <b>come along</b> if you're free?	come along
I'd love to come along, but I have to visit my grandmother in hospital.		
<b>come apart</b>	The CD case <b>came apart</b> when he was trying to open it, and he couldn't put it back together again.	come apart
The old book came apart as I opened it and a few pages fell out.		 see also: <b>fall apart</b>
<b>come around/round</b>	If you keep explaining the facts of global warming to them, they should eventually <b>come around</b> and accept that it's really happening.	come around come round
After a lot of persuasion, at last they came around to our point of view.		
<b>come around</b>	Why don't you <b>come around</b> to my place after work? We'll have something to eat and watch a movie if you like.	come around
Every Tuesday night, his friends come around to play cards.		 see also: <b>come over</b>
<b>come away</b>	The accident was a terrible experience, but I <b>came away</b> from it a much wiser person. I'll be much more careful in future.	come away come away from sth
She came away from the ordeal understanding much more about herself.		
<b>come back</b>	We're having a great time in France. I hope we can <b>come back</b> again next year.	come back
The headache went away after I took the pills, but it's just come back again.		
<b>come back to</b>	Can we <b>come back to</b> that topic after we've dealt with the other items listed on the agenda?	come back to sth
I'd like to come back to an issue we touched on earlier but didn't discuss.		 see also: <b>return to, go back (to)</b>
<b>come by</b>	Good jobs were hard to <b>come by</b> when I was young, but I was lucky and got a job in a software company.	come by come by sth
I came by a beautiful old painting in a junk shop yesterday, so I bought it.		 see also: <b>come across</b>
<b>come down to</b>	It won't matter too much where you studied. It will mostly <b>come down to</b> how well you perform in the job interview.	come down to sth
In the end, it comes down to belief in yourself and your abilities.		 see also: <b>depend on</b>























<b>come down with</b>	Several of our staff have <b>come down with</b> the flu, so the rest of us have to work overtime to make up for their absence.	come down with sth
My mother came down with a heavy cold, so I'm going to see her tonight.		
<b>come from</b>	I <b>come from</b> Melbourne in the Australian state of Victoria. Where do you <b>come from</b> ?	come from come from sth
Many English words originally came from French and German.		
<b>come in</b>	I'll pick you up from the airport if you tell me what time your flight <b>comes in</b> .	come in
Most trains are coming in at least half an hour late this evening.		 see also: <b>get in</b>
<b>come in for</b>	The government will <b>come in for</b> a lot of criticism if it cuts business taxes while at the same time increasing income taxes.	come in for sth
Drug companies came in for criticism over the cost of their AIDS drugs.		
<b>come into</b>	He's a wealthy man. His children will <b>come into</b> a lot of money when he dies.	come into sth
He came into a small fortune when his rich uncle died.		
<b>come of</b>	Our company spent a lot of money looking for oil last year, but nothing <b>came of</b> it. We didn't find a single drop.	come of sth
Did anything come of his idea to expand the company into Asia?		
<b>come off</b>	The top of my pen <b>came off</b> while it was in my top pocket, and now I've got an ink stain on my shirt.	come off come off sth
If your parachute comes off after you jump from a plane, you're in trouble.		
<b>come off</b>	The students' plan to cheat with their mobile phones didn't <b>come off</b> . A teacher caught them and threw them out of the exam.	come off
The scheme didn't come off as planned, and they lost their money.		 see also: <b>work out</b>
<b>come on</b>	The Channel Nine News <b>comes on</b> at 6 o'clock, after a couple of game shows.	come on
My favourite show comes on at 10 o'clock, so let's get home before that.		
<b>come on</b>	Maria's English is <b>coming on</b> very well, but her brother Juan's isn't coming along as well as hers. Maybe she could help him out.	come on
His listening skills aren't coming on as well as his reading skills.		 see also: <b>come along</b>





















<b>come out</b>	Many people were shocked when details of the senator's accident <b>came out</b> . According to the police report, he was driving while drunk.	come out
The full story came out in an article in the New York Times.		
<b>come out</b>	He can't wait for the Soggy Bottom Boy's new album to <b>come out</b> . They're his favourite band.	come out
The last Harry Potter book came out many years after the first one.		
<b>come out</b>	It's hard for gay sports stars and movie stars to <b>come out</b> and be open about their sexuality. They know many prejudiced fans will reject them.	come out
Hector decided he had to come out, so he told his family he was gay.		
<b>come over</b>	Why don't you <b>come over</b> after work and I'll show you my new computer? I get home around six so <b>come over</b> any time after that.	come over
Some friends came over last Sunday and we had a barbecue.		 see also: <b>come around</b>
<b>come through</b>	Your self-assurance <b>came through</b> during your presentation, especially when you were answering those difficult questions at the end.	come through
Her lack of confidence comes through whenever she speaks in public.		 see also: <b>come across</b>
<b>come through</b>	We weren't sure if you could come up with a good design, but you've really <b>come through</b> this time. It's great!	come through come through with sth
You can count on Rob. He always comes through with excellent work.		
<b>come through</b>	It was a terrible accident. She'll be in hospital for a long time, but at least she <b>came through</b> it with her life.	come through sth
Julie has come through a difficult time with her illness and her divorce.		 see also: <b>go through, live through</b>
<b>come to</b>	The total amount <b>comes to</b> \$89.95, including sales tax, shipping costs and handling charges.	come to come to sth
What did the hotel bill come to, including tax and service charge?		 see also: <b>add up to</b>
<b>come to</b>	It was so hot that I fainted. When I <b>came to</b> , Robert was splashing water on my face.	come to
The boxer was knocked out, but he came to after a minute or two.		
<b>come under</b>	The government has <b>come under</b> a lot of pressure from the media and protest groups to release the committee's report on corruption.	come under sth
The president has come under fire for not solving the country's problems.		





















<b>come up</b>	Do you think the issue of getting more staff will <b>come up</b> at this week's meeting?	come up
If a job vacancy comes up in your company, let me know and I'll apply for it.		
<b>come up</b>	What time does the sun <b>come up</b> at this time of year?	come up
Why does the moon sometimes look so big when it's coming up?		
<b>come up against</b>	Anyone who competes in this chess tournament will <b>come up against</b> some very tough competition.	come up against sth/sb
We come up against many problems in life, and we have to deal with them.		 see also: <b>(be) faced with, run up against</b>
<b>come up to</b>	If his work doesn't <b>come up to</b> the standard we require, we'll have to let him go and employ someone else instead.	come up to sth
Did the design come up to the level of excellence they expect?		 see also: <b>measure up (to)</b>
<b>come up with</b>	How did the Spanish architect Gaudi <b>come up with</b> such incredible designs for his buildings?	come up with sth
Patti Smith always comes up with powerful lyrics for her songs.		 see also: <b>make up, think up</b>
<b>come with</b>	All these sound systems <b>come with</b> a two-year guarantee covering all parts and service.	come with sth
Every tailored suit comes with two pairs of socks and a silk tie for free.		
<b>compare to</b>	The war in Iraq has been <b>compared to</b> the Vietnam War by several historians. They say the two conflicts share several important features.	(be) compared to sth compare sb/sth to sb/sth
Critics compare Steve Reich's music to gamelan music from Indonesia.		
<b>compare with</b>	If we <b>compare</b> this year's sales <b>with</b> last year's sales, they aren't very good, and we need to figure out why.	compare with sth compare sth with sth
Compared with the problems some people face, ours aren't too bad.		
<b>concentrate on</b>	My daughter understands that she must <b>concentrate on</b> her studies now, but after she graduates she can travel and explore the world.	concentrate on sth concentrate on doing sth
We're concentrating on opening new markets for our products overseas.		 see also: <b>focus on</b>
<b>consist of</b>	An anti-terrorist taskforce was set up, <b>consisting of</b> police, army specialists, intelligence officers and computer experts.	consist of sth consist of doing sth
Her job consists of researching trends and formulating strategies.		

<b>contract out</b>	When we take on a big job like building a dam, we <b>contract out</b> some of the work, such as road and bridge construction, to other companies.	contract out sth contract sth out
It's cheaper to contract some work out than to do it all ourselves.		
<b>contribute to</b>	Many factors <b>contributed to</b> the government's defeat, including increasing crime rates, rising prices and unemployment.	contribute to sth
Al Gore's film contributed to the growing awareness of global climate change.		 see also: <b>add to</b>
<b>cook up (informal)</b>	He wanted to have the day off work, so he <b>cooked up</b> a story about having to visit his aunt in hospital.	cook up sth cook sth up
I was late to work, so I cooked up a story about problems with my car.		 see also: <b>come up with, make up, think up</b>
<b>cool down</b>	If your car overheats, let the engine <b>cool down</b> before you open the hood to check it.	cool down cool sth down cool down sth
If the soup's too hot, is it impolite to blow on it to cool it down?		
<b>cool off</b>	If you get angry, stop, count to ten, and try to <b>cool off</b> before you say anything.	cool off
I wouldn't bother him while he's angry. Wait until he's cooled off.		 see also: <b>calm down</b>
<b>cop out (informal)</b>	He had the talent to become a great writer, but he <b>copped out</b> and became a writing teacher instead because it was more secure financially.	cop out
I should've set up my own business, but I copped out and kept my job instead.		
<b>correspond to / with</b>	The work the women had to do didn't <b>correspond to</b> the job description given in the newspaper ads. It was very different work.	correspond to / with sth
Did the material's quality correspond with that of the sample they sent?		
<b>cosy up to (informal)</b>	Some businessmen <b>cosy up to</b> corrupt politicians and do them 'favours', and then get 'favours' in return.	cosy up to sb
People cosy up to those with power in order to get benefits from them.		
<b>cotton on (informal)</b>	At first I didn't know why he was smiling at me, but I soon <b>cottoned on</b> when he winked as well.	cotton on cotton on to sth
He didn't understand at first, but it didn't take him long to cotton on.		 see also: <b>catch on</b>
<b>cough up</b>	When the boy <b>coughed up</b> blood, his father drove him straight to the hospital.	cough up sth cough sth up
Most smokers cough more phlegm up from their lungs than non-smokers.		

<b>could do with</b>	My house <b>could do with</b> a new paint job. It's looking dull and a bit dirty.	could do with sth
Neil's been working too hard. He could do with a long, relaxing holiday.		
<b>couldn't ask for</b>	We won the game by six goals to one. We <b>couldn't</b> have <b>asked for</b> a better result.	couldn't ask for sth
I couldn't have asked for a better birthday. All my friends and family came.		
<b>count down</b>	We <b>counted</b> the seconds <b>down</b> to midnight, and then everyone called out 'Happy New Year!'	count down count sth down count down sth
After counting down from 100 to 1, they launched the rocket.		
<b>count in</b>	If you're going out dancing tonight, you can <b>count</b> me <b>in</b> . I'd love to go along.	count sb in
Salima said to count her in if we're booking a table for dinner.		
<b>count on</b>	You can <b>count on</b> John. He's very reliable, so if he says he'll have it done on time, it'll definitely be done on time.	count on sb/sth
I can count on my family and close friends to be there if I need help.		 see also: <b>bank on</b> , <b>depend on</b> , <b>rely on</b>
<b>count out</b>	If you're going to the pub, <b>count</b> me <b>out</b> . I'd like to come along but I promised my wife I'd go straight home tonight.	count sb out
Bob said to count him out if we're booking a table for dinner. He's too busy.		
<b>cover up</b>	The president's party <b>covered up</b> the fact that he'd been treated for addiction to drugs and alcohol, and most people never found out.	cover up sth cover sth up
Governments try to cover up mistakes or corruption any way they can.		
<b>crack down</b>	Don't drink before you drive. The police are <b>cracking down</b> on drunk drivers and you could end up in jail.	crack down crack down on sth
Politicians often promise to crack down on corruption, but few do.		 see also: <b>clamp down</b>
<b>crack up (informal)</b>	He <b>cracked up</b> after losing all his savings on the stock exchange, and tried to kill himself.	crack up
She cracked up due to stress from work and ended up in hospital.		
<b>crack up (informal)</b>	We all <b>cracked up</b> when Sally started acting and speaking like our boss. We couldn't stop laughing.	crack up
The audience cracked up whenever the comedian told a funny joke.		



<b>crank out</b> (informal)	They're a terrible band. They <b>crank out</b> the same boring old songs night after night.	crank out sth crank sth out
He used to be a great writer, but he just cranks books out for money now.		
<b>crank up</b> (informal)	The music isn't loud enough. Let's <b>crank it up</b> and get this party going.	crank up sth crank sth up
It's too hot in here. We should crank up the air conditioning.		 see also: <b>turn up</b>
<b>crash out</b> (informal)	Bernie <b>crashed out</b> on the couch after the party and slept there all night.	crash out
I was really tired. I crashed out on the sofa while watching TV.		
<b>creep up on</b>	Old age <b>creeps up on</b> you. One day you're young, but before you know it you've got gray hair and a wrinkly face.	creep up on sb
Credit card debt crept up on her, and now she has a serious problem.		
<b>crop up</b> (informal)	We have to expect problems to <b>crop up</b> now and again, and we should know how to deal with them.	crop up
Health problems start to crop up more when you're over 60 years old.		 see also: <b>come up</b>
<b>cross out</b>	Check the guest list and <b>cross out</b> the names of all the people who didn't come.	cross out sth cross sth out
If you make a mistake, just cross it out and write down your correction.		
<b>crowd around</b>	After the car crash, lots of people <b>crowded around</b> to see the damaged cars and the injured people.	crowd around
People were crowding around Tiger Woods and asking for his autograph.		
<b>cry out</b>	The wounded soldier <b>cried out</b> in pain as his friends picked him up and put him on a stretcher.	cry out cry out in / with sth
Matt cried out in fear when a big, black spider fell on his face.		 see also: <b>call out, yell out</b>
<b>cry out for</b>	Our apartment is <b>crying out for</b> some new furniture. What we've got looks old-fashioned and worn out.	crying out for sth (usually used in progressive form)
This city is ugly. It's crying out for nicer buildings and more trees.		 see also: <b>could do with</b>
<b>culminate in</b>	After several weeks, the talks among the leaders of the countries involved in the war <b>culminated in</b> an agreement to stop the fighting.	culminate in sth
The meetings culminated in the signing of our biggest contract ever.		 see also: <b>end with</b>

<b>curl up</b>	My big fat lazy cat <b>curled up</b> in front of the fire and went to sleep.	curl up
The young boy curled up on the bed between his parents and fell asleep.		
<b>cut across</b>	We don't have to follow the road. It'd be quicker if we <b>cut across</b> the park.	cut across sth
The racing driver was disqualified for cutting across the track.		
<b>cut back</b>	You spend too much. Don't you think you should try to <b>cut back</b> on the amount of money you spend each month?	cut back sth cut sth back cut back on sth
The rose bushes are getting too big, so Pedro is going to cut them back.		
<b>cut down</b>	If you're overweight, it's time to <b>cut down</b> on the amount of fatty food, junk food and snack foods that you eat.	cut down sth cut down on sth
Cutting down on junk food cuts down the risk of getting heart disease.		 see also: <b>cut back</b>
<b>cut off</b>	He was talking to his kids on the phone when he was <b>cut off</b> , so he had to call them again.	(be / get) cut off cut off sb / sth cut sb / sth off
She didn't pay her bills, so the power company cut her electricity off.		
<b>cut off</b>	They lived on a small island in the Pacific Ocean, <b>cut off</b> from the rest of the world.	cut off cut off from sth / sb
While he was in jail in Iraq, he was cut off from his family and friends.		
<b>cut out</b>	The kids were running around the living room when their father told them to <b>cut it out</b> before they broke something.	cut sth out cut out sth
'Cut that out!' he yelled at his kids, and they stopped running around.		
<b>cut out</b>	Our son's a professional football player and whenever his picture's in the newspaper, my wife <b>cuts it out</b> and puts it in a special scrapbook.	cut sth out cut out sth
My daughter likes to cut out and keep interesting magazine articles.		
<b>cut out for</b>	Unlike his father, Pierre wasn't <b>cut out for</b> a life in the army. He was a sensitive, creative boy and more suited to a career in music or dance.	cut out for sth
My son loves writing and seems to be cut out for a career in journalism.		
<b>cut up</b>	Could you <b>cut up</b> some meat for the cat, please?	cut up sth cut sth up
If we all join in and cut up the vegetables, it'll mean we can eat sooner.		 see also: <b>chop up</b>

## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **C c**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'c'...**

- 1 I can't talk now, but I'll \_\_\_\_\_ you back when I'm free. (4 letters)
- 2 Many people called \_\_\_\_\_ an enquiry after the minister was arrested for corruption. (3 letters)
- 3 Yesterday's game was called \_\_\_\_\_ because of the rain. (3 letters)
- 4 Did you call \_\_\_\_\_ Denise in Paris and see her new apartment? (2 letters)
- 5 Our teacher always \_\_\_\_\_ on me to answer the most difficult questions. (5 letters)
- 6 I turned around after hearing someone call \_\_\_\_\_ my name. (3 letters)
- 7 Don't forget to call me \_\_\_\_\_ when you get to Bangkok. Have you still got my number? (2 letters)
- 8 You can calm \_\_\_\_\_ the baby by gently rocking her cradle. (4 letters)
- 9 He went back home to \_\_\_\_\_ for his mum while she recovered from her illness. (4 letters)
- 10 The waiter said, 'Would you care \_\_\_\_\_ some dessert, madam?' (3 letters)
- 11 When the rain stopped, we carried \_\_\_\_\_ with our tennis match. (2 letters)
- 12 I wish people wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ on talking after a movie has started. (5 letters)
- 13 As soon as he gets back to the meeting, they can carry \_\_\_\_\_. (2 letters)
- 14 We carried \_\_\_\_\_ the coach's instructions and won the game. (3 letters)
- 15 The new hairstyle didn't catch \_\_\_\_\_ at first, but it's popular now. (2 letters)
- 16 At first I didn't understand, but after a while I \_\_\_\_\_ on. (6 letters)
- 17 I got behind in my work and had to do some overtime to catch \_\_\_\_\_. (2 letters)
- 18 She had to run fast to catch up \_\_\_\_\_ the leader. (4 letters)
- 19 On Sundays, Marian stays in bed all morning to catch up \_\_\_\_\_ her sleep. (2 letters)
- 20 I visited my home town to catch up \_\_\_\_\_ some old friends. (4 letters)
- 21 The new hotel is especially designed to cater \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of business travellers. (2 letters)
- 22 Did you get wet in the rain? Do you want to \_\_\_\_\_ into some dry clothes? (6 letters)
- 23 To avoid computer viruses, they're changing \_\_\_\_\_ to Mac computers. (4 letters)
- 24 The police arrested him and charged him \_\_\_\_\_ drunk driving. (4 letters)
- 25 I spend a lot of time chasing \_\_\_\_\_ slow deliveries to customers. (2 letters)
- 26 Christiano likes going out to bars and chatting \_\_\_\_\_ women. (2 letters)
- 27 I lost a lot when my business partner cheated me \_\_\_\_\_ of the money I'd invested. (3 letters)
- 28 Leave your bags at the hotel's front desk when you check \_\_\_\_\_. (2 letters)
- 29 After he was arrested for using cocaine, he checked \_\_\_\_\_ a drug treatment centre. (4 letters)
- 30 Just a moment. I have to go and check \_\_\_\_\_ the baby. (2 letters)
- 31 Give back the key when you check out \_\_\_\_\_ the hotel. (2 letters)
- 32 Let's check \_\_\_\_\_ that new bookshop Jose was talking about. (3 letters)
- 33 He checked \_\_\_\_\_ the old car to see if it was in good condition and worth buying. (4 letters)
- 34 The security guards checked \_\_\_\_\_ our bags before we were allowed inside. (7 letters)
- 35 The crowd cheered the runners \_\_\_\_\_ as they ran the race. (2 letters)
- 36 Jenny looks a bit sad. Do you think a movie would cheer her \_\_\_\_\_? (2 letters)
- 37 After a hard day's work, I like to chill \_\_\_\_\_ by watching TV. (3 letters)
- 38 We should get our gardener to \_\_\_\_\_ down that dead tree. (4 letters)
- 39 Use this knife to chop \_\_\_\_\_ the vegetables for the soup. (2 letters)
- 40 The police are trying to clamp \_\_\_\_\_ on drug dealers. (4 letters)
- 41 If you make a mess in the kitchen, please \_\_\_\_\_ it up. (5 letters)
- 42 The old man came out and told the noisy kids to clear \_\_\_\_\_. (3 letters)
- 43 I quit my job, but I still have to go back and clear \_\_\_\_\_ my desk and my locker. (3 letters)
- 44 We've arranged a meeting with our customer to clear \_\_\_\_\_ the misunderstanding. (2 letters)
- 45 It was raining all morning, but it's \_\_\_\_\_ up now. (8 letters)
- 46 My doctor said the skin cream would clear \_\_\_\_\_ my pimples in a couple of weeks. (2 letters)
- 47 Some old-style leaders still cling \_\_\_\_\_ the idea that military force can solve any problem. (2 letters)
- 48 The downpipe got clogged \_\_\_\_\_ with leaves so I got on the roof and cleared it out. (2 letters)
- 49 The bar was closed \_\_\_\_\_ because it stayed open after the legal closing time. (4 letters)
- 50 The police drew their guns as they closed \_\_\_\_\_ on the killer's hideout. (2 letters)
- 51 Our boss doesn't mind us having fun and clowning \_\_\_\_\_ as long as we do our work. (6 letters)
- 52 They're a strong team, and their strength is combined \_\_\_\_\_ plenty of skill. (4 letters)
- 53 How did the idea of starting your own software company come \_\_\_\_\_? (5 letters)
- 54 She came \_\_\_\_\_ some old letters and postcards while clearing out her closets. (6 letters)
- 55 He comes across \_\_\_\_\_ very serious when you first meet him, but he can be quite funny. (2 letters)
- 56 Her English is coming \_\_\_\_\_ very well. She can join in our conversations now. (5 letters)
- 57 We're going out to dinner. Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ along? (4 letters)
- 58 The old magazine came \_\_\_\_\_ when I opened it and some pages fell out. (5 letters)
- 59 He doesn't agree yet, but he'll eventually come \_\_\_\_\_. (6 letters)
- 60 It was a terrible experience, but he came \_\_\_\_\_ from it with more appreciation of life. (4 letters)
- 61 Let's come back \_\_\_\_\_ that topic after we've discussed everything else on the agenda. (2 letters)

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- 62 Why don't you come \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to my place and watch the football on my big new TV? (6 letters)
- 63 How did you come \_ \_ that information? It should have been kept secret. (2 letters)
- 64 For most people, success comes \_ \_ \_ \_ to a combination of hard work and persistence. (4 letters)
- 65 She came down \_ \_ \_ \_ the flu and had to stay home for a week. (4 letters)
- 66 Akira comes \_ \_ \_ \_ Japan, but he's been living in Australia for many years. (4 letters)
- 67 Let me know what time your flight comes \_ \_ and I'll pick you up from the airport. (2 letters)
- 68 My pocketknife \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in handy when I go camping. (5 letters)
- 69 She's a wealthy woman and her children will come \_ \_ \_ \_ a lot of money when she dies. (4 letters)
- 70 The president came in \_ \_ \_ a lot of criticism in the media. (3 letters)
- 71 They invested a lot in the search for new gold deposits, but nothing came \_ \_ it. (2 letters)
- 72 The plan to cheat by using mobile phones didn't come \_ \_ \_ . The students were caught. (3 letters)
- 73 We have to get home by 9.45 because the football comes \_ \_ at 10 o'clock. (2 letters)
- 74 Maria's studying hard and her English is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on very well. (6 letters)
- 75 We were surprised when the election results came \_ \_ \_ and the same party won again. (3 letters)
- 76 Many families reject their gay children if they come \_ \_ \_ and declare their sexuality. (3 letters)
- 77 Did the ink stain come \_ \_ \_ when you washed your shirt? (3 letters)
- 78 I can't wait for The Rolling Stone's new album to \_ \_ \_ \_ out. (4 letters)
- 79 Our friends came \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to see how we'd decorated our house. (4 letters)
- 80 Her confidence came \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ during her speech. (7 letters)
- 81 Jamila really came through \_ \_ \_ \_ us this time. Her design's great. (3 letters)
- 82 The total amount comes \_ \_ \$25.00. (2 letters)
- 83 The president has come \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ pressure to end the war. (5 letters)
- 84 Please tell me if a job vacancy \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ up at your company. (5 letters)
- 85 What time did the sun come \_ \_ this morning? (2 letters)
- 86 She came up \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ some tough challenges in her new job. (7 letters)
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- 91 Compared \_ \_ \_ \_ last year's sales, this year's sales were quite good. (4 letters)
- 92 The job consists \_ \_ serving customers and checking stock. Do you think he can do it? (2 letters)
- 93 We'll contract some of the work \_ \_ \_ to other companies. (3 letters)
- 94 Factors such as good training and hard work contributed \_ \_ the company's success. (2 letters)
- 95 He wanted to leave work early, so he cooked \_ \_ a story about visiting a sick aunt. (2 letters)
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- 101 I didn't understand at first, but I soon cottoned \_ \_ when he winked at me. (2 letters)
- 102 He went to the hospital after he coughed \_ \_ some blood. (2 letters)
- 103 Their garden could \_ \_ with some work. It's looking a bit overgrown. (2 letters)
- 104 He won the award and said he couldn't have asked \_ \_ \_ a better outcome. (3 letters)
- 105 They \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ down from ten to one and then called out 'Happy New Year'. (7 letters)
- 106 I love playing *Word Up*. You can count me \_ \_ whenever you play a game. (2 letters)
- 107 If you're going to the pub, count me \_ \_ \_ . I'd like to go but I have to pick up my kids. (3 letters)
- 108 Don't worry. You can \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on Ming. She's very reliable. (5 letters)
- 109 The government tried to cover \_ \_ the corruption story and keep it a secret. (2 letters)
- 110 The police are cracking \_ \_ \_ \_ on people who drink alcohol and then drive. (4 letters)
- 111 Jason told a really funny joke and we all cracked \_ \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 112 She used to be a great singer, but now she just cranks \_ \_ \_ her old songs for the money. (3 letters)
- 113 The music's too quiet for a party, so let's crank it \_ \_ a bit. (2 letters)
- 114 He was so tired he crashed \_ \_ \_ in front of the TV and slept there all night. (3 letters)
- 115 The credit card debt crept up \_ \_ her, and now she owes a lot of money. (2 letters)
- 116 The same problems keep cropping \_ \_ again and again. (2 letters)
- 117 Check the list and cross \_ \_ \_ the names of those who've left. (3 letters)
- 118 People were crowding \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to see the injured people after the accident. (6 letters)
- 119 The soldier \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ out in pain when he was shot. (5 letters)
- 120 Our apartment is crying out \_ \_ \_ some new furniture. (3 letters)
- 121 The meetings culminated \_ \_ the signing of an important agreement. (2 letters)
- 122 The cat curled \_ \_ in front of the fire and dozed off. (2 letters)
- 123 Let's cut \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the field. It'll be quicker than the road. (6 letters)
- 124 The gardener is cutting \_ \_ \_ \_ the branches on the rose bush. It's getting too big. (4 letters)

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- 125 I'm trying to cut back \_\_ the number of hours I work. (2 letters)  
126 Her doctor told her to cut \_\_\_\_ on the amount of fatty food she eats. (4 letters)  
127 We should ask the gardener to cut \_\_\_\_ that dead tree. (4 letters)  
128 I was on the phone to my mother when we got cut \_\_\_\_, so I had to call her again. (3 letters)  
129 We saw our photo in the newspaper, so we cut it \_\_\_\_\_. (3 letters)  
130 I was driving home when my car's engine cut \_\_\_\_\_. (3 letters)  
131 His father wanted him to be a soldier, but he wasn't cut out \_\_\_\_ a career in the army. (3 letters)  
132 Could you cut \_\_ some bananas for the fruit salad, please? (2 letters)













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<b>dawn on</b>	It just <b>dawned on</b> me that nearly all of our slow deliveries were sent by UPS. I hadn't realized this before.	dawn on sb
I was on the train when it dawned on me that I'd left by phone at home.		 see also: <b>occur to</b>
<b>deal in</b>	My uncle has always loved collecting stamps, so he set up a small company that <b>deals in</b> old stamps and related items.	deal in sth
She set up a successful website that deals in second-hand books.		
<b>deal with</b>	Would you mind <b>dealing with</b> this customer's enquiry? I'm too busy at the moment.	deal with sth/sb
Jim is very good at dealing with technical problems.		 see also: <b>attend to</b>
<b>decide against</b>	After thinking about it for a while, I <b>decided against</b> quitting my job and starting my own company. If it failed, I'd lose everything.	decide against sth/sb
We've decided against opening a branch in Japan due to the high costs.		
<b>decide on</b>	The studio has already <b>decided on</b> the actors for the main roles in the next <i>James Bond</i> film.	decide on sth/sb
Why did you decide on using UPS to send the shipment?		 see also: <b>settle on</b>
<b>depend on</b>	You can <b>depend on</b> Jill to do a good job. She's very reliable and I'm sure she won't let you down.	depend on sb/sth depend on sb/sth to do sth
Do you think we can depend on the postal service to deliver this?		 see also: <b>count on, rely on, bank on</b>
<b>depend on</b>	I'm still not sure if we can play tennis today. It <b>depends on</b> the weather.	depend on sth
Delivery time depends on the shipment method you choose.		
<b>deter from</b>	The number of spectators at the golf tournament was down today. The rain must have <b>deterred</b> many people <b>from</b> coming to watch.	deter sb from doing sth
The terrorist attacks deterred many people from visiting the city.		 see also: <b>put off</b>
<b>devote to</b>	The CNN cable news channel decided to <b>devote</b> more time <b>to</b> covering stories about health and the environment.	devote sth to sth
Princess Diana devoted most of her time to helping people in need.		
<b>die down</b>	The controversy about the president's mistake took a long time to <b>die down</b> . People were still talking about it a year later.	die down
The musicians waited for the applause to die down before starting to play.		

<b>dying for</b> (informal)	I'm <b>dying for</b> a cup of coffee. Would you mind ordering one for me?	(be) dying for sth
I haven't had a massage all week and I'm dying for one.		see also: <b>itch for, yearn for</b> (formal)
<b>die out</b>	Many languages are <b>dying out</b> because fewer and fewer people are learning them and speaking them.	die out
Many animal species have died out recently and disappeared forever.		
<b>dig up</b>	While workers were <b>digging up</b> the road they found a dead body. The police then came and <b>dug</b> the body <b>up</b> and took it away.	dig up sth dig sth up
I did a search on the internet and dug up some amazing information.		
<b>dip into</b>	If we run out of milk, just <b>dip into</b> the petty cash and run down to the shop and get some.	dip into sth
Nicola has decided to dip into her savings and take a trip to Italy.		
<b>dish out</b> (informal)	When she gets drunk she either <b>dishes out</b> praise that's too high, or <b>dishes out</b> criticism that's too harsh. She never gets it right.	dish out sth dish sth out
The college was accused of dishing out degrees to anyone who could pay.		see also: <b>give out, hand out</b>
<b>dispose of</b> (formal)	If someone <b>disposes of</b> a cigarette by throwing it on the ground, they can be fined up to \$500.	dispose of sth
The hospital was fined for not disposing of its waste properly.		see also: <b>throw away / out</b>
<b>divide up</b>	We decided to <b>divide</b> the profits <b>up</b> equally and pay each partner his share at the end of each month.	divide sth up divide up sth
We divided the space up into 20 cubicles with a desk and a chair in each.		
<b>do about</b>	We all know that global warming is a serious problem so we all have to start <b>doing</b> something <b>about</b> it, like driving our cars less.	do sth about sth/sb
My dad is drinking too much alcohol and I don't know what to do about it.		
<b>do away with</b>	The government should <b>do away with</b> taxes for poor people if they can't afford to pay them.	do away with sth
Our boss did away with the dress code, so we can wear whatever we like.		
<b>do up</b>	Don't forget to <b>do up</b> your seatbelt before you start driving.	do up sth do sth up
My friend noticed that my fly was undone and told me to do it up.		

<b>do up</b>	We've decided to <b>do up</b> our apartment. We'll paint it, redecorate it and buy some new furniture.	do up sth do sth up
We buy old houses, do them up, and then sell them for a profit.		 see also: <b>fix up</b>
<b>do with</b>	What did you <b>do with</b> the magazines I put here yesterday? You haven't thrown them out, have you?	do with sth/sb
What will you do with all that free time after you've retired?		
<b>do without</b>	We'll have to <b>do without</b> the air-conditioning while they fix it. It's going to be really hot!	do without sth/sb
She can't do without her coffee in the morning. It gets her going.		 see also: <b>go without</b>
<b>doze off</b>	Jose <b>dozed off</b> during our boss's speech and started to snore. It was really funny!	doze off
I didn't sleep very well last night, so I dozed off at my desk today.		 see also: <b>nod off</b>
<b>drag on</b>	His speech seemed to <b>drag on</b> for hours. He nearly put everyone to sleep!	drag on drag on for sth
The meeting was very slow and boring. It dragged on for ages.		 see also: <b>go on</b>
<b>draw on / upon</b>	We always like to employ a few older people who have lots of experience to <b>draw on</b> when doing their work.	draw on sth draw upon sth
She never gets tired. She must have a huge supply of energy to draw upon.		
<b>draw up</b>	We need our lawyer to <b>draw up</b> a new contract for employees before we hire any new staff.	draw up sth draw sth up
After drawing up the new guidelines, he passed them on to the manager.		 see also: <b>write up</b>
<b>dream of</b>	When he was young, he <b>dreamed of</b> being a famous football player.	dream of sth dream of doing sth
Bob dreamed of becoming a rich and successful businessman.		
<b>dream up</b>	It must take a brilliant imagination to <b>dream up</b> something as detailed and rich as the world of Lord of the Rings.	dream up sth dream sth up
Do you know which culture first dreamed the idea of democracy up?		 see also: <b>come up with, think up</b>
<b>drive out</b>	During the war, people were <b>driven out</b> of their homes by invading soldiers and forced to live in refugee camps.	drive out sb drive sb out
Why did police drive the beggars out of the park and onto the streets?		





















<b>drop by</b> (informal)	Why don't you <b>drop by</b> on your way home from work and help me cook some food?	drop by
How about dropping by on Saturday afternoon and we'll watch the golf?		 see also: <b>come around</b> , <b>come over</b> , <b>stop by</b>
<b>drop in</b>	I'll pop by the library on my way home and <b>drop</b> the books <b>in</b> .	drop sth in
Could you drop the sales report in to my office when it's done?		 see also: <b>drop off</b>
<b>drop off</b>	Every morning I <b>drop</b> the kids <b>off</b> at school on my way to work.	drop sb/sth off drop off sb/sth
Make sure someone drops off these samples at the customer's office today.		
<b>drop out</b>	Not many students <b>drop out</b> of university these days, but in the 1960s many quit studying so they'd be free to do whatever they wanted to.	drop out drop out of sth
Tell the staff that I don't want anyone dropping out of the English classes.		 see also: <b>opt out</b>
<b>dry up</b>	The farm's dams <b>dried up</b> during the drought, but they filled up again after some storms.	dry up
If the world's oil reserves dried up, the economy would collapse.		
<b>dumb down</b> (informal)	Some movie directors say big studios want them to <b>dumb</b> their movies <b>down</b> so more people can understand them.	dumb sth down dumb down sth
Do you think it's true that media companies dumb down their products?		







## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **D d**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'd'...**

- 1 It suddenly dawned \_ \_ me that I'd left my umbrella in the car, so I went back to get it. (2 letters)
- 2 She set up a successful company that deals \_ \_ second-hand computer parts. (2 letters)
- 3 Could you \_ \_ \_ \_ with this customer? I'm too busy at the moment. (4 letters)
- 4 Amir has to deal \_ \_ \_ \_ many problems in his job. (4 letters)
- 5 I thought about taking the new job but I decided \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ it, so I'm keeping this one. (7 letters)
- 6 How did you decide \_ \_ which delivery service to use to send the shipment? (2 letters)
- 7 You can \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on Robert. He's very reliable and he won't let you down. (6 letters)
- 8 We're not sure what we're doing tomorrow. It depends \_ \_ the weather. (2 letters)
- 9 He was deterred \_ \_ \_ \_ going into politics by the fear of media intrusion. (4 letters)
- 10 Bill Gates decided to devote most of his time and money \_ \_ helping people in need. (2 letters)
- 11 The controversy about corrupt government officials has finally died \_ \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)
- 12 Let's go to a coffee shop. I'm dying \_ \_ \_ a nice hot cappuccino. (3 letters)
- 13 Many animal species are dying \_ \_ \_ as their habitats are being destroyed. (3 letters)
- 14 My dog could smell the bone buried in the garden and used his paws to \_ \_ \_ it up. (3 letters)
- 15 Leila has decided to dip \_ \_ \_ \_ her savings to buy a new computer. (4 letters)
- 16 Has the nuclear power industry worked out how to safely dispose \_ \_ nuclear waste yet? (2 letters)
- 17 We'll divide the profits \_ \_ equally among all the investors. (2 letters)
- 18 There's a problem with our network and we have to do something \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ it now. (5 letters)
- 19 We should do \_ \_ \_ \_ with laws that allow police to listen in on our private phone calls. (4 letters)
- 20 Before the plane landed, we straightened our seats and did \_ \_ our seatbelts. (2 letters)
- 21 We're going to do \_ \_ the old house by painting it and redecorating it. (2 letters)
- 22 What will you do \_ \_ \_ \_ all that money you won in the lottery? (4 letters)
- 23 We'll have to do \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the photocopier while they're fixing it. (7 letters)
- 24 He dozed \_ \_ \_ during the concert and started to snore. (3 letters)
- 25 The movie was so boring that it seemed to drag \_ \_ for hours. (2 letters)
- 26 Older people have lots of experience to draw \_ \_ \_ \_ when working. (4 letters)
- 27 Can you tell our lawyer to draw \_ \_ a new distribution agreement? (2 letters)
- 28 When she was young she dreamed \_ \_ being a ballet dancer. (2 letters)
- 29 Do you know who first dreamed \_ \_ the idea of the world wide web? (2 letters)
- 30 The police drove the protesters \_ \_ \_ of the building and onto the street. (3 letters)
- 31 Why don't you drop \_ \_ my apartment on your way home? (2 letters)
- 32 Could you \_ \_ \_ these books into the library on your way to work? They're late. (4 letters)
- 33 Would you mind dropping the report \_ \_ \_ on your way home? (3 letters)
- 34 I'll \_ \_ \_ \_ you off at the station on my way to work. (4 letters)
- 35 The English classes were boring, so many people dropped \_ \_ \_ and stopped going. (3 letters)
- 36 Oil reserves could dry \_ \_ before the end of the century. (2 letters)
- 37 Do you think some movies are dumbed \_ \_ \_ \_ so more people can understand them? (4 letters)



<b>eat in</b>	I don't feel like going out to a restaurant. Let's stay home and <b>eat in</b> tonight.	eat in
If you eat in a lot, make sure you don't just heat up frozen meals.		
<b>eat into</b>	Inflation is <b>eating into</b> my savings. Every year prices rise and I can buy less with the money I've put away for the future.	eat into sth
The strengthening currency is eating into our export profits.		
<b>eat out</b>	Let's <b>eat out</b> tonight. We haven't been to a restaurant for ages.	eat out
Eating out is expensive, so it's good to know how to cook at home.		
<b>eat up</b>	How can I get my son to <b>eat up</b> all his vegetables? He says he hates them and leaves most of them on his plate.	eat up sth eat sth up
Profits are being eaten up by the rising costs of running a business.		
<b>egg on</b>	Peter doesn't usually drink too much, but people in the bar were cheering him and <b>egging him on</b> and before long he was really drunk.	egg sb on
He wouldn't have stolen the car if his friends hadn't egged him on.		
<b>embark on / upon</b>	After quitting her job as a nurse, Salama <b>embarked upon</b> a new career as a travelling fashion photographer.	embark upon sth embark on sth
The government has embarked on a campaign to promote healthy food.		 see also: <b>launch into</b>
<b>end up</b>	If you hadn't studied hard and got good qualifications, you might have <b>ended up</b> in a boring, low-paying job.	end up end up doing sth
If we keep improving our market share, we'll end up leading the sector.		 see also: <b>finish up, wind up</b>
<b>end with</b>	After a great concert and lots of dancing, the New Year's Eve celebrations <b>ended with</b> a fantastic display of fireworks.	end with sth end sth with sth
She ended her talk with a summary of the main points she'd made.		 see also: <b>culminate in</b>
<b>engage in (formal)</b>	The power company is <b>engaged in</b> a dispute with local people over the construction of a dam that would destroy many villages.	engage in sth (be) engaged in sth
Most of our students are engaged in social and sporting activities.		 see also: <b>involve in</b>
<b>enter into</b>	The government has <b>entered into</b> an agreement to help companies cover the cost of reducing pollution by lowering their taxes.	enter into sth
We are entering into discussions with several potential investors.		

<b>entitle to</b>	Every Australian citizen is <b>entitled to</b> an old-age pension once they reach the age of sixty-five.	(be) entitled to sth entitle sb to sth entitle sb to do sth
Membership entitles you and a guest to the use all of the club's facilities.		
<b>even up</b>	You paid for dinner last time, so if I pay this time that'll <b>even</b> things <b>up</b> .	even sth up even up sth
Our players have evened up the score. If we score again we'll be ahead.		
<b>expose to</b>	Many soldiers were <b>exposed to</b> dangerous chemicals during the war and some are now getting sick as a result.	expose sb to sth (be) exposed to sth
It's a good idea to expose young staff to various work environments.		

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## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **E e**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'e'...**

- 1 I don't feel like going out to a restaurant tonight, so let's \_ \_ \_ in. (3 letters)
- 2 High fuel costs are eating \_ \_ \_ \_ the profits of many businesses. (4 letters)
- 3 Let's eat \_ \_ \_ tonight. I know a great Japanese restaurant near here. (3 letters)
- 4 If the kids eat \_ \_ all their vegetables, they can have dessert. (2 letters)
- 5 He got drunk and danced on the table because his friends were egging him \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 6 After quitting his job in business, Joe embarked \_ \_ a new career as a teacher. (2 letters)
- 7 If you don't study hard, you might end \_ \_ working in a job you don't like. (2 letters)
- 8 They ended the concert \_ \_ \_ \_ an extended version of one of their most popular songs. (4 letters)
- 9 The timber company is engaged \_ \_ a dispute with local people over logging their forest. (2 letters)
- 10 Laos and Thailand entered \_ \_ \_ \_ an agreement to build a bridge over their border. (4 letters)
- 11 In most European countries, all citizens are entitled \_ \_ free medical care. (2 letters)
- 12 You paid the bill last time, so I'll pay this time and that'll even things \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 13 Do you think it's good for children to be exposed \_ \_ places like hospitals and prisons? (2 letters)





















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<b>face up to</b>	It's time I <b>faced up to</b> the fact that I'm getting older and I have to start taking better care of my body.	face up to sth
We have to face up to the challenge of competing with cheap imports.		
<b>face with</b>	Kim was <b>faced with</b> a difficult decision when offered a high-paying job in Korea. If she took it, she'd have to live far away from her family.	(be) faced with sth
Our company is faced with strong competition from foreign producers.		see also: <b>come up against</b> , <b>run up against</b>
<b>factor in</b>	Don't forget to <b>factor in</b> the cost of moving to our new offices when you work out next year's budget.	factor in sth factor sth in
If we factor lower labour costs in, production in Vietnam is cheaper.		see also: <b>allow for</b>
<b>fall apart</b>	Use strong glue when you put together your model airplane or it'll <b>fall apart</b> when you try to fly it.	fall apart
If the deal falls apart, we'll have to look for other investors.		see also: <b>come apart</b>
<b>fall back on</b>	If you get your degree, you'll have some qualifications to <b>fall back on</b> if your career in music doesn't work out.	fall back on sth
If his new business fails, he has teaching to fall back on to make a living.		see also: <b>resort to</b> , <b>turn to</b>
<b>fall behind</b>	If she takes too much time off school, she'll <b>fall behind</b> . Then she'll have to study very hard to catch up with her classmates.	fall behind fall behind with/in sth
If we fall behind with our loan repayments, we could lose our apartment.		
<b>fall for</b>	The salesman is trying to talk you into spending more money than you need to. Don't <b>fall for</b> it!	fall for sth
Don't fall for email scams which promise to make you a lot of money.		
<b>fall for</b>	He <b>fell for</b> Katherine as soon as they met. He says it was love at first sight.	fall for sb
When she was young, she'd fall for any boy who was cute and acted cool.		
<b>fall off</b>	Sales of sunscreen lotion always <b>fall off</b> in winter, but pick up again in summer, of course.	fall off
Interest in the company's shares fell off when their new products sold poorly.		see also: <b>go down</b>
<b>fall out</b>	Jim and Bob <b>fell out</b> because of a disagreement over money, and now they're not talking to each other.	fall out fall out with sb fall out over sth
The band broke up after the members fell out over artistic differences.		

<b>fall over</b>	My little boy was running along when he tripped and <b>fell over</b> and hurt his knee.	fall over fall over sth
Falling over in the bathroom can result in serious head injuries.		
<b>fall through</b>	Our plans for a trip to China <b>fell through</b> when my wife got sick and we had to stay home.	fall through
The company's plans to expand fell through due to lack of finance.		
<b>feel for</b>	She stays out late and comes home drunk. Her neighbours <b>feel for</b> her children, but they don't know what they can do for them.	feel for sb
People who feel for poor kids can join a scheme to sponsor a child overseas.		
<b>fend off</b>	A gang of young men attacked Rajiv in the street. He tried to <b>fend them off</b> , but there were too many of them and he was badly beaten.	fend off sth / sb fend sth / sb off
It's not easy to fend a big dog off if it's trying to attack you and bite you.		 see also: <b>fight off</b> , <b>ward off</b>
<b>fight back</b>	Johnny just stands there when other kids tease him. He won't defend himself or <b>fight back</b> in any way.	fight back fight back against sth / sb
Local shoe manufacturers will have to fight back against cheap imports.		 see also: <b>hit back</b>
<b>fight off</b>	You have to <b>fight off</b> those negative thoughts or you'll start believing them and thinking you can't succeed. And you can!	fight off sth / sb fight sth / sb off
Local producers are fighting off competition from foreign companies.		 see also: <b>fend off</b> , <b>ward off</b> , <b>stand up to</b>
<b>figure on</b>	He hadn't <b>figured on</b> economic problems causing his business to fail, so now that they have he doesn't know what to do.	figure on sth figure on doing sth
How do they figure on competing with cheap, imported products?		
<b>figure out</b>	Read the two example sentences and try to <b>figure out</b> what the phrasal verb means.	figure out sth figure sth out
We need to figure out a way to increase our market share.		 see also: <b>work out</b>
<b>figure out</b>	Even though I've known her for a couple of years, I still haven't <b>figured out</b> Kathy. I never know what she's really thinking.	figure sb out
Good managers can figure people out and deal with them effectively.		 see also: <b>work out</b>
<b>fill in</b>	In the next exercise, you'll have to <b>fill in</b> the blanks with the correct form of the verb.	fill in sth fill sth in fill sth in with sth
Each new employee has to fill this form in with their personal details.		



<b>fill in</b>	Could you <b>fill me in</b> on the details before the meeting starts? I haven't had time to read the report.	fill sb in fill sb in on sth
I'll fill everyone in on the results of the survey at tomorrow's meeting.		
<b>fill in</b>	We had a substitute teacher today. She'll be <b>filling in</b> for Mr. Shan until he gets better.	fill in fill in for sb
Bill can't chair today's meeting, so Sue's filling in for him.		see also: <b>sit in for</b> , <b>stand in</b>
<b>fill out</b>	Before the job interview begins you'll have to <b>fill out</b> your application form, so make sure you take a pen.	fill out sth fill sth out fill sth out with sth
Could you fill these order forms out before the end of the day, please?		see also: <b>fill in</b>
<b>fill up</b>	If you pour a glass of beer for someone, make sure you <b>fill it up</b> to the top.	fill sth up fill up sth
Don't forget to fill up the car with petrol before you leave. It's a very long trip.		
<b>find out</b>	Sue's having trouble sleeping because she's worried that her boss will <b>find out</b> about her mistake and sack her.	find out sth find sth out find out about sth
Could you find out how long it takes to send a shipment to Japan?		
<b>finish off</b>	There's just one piece of apple pie left. Who'd like to <b>finish it off</b> ?	finish off sth finish sth off
The report isn't ready yet, but I should be able to finish it off tomorrow.		see also: <b>polish off</b> (inf, used mostly for food)
<b>finish up</b>	After working her way around South America, Sue <b>finished up</b> in Mexico City working as an English teacher.	finish up finish up doing sth
We finished up working half the night in order to get the job done on time.		see also: <b>end up</b> , <b>wind up</b>
<b>finish with</b>	Have you nearly <b>finished with</b> the printer, or do you have more to do?	finish with sth (be) finished with sth
Put the projector back in the storeroom when you've finished with it.		
<b>fire up</b>	The coach <b>fired up</b> his players with his half-time talk, and they came out and played much better in the second half.	fire sb up (be) fired up
Our sales manager is good at motivating sales staff. She really fires them up.		
<b>fit in</b>	My son's having problems <b>fitting in</b> with other kids at his new school. He says they aren't very friendly towards him.	fit in fit in with sth/sb
We need new staff who can easily fit in with our marketing team.		see also: <b>get on</b> , <b>get along</b>

<b>fit together</b>	To complete a jigsaw puzzle, you have to <b>fit</b> all the pieces <b>together</b> to form a picture.	fit together fit sth together
If the parts are made properly, they'll fit together perfectly.		 see also: <b>piece together, put together</b>
<b>fix up</b>	We bought an old house and <b>fixed it up</b> . We painted it and redecorated it and now it looks lovely.	fix sth up fix up sth
Wouldn't fixing up our old factory be cheaper than building a new one?		 see also: <b>do up</b>
<b>fizzle out</b>	The band was really popular for a few months, but interest in them <b>fizzled out</b> when their good-looking singer left to form another band.	fizzle out
There used to be a lot of interest in the company, but it's fizzled out now.		 see also: <b>die out</b>
<b>flare up</b>	It's dangerous in parts of this city. Violence among drug gangs can suddenly <b>flare up</b> and innocent people can get hurt.	flare up
We'll need good security at the concert as fights can flare up at any time.		
<b>flick through</b>	I don't like it when bookshops seal their books. I like to <b>flick through</b> the pages and have a good look before deciding to buy one.	flick through sth
I was flicking through our annual report when I came across this mistake.		 see also: <b>go through, look through</b>
<b>flood in</b>	Thousands of cheap products have been <b>flooding in</b> from China and they're being sold in our department stores for huge profits.	flood in
Orders for the new best-selling book have been flooding in all week.		 see also: <b>pour in</b>
<b>focus on</b>	The new government will <b>focus on</b> developing the country's industrial sector in order to create more jobs and boost the economy.	focus on sth
Our company has always focused on producing high-end products.		 see also: <b>concentrate on</b>
<b>follow up</b>	If you meet a potential client, make sure you get their business card and then <b>follow up</b> the initial contact with a phone call the next day.	follow up sth follow sth up
We'll follow this report up with occasional updates on developments.		
<b>fool around</b>	Everyone in the office was telling jokes and laughing when the boss came in and told us to stop <b>fooling around</b> and start doing some work.	fool around
This is a serious business and we don't have time to fool around.		 see also: <b>clown around, kid around, play around</b>
<b>free up</b>	We have to stop making some of our models for a while to <b>free up</b> machines in order to fill a huge order for one particular model.	free up sth/sb free sth/sb up
We need to free up staff from other departments to help us out.		





















<b>freshen up</b>	It was hot outside and I felt sweaty when I came back in, so I went straight to the bathroom to <b>freshen up</b> .	freshen up freshen sth up freshen up sth
I chew on mints to freshen up my breath after I have a cigarette. Do they work?		
<b>function as</b>	David is very important to his football club. As well as being their captain and best player, he <b>functions as</b> their media spokesman.	function as sth
My apartment functions as an office and store-room as well as my home.		 see also: <b>act as</b>

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## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **F f**





















**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'f'...**














- 1 We have to \_ \_ \_ \_ up to the fact that many students need help with phrasal verbs. (4 letters)
- 2 Our company is faced \_ \_ \_ \_ the challenge of developing exciting new products. (4 letters)
- 3 You should factor \_ \_ rising wages and fuel costs when you work out next year's budget. (2 letters)
- 4 You can't touch the old books because they're fragile and they fall \_ \_ \_ \_ easily. (5 letters)
- 5 He'll need a degree to fall \_ \_ \_ \_ on in case he can't make a living from music. (4 letters)
- 6 If I fall \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in my work, I'll have to do some overtime to catch up. (6 letters)
- 7 Romeo and Juliet fell \_ \_ \_ \_ each other, but their families wouldn't accept their love. (3 letters)
- 8 Sales of CDs have been falling \_ \_ \_ \_ since people started downloading music online. (3 letters)
- 9 Due to a dispute over money, they fell \_ \_ \_ \_ and aren't speaking to each other. (3 letters)
- 10 The little girl fell \_ \_ \_ \_ and hurt her knee. (4 letters)
- 11 Our holiday plans fell \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ when one of our kids came down with the flu. (7 letters)
- 12 Angelina feels \_ \_ \_ \_ children in poor countries and tries to help them whenever she can. (3 letters)
- 13 It's difficult to fend \_ \_ \_ \_ a big dog if it's attacking you. (3 letters)
- 14 When kids bully him, the shy boy won't fight \_ \_ \_ \_ . He just looks at the floor. (4 letters)
- 15 A healthy body fights \_ \_ \_ \_ infectious diseases more effectively than an unhealthy body. (3 letters)
- 16 What do you figure \_ \_ \_ \_ doing if your company closes down? (2 letters)
- 17 Can you figure \_ \_ \_ \_ what the phrasal verb in the example sentence means? (3 letters)
- 18 He's a strange guy. I never know what he's thinking and I really can't figure him \_ \_ \_ \_ . (3 letters)
- 19 You have to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the blanks with a word that correctly completes the sentence. (4 letters)
- 20 Our teacher is sick today, so another teacher is filling \_ \_ \_ \_ for her. (2 letters)
- 21 The police spokesman filled the reporters in \_ \_ \_ \_ the latest developments in the case. (2 letters)
- 22 Before you're interviewed for a visa, you'll have to fill \_ \_ \_ \_ a visa application form. (3 letters)
- 23 Can you fill the car \_ \_ \_ \_ with gas before bringing it back? (2 letters)
- 24 How did you find \_ \_ \_ \_ about the company's secret plans? (3 letters)
- 25 Are you sure you can finish \_ \_ \_ \_ the report before Monday morning? (3 letters)
- 26 After travelling around Asia, Jenny finished \_ \_ \_ \_ working on a farm in New Zealand. (2 letters)
- 27 Could you drop the newspaper into my office when you've finished \_ \_ \_ \_ it? (4 letters)
- 28 After a bad start, the coach fired \_ \_ \_ \_ his players with his half-time team talk. (2 letters)
- 29 Kids sometimes have problems fitting \_ \_ \_ \_ at a new school. (2 letters)
- 30 If a jigsaw puzzle is made properly, the pieces will fit \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ perfectly. (8 letters)
- 31 As your best friend, I should tell you that you need to freshen \_ \_ \_ \_ your breath somehow. (2 letters)
- 32 Our house looks old and a bit run down, so we're going to fix it \_ \_ \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 33 There used to be a lot of interest in the band, but it fizzled \_ \_ \_ \_ when the singer left. (3 letters)
- 34 Many police are needed at football games because fights can flare \_ \_ \_ \_ among fans. (2 letters)
- 35 I like to flick \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the pages of a magazine before I buy it. (7 letters)
- 36 Orders have been flooding \_ \_ \_ \_ since they released their new line of computers. (2 letters)
- 37 The new government will focus \_ \_ \_ \_ improving the country's education system. (2 letters)
- 38 We'll follow \_ \_ \_ \_ the seminar with monthly reports on the issues that were covered. (2 letters)
- 39 We've got our exams next week, so we don't have time to fool \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in our classes. (6 letters)
- 40 I'll try to free \_ \_ \_ \_ some time for the meeting tomorrow afternoon. (2 letters)
- 41 He felt hot and sweaty after playing tennis, so he went to the bathroom to freshen \_ \_ \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 42 Sarah functions \_ \_ \_ \_ the company's manager, receptionist, driver and cleaner. (2 letters)





















<b>gear to / towards</b>	The courses in our school are <b>geared to</b> preparing students for the demands of work in the real world.	(be) geared to / towards sth (be) geared to doing sth
The show is geared towards discovering talented singers.		
<b>get about</b>	You don't need a car to <b>get about</b> in Zurich. With all the excellent buses and trains, <b>getting about</b> on public transport is easy.	get about get about on sth
Our messengers could save time by getting about on motorbikes.		 see also: <b>get around</b>
<b>get across</b>	Even though he's studied English for many years, he still has trouble <b>getting</b> his ideas <b>across</b> in a conversation.	get sth across get sth across to sb
An advertising campaign has to get the message across clearly and simply.		 see also: <b>put across</b>
<b>get ahead</b>	His new business is doing very well and, after years of struggling to make a good income, he's starting to <b>get ahead</b> financially.	get ahead
The best way to get ahead in this company is to do excellent work.		
<b>get ahead of</b>	He ran fast to <b>get ahead of</b> his competitors, and now he's leading the race.	get ahead of sb / sth
Good market research helped their company get ahead of the others.		
<b>get along</b>	My sister and I used to argue a lot, but now we <b>get along</b> well.	get along get along with sb
We want friendly staff who know how to get along with each other.		 see also: <b>get on (with)</b>
<b>get around (Brit / Aust)</b>	There's no way of <b>getting around</b> the new tax, so we'll just have to pay it.	get around sth
We have to get around the government's new regulations somehow.		
<b>get around</b>	The best way to <b>get around</b> is by subway. It's fast and you don't waste time looking for somewhere to park your car.	get around get around by sth
Getting around by car takes ages but motorbikes are much too dangerous.		 see also: <b>get about</b>
<b>get around to (Brit / Aust)</b>	I haven't done the work in the garden yet because I've been so busy, but I'll <b>get around to</b> it soon.	get around to sth get around to doing sth
When are you going to get around to writing that report? It's already late.		
<b>get at</b>	Make sure you keep the sugar in a sealed container so the ants can't <b>get at</b> it.	get at sth
We need the best security software so hackers can't get at our data.		



<b>get at</b>	I didn't understand the last part of her lecture. Do you know what she was <b>getting at</b> ?	get at get at sth
I know what he's getting at, but he could be expressing himself better.		<i>Note: Usually progressive, as in 'What's he getting at?'</i>
<b>get away</b>	We caught a young guy stealing from our shop. He struggled and <b>got away</b> before the police arrived, but they're looking for him now.	get away get away from sb/sth
If possible, I'll get away from the office early and we can meet somewhere.		
<b>get away with</b>	He said he <b>got away with</b> stealing from shops many times when he was young. He never got caught, and had the sense to stop before he was.	get away with sth
The students didn't get away with cheating in the exam. They were caught.		
<b>get back</b>	Can I borrow your book after you <b>get it back</b> from John?	get sth back get sth back from sb
If we don't get our market share back soon, we'll be in trouble.		
<b>get back at</b>	I'll never forget the way he insulted me in public. One day I'll <b>get back at</b> him by making him look stupid in front of lots of people.	get back at sb
After we sacked him, he tried to get back at us by saying we avoided tax.		<i>see also: <b>pay back</b></i>
<b>get back to</b>	We've talked enough about this issue, so let's <b>get back to</b> the main topic of the meeting.	get back to sth
I think the company needs to get back to doing what it does best.		<i>see also: <b>come back to, return to</b></i>
<b>get back to</b>	If you don't have the information you're asked for, tell the customer you'll find out and <b>get back to</b> them as soon as possible.	get back to sb
Our policy is to get back to customers who email us within 24 hours.		
<b>get by</b>	Sally <b>gets by</b> on her salary, but only just. She can't afford to buy a new car or travel overseas.	get by get by on sth
The marketing team can't get by on their current budget. It isn't enough.		
<b>get by with / without</b>	Her son wants a car, but he'll have to <b>get by without</b> one until he starts working. She said he could <b>get by with</b> public transport for now.	get by with sth get by without sth
He doesn't need a really expensive computer. He gets by with a cheap one.		
<b>get down</b>	I can't talk to Rafael when he's depressed. He complains about everything and that <b>gets me down</b> , and I end up feeling unhappy as well.	get sb down
All the bad news in the media gets my father down sometimes.		





















<b>get down to</b>	If our company is going to succeed, we have to stop wasting time in meetings and <b>get down to</b> business and start making some money.	get down to sth
I sometimes find it hard to get down to work again after a big lunch.		 see also: <b>get on with</b>
<b>get in</b>	Mum <b>got in</b> the back seat with the kids, and Billy <b>got in</b> the front seat with his dad.	get in get in sth
She came back to the office late last night, but she couldn't get in.		
<b>get in</b>	Do you know what time the train from London <b>gets in</b> ? I promised to pick up my mother.	get in
Give me a call as soon as you get in and we'll set up a meeting.		 see also: <b>come in</b>
<b>get in</b>	You'd better make sure you <b>get</b> your application <b>in</b> on time, or your chances of getting a place on the course will be zero.	get sth in
Angelina has to get her school report in by the end of the week.		 see also: <b>put in</b>
<b>get into</b> (informal)	Most young people <b>get into</b> healthy activities like sports and music, but some <b>get into</b> bad habits such as taking drugs and drinking alcohol.	get into sth get into doing sth
When he was young Sam got into jazz, and he still loves listening to it today.		 see also: <b>take up</b>
<b>get off</b>	We can't <b>get off</b> the plane until they open the doors, so there's no point standing up until they do.	get off sth
Tell her to get off the train in Rome and we'll pick her up from there.		 see also: <b>get out (of)</b>
<b>get off</b>	<b>Get off</b> the car, son. You'll leave footprints on the roof.	get off sth
After getting your award, you can get off the stage by walking to your left.		
<b>get off</b>	<b>Get</b> the car <b>off</b> the lawn, son. It'll leave tyre marks on the grass.	get sth off sth
As soon as the band finishes, get their instruments off the stage.		
<b>get off</b>	Most Americans only <b>get</b> two weeks <b>off</b> each year. In many other developed countries, people <b>get</b> at least four weeks <b>off</b> for vacations.	get off get sth off
How many days do you get off during the New Year holiday period?		 see also: <b>take off</b>
<b>get on</b>	How're you <b>getting on</b> with the other people in the office? Have you had any problems with anyone?	get on get on with sb
Mary's a very sweet person and she's very easy to get on with.		 see also: <b>get along</b>





















<b>get on</b>	James helped an old lady <b>get on</b> the bus today. He's a real gentleman.	get on sth
Who would you like to see getting on the Board of Directors?		 see also: <b>get onto</b>
<b>get on</b>	It's really cold outside. Have you <b>got</b> your thick socks and your extra-warm underwear <b>on</b> ?	get sth on
How long will it take for the dancers to get their new costumes on?		 see also: <b>put on</b>
<b>get onto</b>	Her father was very pleased when she <b>got onto</b> the Board of Directors.	get onto sth
What do I need to do to get my friend onto the planning committee?		 see also: <b>get on</b>
<b>get onto</b>	I think we've probably covered that topic. Does anyone want to add anything before we <b>get onto</b> the next item on the agenda?	get onto sth
How did we get onto sport? Shouldn't we be discussing work issues?		 see also: <b>move on (to)</b>
<b>get on with</b>	Their boss came into the office and said, ' <b>Get on with</b> your work! I don't pay you to sit around chatting on your phones all day!'	get on with sth
Let's get on with the job of looking for some new customers.		 see also: <b>get down to</b>
<b>get out</b>	She tried to <b>get out</b> of the burning car but she couldn't open the door. It was stuck, so she yelled out, 'Help! I can't <b>get out</b> !'	get out get out of sth
They couldn't get out of the building because of the bars on the windows.		
<b>get out of</b>	My daughter hates going to the dentist. She always tries to <b>get out of</b> it by saying she feels sick.	get out of sth get out of doing sth
Maria will do anything to get out of speaking in public. She hates it.		
<b>get over</b>	Benito's still feeling the pain of breaking up with his girlfriend. It's taking him a long time to <b>get over</b> it.	get over sth/sb
How long does your doctor say it'll take you to get over the operation?		 see also: <b>shake off</b>
<b>get over</b>	Paul still can't <b>get over</b> the fact that he came top of his class in the English exam. He really was surprised.	get over sth
It took her a while to get over the shock of winning the lottery.		 Note: Often negative, as in 'I can't get over winning.'
<b>get through</b>	It'll take hours to <b>get through</b> all these emails. There must be hundreds of them!	get through sth
If we work as a team, we can get through the reports much faster.		





















<b>get through</b>	He's been calling Jill all morning, but he can't <b>get through</b> to her. Maybe she's turned off her phone.	get through get through to sb/sth
If you can't get through to my cell phone, try calling the office.		
<b>get through to</b>	My daughter still wants to go rock climbing. I can't seem to <b>get through to</b> her how dangerous it is.	get through to sb get sth through to sb
How can we get the idea that we need top quality work through to our staff?		 see also: <b>get across (to)</b>
<b>get together</b>	When we were kids, our whole neighbourhood <b>got together</b> at Auntie Joy's house on Christmas morning for our Christmas 'block party'.	get together get together with sb get together for sth
We all get together on Saturday nights for dinner and a night on the town.		 see also: <b>meet up</b>
<b>get up</b>	Hondo was late. He usually <b>gets up</b> at 6 o'clock, and today his alarm woke him up, but he went straight back to sleep.	get up get sb up
Even when I have a day off, I get up early. I can't help waking up at 6 a.m.		
<b>get up</b>	The students <b>got up</b> when their teacher came into the classroom, and they didn't sit down until she had sat down.	get up
In many cultures it's polite to get up when someone enters a room.		 see also: <b>stand up</b>
<b>get up to (informal)</b>	We <b>got up to</b> all sorts of mischief when we were kids, like stealing golf balls from golfers and then selling them to the golf shop.	get up to sth
The accountant got up to his usual tricks to cheat the company.		
<b>give away</b>	Bill Gates <b>gives away</b> a lot of his money to help people improve their lives, especially in the areas of health and education.	give away sth give sth away
It's good PR for drug companies to give drugs away in poor countries.		
<b>give away</b>	He was dressed as a woman, but as soon as he spoke we knew he was a man. His deep voice <b>gave him away</b> .	give sb away
He tried to hide his fear, but his trembling hands gave him away.		
<b>give back</b>	Has he <b>given back</b> the money he borrowed from you yet?	give back sth give sth back
Successful companies usually give something back to the community.		 see also: <b>pay back</b>
<b>give in</b>	Keep on trying to learn these phrasal verbs and don't <b>give in</b> . I know you can do it!	give in
Joe is very determined when trying to make a sale and never gives in.		 see also: <b>give up</b>









<b>give in</b>	Please <b>give</b> your test papers <b>in</b> at the door when you're leaving.	give sth in give in sth
He decided to quit his job and give in his notice at the end of the week.		see also: <b>hand in</b>
<b>give off</b>	The durian fruit <b>gives off</b> a strong smell which many people don't like, but most people think it's soft yellow flesh is really delicious.	give off sth
Coal-fired power plants give off a lot of damaging atmospheric pollutants.		
<b>give out</b>	Could you <b>give</b> these test papers <b>out</b> to the students, please?	give out sth give sth out
Our sales staff will be giving out brochures at the trade fair.		see also: <b>hand out</b>
<b>give out</b>	When the supply of oil <b>gives out</b> , we might have to use cars powered by electricity instead.	give out
The earthquake damaged gas pipelines and the gas supply soon gave out.		see also: <b>run out</b>
<b>give up</b>	Police surrounded the killer and told him to <b>give up</b> his weapon or they'd shoot him.	give up sth give sth up
We're not going to give up our market share without a fight.		see also: <b>hand over</b>
<b>give up</b>	Many people are trying to <b>give up</b> cigarettes, but it's a very difficult habit to break.	give up sth give sth up
He said giving up alcohol was the best thing he's ever done for himself.		
<b>give up</b>	Keep on trying to learn these phrasal verbs and don't <b>give up</b> . I'm sure you can do it!	give up give up doing sth
It's taking a long time to open markets in Asia, but we won't give up trying.		see also: <b>give in</b>
<b>go about</b>	How do you think we should <b>go about</b> increasing sales?	go about sth
What do you think of the way the police are going about the investigation?		see also: <b>set about</b>
<b>go against</b>	Salaries can't be increased now because it'd <b>go against</b> the company's cost-cutting policy.	go against sth/sb
We can't go against the wishes of the Board of Directors.		
<b>go ahead</b>	After the lifesavers came to patrol the beach we told our kids they could <b>go ahead</b> and swim, but we didn't let them in the sea until then.	go ahead
I've checked the contract and it looks fine, so let's go ahead and sign it.		see also: <b>go on</b>



<b>go along with</b>	I usually don't <b>go along with</b> any of his opinions, but this time I agree with him. I think he's right.	go along with sth/sb
Do you go along with his ideas on expanding our range of products?		
<b>go away</b>	The problem won't <b>go away</b> by itself. Something has to be done to solve it.	go away
I need a break from work, so let's go away to a resort for a few days.		
<b>go back</b>	The evening rush hour starts soon and the traffic will be bad, so we should <b>go back</b> to the office now.	go back go back to sth
She feels better today, so she should be able to go back to work tomorrow.		 see also: <b>return to</b> , <b>head back</b>
<b>go back on</b>	You can't trust him. He promises to do something, but he often <b>goes back on</b> his word and doesn't do it.	go back on sth
Be careful what you say you'll do, as you can't go back on a promise.		 see also: <b>back out of</b>
<b>go by</b>	That's the third bus that's <b>gone by</b> without stopping. Why don't the drivers want to pick up passengers?	go by
As the years went by, the company grew bigger and stronger.		 see also: <b>pass by</b>
<b>go down</b>	The cost of airline tickets is <b>going down</b> because of the competition from budget airlines.	go down
A company will fail if it allows the quality of its products to go down.		 see also: <b>fall off</b>
<b>go down</b>	The prime minister said that women should be paid as much as men. His comments <b>went down</b> very well with women, of course.	go down well go down badly
The new designs went down badly with their customers and sales fell.		 see also: <b>go over</b>
<b>go for (informal)</b>	Our team is in the final and we're <b>going for</b> our first championship trophy in twenty years.	go for sth
Our company is going for the biggest contract it's ever tried to get.		
<b>go for (informal)</b>	If she's on her first date with a guy, Kathy <b>goes for</b> the most expensive thing on the menu and then watches to see how the guy reacts.	go for sth
We usually go for the job applicant with the most experience.		 see also: <b>opt for</b> , <b>pick out</b>
<b>go for</b>	The apartment next door <b>went for</b> about \$500,000 a year ago, so how much do you think this one will <b>go for</b> ?	go for go for sth
We need to know how much the land would go for if we sold it.		

<b>go into</b>	Most of their income <b>goes into</b> paying off the loans they took out to buy their house and set up their business.	go into sth
A lot of the company's resources go into developing new products.		
<b>go into</b>	Let's not <b>go into</b> that topic now. We can talk about it later when we get home.	go into sth
I hope Ken doesn't go into one of his speeches on how to save the world.		 see also: <b>get onto</b>
<b>go off</b>	After we heard the bomb <b>go off</b> , we looked out the window and saw a bus and some cars on fire.	go off
Miko was late. She set her alarm, but after it went off she went back to sleep.		
<b>go off</b>	The power <b>went off</b> in the middle of the storm and I had to look for some candles in the dark.	go off
Computers have batteries to save work if electricity goes off in a blackout.		
<b>go on</b>	Chris butted in when Jill was talking, but then realised what he'd done and said, 'Sorry for interrupting. Please <b>go on</b> .'	go on
She doesn't realise she's boring everyone, and just goes on and on.		 see also: <b>carry on</b>
<b>go on</b>	When he saw a crowd of people gathering in front of his apartment building, he found someone he knew and said, 'What's <b>going on</b> ?'	go on
I watch the news on cable TV so I'll know what's going on in the world.		 Note: Usually progressive, as in 'What's going on here?'
<b>go out</b>	Do you feel like staying home tonight or would you rather <b>go out</b> and do something?	go out
We did our biggest deal ever today, so we're all going out to celebrate.		 see also: <b>head off</b>
<b>go out</b>	After burning for a few days, the forest fire finally <b>went out</b> when the rain came.	go out
There was a blackout and the lights went out and the computers went off.		
<b>go over</b>	Make sure you <b>go over</b> your notes before the test.	go over sth
Let's go over the details of the contract one more time before we sign it.		 see also: <b>check over, look over</b>
<b>go over</b>	His speech <b>went over</b> really well. Everyone loved it.	go over
Don't worry. I'm sure your presentation will go over very well.		 see also: <b>go down</b>

<b>go through</b>	Can you <b>go through</b> last month's invoices and put aside any that haven't been paid yet?	go through sth
Please go through the contract and correct any mistakes.		 see also: <b>check through</b> , <b>look through</b>
<b>go through</b>	Maria has <b>gone through</b> a lot this year, but she's coped with it all very well.	go through sth
We went through some hard times when we first emigrated to Australia.		 see also: <b>live through</b>
<b>go through with</b>	We're going to <b>go through with</b> the renovation of our old apartment, even though the cost has gone up.	go through with sth
Despite the problems, we went through with the plan to open more shops.		 see also: <b>carry on (with)</b> , <b>go on (with)</b>
<b>go together</b>	Some colours <b>go together</b> well, such as green and gold, but others don't seem to <b>go well together</b> , such as green and purple.	go together
Most people agree that white wine and fish go together well.		
<b>go under</b>	His company <b>went under</b> when the economy slowed down, and he had to go back to his old job.	go under
All the employees lost their jobs when the company went under.		 see also: <b>close down</b> , <b>shut down</b>
<b>go up</b>	The price of gold usually <b>goes up</b> , but if it gets too high it'll come down again.	go up
Our overheads went up last year, but we couldn't put our prices up.		
<b>go with</b>	Are you sure the green tie <b>goes with</b> the blue shirt? Why don't you try the grey one instead?	go with sth
You have to learn how to deal with stress as it goes with this type of job.		 see also: <b>go together (with)</b>
<b>go without</b>	When he was young, Steve could <b>go without</b> sleep for a night and still be able to work the next day. But now he needs a full night's sleep.	go without sth
Michael loves his tea in the morning. He just can't go without it.		 see also: <b>do without</b>
<b>grow apart</b>	Jenny and Kate used to be close friends, but they've <b>grown apart</b> over the years. They hardly ever see each other these days.	grow apart
People who are friends at work often grow apart when one leaves the job.		
<b>grow into</b>	When I was young, my mum kept my old clothes for my little brother. He soon <b>grew into</b> them, but he hated wearing them.	grow into sth
He's still young, so it'll take him time to grow into his new role as CEO.		

<b>grow on</b>	She didn't really like Prince's music at first, but it's <b>grown on</b> her and she loves it now and listens to it all the time.	grow on sb
I didn't like the new logo at first, but it's grown on me and I like it now.		
<b>grow out of</b>	Our kids are growing fast and they quickly <b>grow out of</b> their clothes. Then they want exactly the same clothes again, but in bigger sizes.	grow out of sth
At last our little boy has grown out of the habit of sucking his thumb.		
<b>grow up</b>	She was born in India, but her family moved when she was a baby and she <b>grew up</b> in Canada.	grow up
Ben didn't really grow up until he had a child and had to take responsibility.		
<b>guard against</b>	How can we <b>guard against</b> our children forming bad habits such as smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol and eating junk food?	guard against sth
We need to guard against illegal copies of our products being made.		

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## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **G g**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'g'...**

- 1 Our training courses are geared \_ \_ teaching technicians how to service our products. (2 letters)
- 2 You don't need a car to \_ \_ \_ about Zurich because the public transport is excellent. (3 letters)
- 3 He still has trouble getting his ideas \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in English. (6 letters)
- 4 Invest your money wisely and you'll start \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ahead. (7 letters)
- 5 They worked really hard to get \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of their competitors and lead the market. (5 letters)
- 6 The sisters used to argue a lot, but they get \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ well now. (5 letters)
- 7 He gets along \_ \_ \_ \_ his mother well, but he often argues with his father. (4 letters)
- 8 We can't get \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the new tax, so we'll just have to pay it. (6 letters)
- 9 Sonia must really \_ \_ \_ around. She seems to know everyone in the city. (3 letters)
- 10 The best way to get \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Paris is by subway. (6 letters)
- 11 I haven't read the report yet, but I'll get around \_ \_ it soon. (2 letters)
- 12 I know what you're getting \_ \_ , but you could have explained your ideas better. (2 letters)
- 13 The thief got \_ \_ \_ \_ before the police arrived. (4 letters)
- 14 A few students got away \_ \_ \_ \_ cheating in the exam. They were lucky this time. (4 letters)
- 15 Can I borrow the movie after you get it \_ \_ \_ \_ from Susan? (4 letters)
- 16 After I fired her, she tried to get back \_ \_ me by accusing me of assaulting her. (2 letters)
- 17 He thinks it's time they got back \_ \_ the main topic of the discussion. (2 letters)
- 18 I'll find out how much that would cost and get \_ \_ \_ \_ to you on it. (4 letters)
- 19 She earns a small salary and only just gets \_ \_ on it. (2 letters)
- 20 We'll have to get by \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ our heater until it's repaired. It's going to be cold! (7 letters)
- 21 Jill doesn't seem happy. I think she has problems at home and they get her \_ \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)
- 22 It's time we got down \_ \_ business and started doing some work. (2 letters)
- 23 You sit in the back seat, and I'll get \_ \_ the front. (2 letters)
- 24 Do you know what time the Thai Airways flight from Bangkok gets \_ \_ ? (2 letters)
- 25 When she was a student Jenny got \_ \_ \_ \_ tennis, and she still likes playing today. (4 letters)
- 26 We can't get \_ \_ \_ the bus until it stops and the doors open. (3 letters)
- 27 Get \_ \_ \_ the lawn, please. You'll leave boot marks on it. (3 letters)
- 28 Please \_ \_ \_ the car off the lawn. It'll leave tyre marks on it. (3 letters)
- 29 It's taking Sandy a long time to get \_ \_ \_ \_ breaking up with her girlfriend. (4 letters)
- 30 I got out of the car and got \_ \_ the bus. (2 letters)
- 31 How much time will you get \_ \_ \_ from work for your vacation? (3 letters)
- 32 Jim doesn't get on \_ \_ \_ \_ his father very well. They often argue. (4 letters)
- 33 It's raining outside. You'd better get your raincoat \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 34 Let's get on \_ \_ \_ \_ the job of finding new distributors for our products. (4 letters)
- 35 Benito's parents were very proud of him when he got \_ \_ \_ \_ the Board of Directors. (4 letters)
- 36 I tried to get out \_ \_ the car but I couldn't open the door. (2 letters)
- 37 Timmy tries to get \_ \_ \_ of going to school by saying he's sick. Why does he do that? (3 letters)
- 38 Colds usually only last a few days, but it's taking Rob a long time to get \_ \_ \_ \_ his. (4 letters)
- 39 I couldn't get \_ \_ \_ \_ the fact that I got the job. It was hard to believe. (4 letters)
- 40 It'll take him hours to get \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ all those reports. (7 letters)
- 41 She can't get through \_ \_ her husband. He must have turned off his phone. (2 letters)
- 42 We try to get \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to our staff the importance of double-checking their emails. (7 letters)
- 43 It really got \_ \_ Mike when he saw innocent young soldiers getting killed in the war. (2 letters)
- 44 What time do you usually get \_ \_ in the morning? (2 letters)
- 45 All the students \_ \_ \_ up when their teacher came into the room. (3 letters)
- 46 We got up \_ \_ all sorts of naughty mischief when we were kids, like stealing sweets. (2 letters)
- 47 Bill Gates \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ away a lot of his money to help people in need. (5 letters)
- 48 He tried to hide his fear, but his nervous smile and darting eyes gave him \_ \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)
- 49 Has he given \_ \_ \_ \_ the books he borrowed from you yet? (4 letters)
- 50 Keep on trying and never give \_ \_ . You can do it! (2 letters)
- 51 Give your test papers \_ \_ at the door as you leave. (2 letters)
- 52 That fruit gives \_ \_ \_ a strange smell. Can you smell it? (3 letters)
- 53 Could you give these papers \_ \_ \_ to the students, please? (3 letters)
- 54 What will we do when the supply of oil \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ out and there's none left? (5 letters)
- 55 I'm trying to give \_ \_ cigarettes, but it's very difficult. (2 letters)
- 56 The thief raised his hands and gave up \_ \_ the police. (2 letters)
- 57 Keep on trying to learn these phrasal verbs and don't \_ \_ \_ \_ up. I know you can do it! (4 letters)
- 58 How do you think we should go \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ increasing sales? Should we advertise more? (5 letters)
- 59 Kids are taught to follow laws and rules and never go \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ them. (7 letters)
- 60 You go \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and I'll catch up with you in a minute. (5 letters)
- 61 Do you go \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with Sue's ideas on marketing? (5 letters)























Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'g'...













- 62 We have to solve this problem. It isn't going to go \_ \_ \_ \_ by itself. (4 letters)
- 63 She usually \_ \_ \_ \_ back to her home town to see her parents every New Year. (4 letters)
- 64 He promises to do things, but you can't trust him. He often goes back \_ \_ his word. (2 letters)
- 65 I was really sick for the first few days, but as time went \_ \_ I began to feel better. (2 letters)
- 66 Prices usually increase. They don't often go \_ \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)
- 67 The new designs didn't go down so well \_ \_ \_ \_ the customers and sales weren't so good. (4 letters)
- 68 Our team is in the final match in the Olympics and we're going \_ \_ \_ the gold medal. (3 letters)
- 69 I want Liverpool to win but my friend is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for Chelsea. (5 letters)
- 70 I didn't go \_ \_ \_ sports that much at school. I preferred playing music and chess. (3 letters)
- 71 Do you really want \_ \_ go into that issue now? Can't we talk about it later? (2 letters)
- 72 Don't go near the bomb. It could go \_ \_ \_ . (3 letters)
- 73 His alarm clock \_ \_ \_ \_ off at 6 o'clock every morning, and he hates it. (4 letters)
- 74 Norma keeps a torch beside her bed in case the power goes \_ \_ \_ during the night. (3 letters)
- 75 Sorry I interrupted you. Please go \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 76 What are they doing? I can't see what's \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on. (5 letters)
- 77 Do you feel like staying home tonight or would you rather go \_ \_ \_ ? (3 letters)
- 78 The forest fire finally went \_ \_ \_ after it started to rain. (3 letters)
- 79 Make sure you have enough time to go \_ \_ \_ \_ your notes before the exam. (4 letters)
- 80 Her performance \_ \_ \_ \_ over really well. Everyone loved it. (4 letters)
- 81 Can you go \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the invoices and sort them by country, please? (7 letters)
- 82 Maria has \_ \_ \_ \_ through some hard times this year but she's coped well. (4 letters)
- 83 Despite the problems, we went through \_ \_ \_ \_ our plan to take over another company. (4 letters)
- 84 Do you think that orange and blue go \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ better than orange and purple? (8 letters)
- 85 The increase in the cost of registering pets went \_ \_ \_ \_ badly with animal lovers. (4 letters)
- 86 His business went \_ \_ \_ \_ , so he had to get a regular job to make a living. (5 letters)
- 87 Prices usually go \_ \_ , but if demand for something falls, its price can go down too. (2 letters)
- 88 Are you sure the green tie goes \_ \_ \_ \_ the blue shirt? (4 letters)
- 89 When I was young, I could go \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ sleep for a night and still work the next day. (7 letters)
- 90 We used to be close friends, but we have \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ apart over the years. (5 letters)
- 91 I didn't like jazz when I first listened to it, but it's grown \_ \_ me and I like it a lot now. (2 letters)
- 92 Zan was born in China, but she grew \_ \_ in New Zealand. (2 letters)
- 93 How can we guard \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ food companies selling unhealthy junk to our kids? (7 letters)

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<b>hand back</b>	Their teacher <b>handed</b> the test papers <b>back</b> to the students after she had graded them.	hand back sth hand sth back
If a businessman gives you his name card, don't hand it back. Keep it.		see also: <b>give back</b>
<b>hand down</b>	Their family furniture-making business has been <b>handed down</b> from one generation to the next for at least two hundred years.	hand down sth hand sth down
Their grandfather handed his skills down to younger members of the family.		see also: <b>pass on</b>
<b>hand in</b>	Please <b>hand in</b> your exam papers before you leave the examination room.	hand in sth hand sth in
Bill said he's quitting and he's already handed his notice in.		see also: <b>give in, turn in</b>
<b>hand on</b>	He had a quick look at the photos and then <b>handed</b> them <b>on</b> to the next person.	hand on sth hand sth on
Do you think we should hand this information on to the police?		see also: <b>pass on</b>
<b>hand out</b>	Could you <b>hand out</b> one test paper to each student in the exam room, please?	hand out sth hand sth out
Sue will take the guests' coats as they arrive and Ben will hand out drinks.		see also: <b>give out, pass out</b>
<b>hand over</b>	The thief had to <b>hand over</b> the money he'd stolen after he was caught by the police.	hand over sth hand sth over
The court ordered the bankrupt company to hand over all its assets.		see also: <b>give up</b>
<b>hang around (inf)</b>	Airports should have entertainment facilities available for passengers who have to <b>hang around</b> waiting for delayed or connecting flights.	hang around
I visited my doctor and had to hang around for ages before seeing him.		see also: <b>sit around, wait around</b>
<b>hang on</b>	The sea is getting rough so this is going to be a rocky boat ride. We'd better <b>hang on</b> tight.	hang on hang on to sth
The bus stops suddenly, so hang on to something or you might fall over.		see also: <b>hold on</b>
<b>hang out (informal)</b>	Teenagers used to <b>hang out</b> in pool halls on weekends. The boys would play pool while the girls watched them and flirted with them.	hang out hang out with sb
Joe's worried about his son. He's hanging out with street gangs.		see also: <b>knock around</b>
<b>hang up</b>	You can give your coat to one of the waiters and he'll <b>hang</b> it <b>up</b> for you.	hang sth up hang up sth
Our boys don't hang up their clothes. They just drop them on the floor.		

<b>happen to</b>	Dan doesn't work at the bank in Smith St. anymore. What <b>happened to</b> him? Was he transferred to another branch?	happen to sb/sth
Did you hear about what happened to Dum Sim Co.? They went bankrupt!		see also: <b>become of</b>
<b>have on / have got on</b>	I can't go tonight. I've got something <b>on</b> , but I don't <b>have</b> anything <b>on</b> tomorrow night if you're free.	have sth on have got sth on
He'll check his schedule and see what he's got on next week.		
<b>have on / have got on</b>	I hope you've got your warm socks <b>on</b> . It'll get really cold later on this evening.	have sth on have got sth on
It's a state dinner, so everyone will have their formal attire on.		see also: <b>put on</b>
<b>have over</b>	We're <b>having</b> some friends <b>over</b> to our new house for a barbecue on Saturday afternoon.	have sb over
The boss is having some people over for a dinner party tonight.		see also: <b>ask over / around</b> <b>invite over / around</b>
<b>head back</b>	We should <b>head back</b> to the office before the traffic gets too bad.	head back
Could you call Elisa and ask her to head back home right away?		see also: <b>go back, come back</b>
<b>head for</b>	We were <b>heading for</b> the beach when it started to rain, so we went to see a movie instead.	head for sth (be) heading for sth
Until the new CEO saved the company, it was heading for bankruptcy.		
<b>head off (inf)</b>	We'll have to <b>head off</b> early if we want to be there in time for lunch.	head off
What time do you think we should head off for the airport?		see also: <b>set off, set out</b>
<b>hear about</b>	This is a great restaurant, but not many people seem to know about it. How did you <b>hear about</b> it?	hear about sth hear sth about sth
Have you heard anything about the new company our boss is setting up?		see also: <b>find out (about)</b>
<b>hear from</b>	I never <b>hear from</b> Robert these days. Do you know how he is?	hear from sb
If you haven't heard back from them by Friday, call them again.		
<b>heard of</b>	Joe says his cousin is a famous artist, but I've never <b>heard of</b> him. I guess he's only famous in the art world.	heard of sb/sth
Have you ever heard of a company called Elixer Life Co. Ltd.?		see also: <b>hear about</b>

<b>heat up</b>	There's some food on the stove. All you have to do is <b>heat it up</b> and eat it.	heat sth up heat up sth
There's a big market for pre-cooked meals that just need heating up.		 see also: <b>warm up</b>
<b>help out</b>	Would you like to <b>help out</b> by addressing the envelopes for the wedding invitations?	help out help out sb help sb out
We need someone to help Juan out with the accounts.		
<b>hide away</b>	Famous people get sick of media attention and often try to <b>hide away</b> in places where no-one can find them.	hide away hide sth away
The bank robbers hid the money away so that no-one would ever find it.		
<b>hit back</b>	Our competitors had more sales than us last month, but we're going to <b>hit back</b> next month with a new advertising campaign.	hit back hit back at sb/sth hit sb back
Our team was losing early on, but we hit back in the second half and won.		 see also: <b>fight back</b>
<b>hit on / upon</b>	We were talking about ways to boost brand awareness when Sayoko <b>hit on</b> the idea of sponsoring a football team.	hit on sth hit upon sth
Whoever hit upon the idea of rebranding our products is a genius.		 see also: <b>come up with, think up</b>
<b>hold back</b>	Ben told Karen she'd lost her job, and she couldn't <b>hold back</b> the tears. She tried to hide it, but Ben could see she was crying.	hold back sth/sb hold sth/sb back
Leila thinks this job is holding back her career, so she's going to quit.		 see also: <b>keep back</b>
<b>hold down</b>	Could you <b>hold</b> the dog <b>down</b> while I give him some medicine?	hold sth down hold down sth
The government wants to hold down inflation as they're facing elections.		 see also: <b>keep down</b>
<b>hold off</b>	We should <b>hold off</b> the advertising campaign until next month, as consumer spending will be down this month.	hold off sth hold sth off hold off doing sth
Yahoo held off their expansion plans, delaying them for a year or so.		 see also: <b>put back, put off</b>
<b>hold on</b>	<b>Hold on</b> for a moment and I'll put you through to Mr Madison as soon as he's free.	hold on
We can't hold on much longer. If we don't get the deal soon, we'll give up.		 see also: <b>hang on</b>
<b>hold on</b>	<b>Hold on</b> to something if you're standing in a train. If it stops suddenly and you aren't <b>holding on</b> , you could fall over and get hurt.	hold on hold on to sth/sb
A leading company needs to work hard to hold on to its market share.		 see also: <b>hang on</b>





















<b>hold out for</b>	The striking workers refused the company's offer of a small wage rise. They <b>held out for</b> a bigger raise, and eventually they got it.	hold out for sth
We held out for a better deal and, after some hard bargaining, we got it.		
<b>hold up</b>	Sorry I'm late. I got <b>held up</b> in a traffic jam.	(be/get) held up by sth hold sb/sth up hold up sth/sb
What's holding the shipment up? It should have arrived yesterday.		 see also: <b>tie up</b>
<b>hold up</b>	Two armed men <b>held up</b> a bank. Police say the pair have been <b>holding</b> stores <b>up</b> for a while, but this is the first time they've robbed a bank.	hold up sth/sb hold sth/sb up
They were charged with holding up several gas stations and liquor stores.		
<b>hook up</b>	Do you know how to <b>hook up</b> the new computers to the printers and fax machines?	hook up sth hook sth up hook sth up to sth
How many peripheral devices can you hook your computer up to?		
<b>hunt down</b>	The U.S. military have been <b>hunting down</b> a major terrorist leader, but they seem to have had a lot of trouble finding him.	hunt down sth/sb hunt sth/sb down
Sam spends a lot of time hunting down old books on Buddhism.		 see also: <b>track down</b>
<b>hurry up</b>	My wife was taking a long time to get ready, so I told her she'd better <b>hurry up</b> or we'd be late.	hurry up
Tell Jason to hurry up and finish the brochures. He's taking far too long.		 see also: <b>speed up</b>











## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **H h**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'h'...**

- 1 If someone gives you his or her name card, don't hand it \_ \_ \_ \_ to them. Keep it. (4 letters)
- 2 The family business has been handed \_ \_ \_ \_ from generation to generation. (4 letters)
- 3 Please hand \_ \_ your exam papers before you leave the room. (2 letters)
- 4 Take one chocolate for yourself and then hand the box \_ \_ to the next person. (2 letters)
- 5 Their teacher handed \_ \_ \_ the test papers and then told the students to start. (3 letters)
- 6 After he was caught by the police, the thief had to hand \_ \_ \_ \_ the jewellery. (4 letters)
- 7 Airports are full of people hanging \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ because their flights have been delayed. (6 letters)
- 8 The train stops quickly, so you'd better hang \_ \_ or you might fall over. (2 letters)
- 9 Kids used to hang \_ \_ \_ in pool rooms and bowling alleys, but now they're all online. (3 letters)
- 10 You can hang your coat \_ \_ in the cupboard if you like. (2 letters)
- 11 Jason's got a black eye. What happened \_ \_ him? Was he in a fight? (2 letters)
- 12 It's cold outside tonight. I hope you have some warm clothes \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 13 We're having some people \_ \_ \_ \_ for dinner tonight. (4 letters)
- 14 I can't go tonight. I've \_ \_ \_ something else on. (3 letters)
- 15 We should head \_ \_ \_ \_ home before the traffic gets too bad. (4 letters)
- 16 We'll have to head \_ \_ \_ early in the morning if we want to get there by noon. (3 letters)
- 17 You can heat the food \_ \_ in the microwave oven when you get home. (2 letters)
- 18 I haven't heard \_ \_ \_ \_ Bobby for a while. Do you know how he's getting on? (4 letters)
- 19 They say he's a famous writer, but I've never heard \_ \_ him. Have you? (2 letters)
- 20 Would you like to help \_ \_ \_ by writing some invitations to her birthday party? (3 letters)
- 21 The robbers hid the jewellery \_ \_ \_ \_ in a secret place so no-one would find it. (4 letters)
- 22 Our competitors beat us last year, but we're hitting \_ \_ \_ \_ with a new marketing plan. (4 letters)
- 23 Kamal hit \_ \_ the idea of sponsoring competitions and giving our products away as prizes. (2 letters)
- 24 She had to hold \_ \_ \_ \_ the tears when she heard she'd lost her job. (4 letters)
- 25 The government is trying to \_ \_ \_ \_ the unemployment rate down as much as possible. (4 letters)
- 26 Hold the dog \_ \_ \_ \_ while I give her some medicine. (4 letters)
- 27 I'm not sure what room he's staying in, but if you hold \_ \_ a moment I'll check for you. (2 letters)
- 28 Make sure you hold on \_ \_ your purse when you're on the bus or someone might steal it. (2 letters)
- 29 The train's stopping, so hold \_ \_ tight or you might fall over. (2 letters)
- 30 Sorry I'm late. I got held \_ \_ in a traffic jam. (2 letters)
- 31 Two men armed with pistols held \_ \_ the bank and stole a large sum of money. (2 letters)
- 32 Do you know how to \_ \_ \_ \_ up your new TV to the DVD player and the sound system? (4 letters)
- 33 The army has been hunting \_ \_ \_ \_ terrorist leaders for several years now. (4 letters)
- 34 If you don't hurry \_ \_ and get ready to go, we'll be late. (2 letters)

<b>identify with</b>	Do you have any idea why so many young people <b>identify with</b> Harry Potter?	identify with sb
Big John Daly is a popular golfer. Many fans identify with him and his 'faults'.		
<b>impact on / upon</b>	The drought seriously <b>impacted on</b> every farmer in the district, and some even had to sell off their land to pay off their debts.	impact on sth/sb impact upon sth/sb
We aren't sure exactly how global warming will impact upon our lives yet.		
<b>impose on</b>	Ruth objects to the way some people try to <b>impose</b> their views or beliefs <b>on</b> other people, especially when it comes to religious beliefs.	impose sth on sb
The government has imposed stricter controls on drug companies.		
<b>improve on / upon</b>	The coach said his team would have to <b>improve on</b> its defensive play in order to win the championship.	improve on sth improve upon sth
They suggested the design of our packaging could be improved upon.		
<b>infer from</b>	If you can <b>infer</b> the meaning of a phrasal verb <b>from</b> the context in which you find it, you'll remember it much more easily.	infer sth from sth
We inferred from what he said about cutting costs that jobs will be lost.		 see also: <b>figure out (from)</b> , <b>work out (from)</b>
<b>insist on / upon</b>	We used to ship stock on credit, but after not being paid a few times we now <b>insist on</b> payment in advance from most customers.	insist on/upon sth insist on/upon doing sth
We insist upon customers insuring any shipments we send on their behalf.		
<b>interest in</b>	Soon after he walked into the showroom, the salesman said, 'Can I <b>interest</b> you <b>in</b> one of these fabulous new sports cars, sir?'	interest sb in sth
Companies advertise in order to interest people in their products.		
<b>invest in</b>	More and more people are <b>investing in</b> the stock market, and the smarter ones pay experts for advice on how to do so wisely.	invest in sth
After inventing this great software, they're looking for people to invest in it.		
<b>invite in</b>	Thanks for the lift home. I'd <b>invite</b> you <b>in</b> for a drink, but I have to get up early in the morning, and I'm hopeless if I don't get enough sleep.	invite sb in
Invite them in, offer them some coffee, and tell them I'll be in to see them soon.		
<b>invite out</b>	In Asia, businessmen often <b>invite</b> their customers <b>out</b> to entertainment venues like bars and clubs.	invite sb out (be) invited out
Her boss invited her out, but she doesn't want to go. What should she say?		 see also: <b>ask out</b>

<b>invite over / around</b>	I'm <b>inviting</b> a few friends <b>over</b> for dinner on Saturday night. Would you like to come?	invite sb over invite sb around
Who would you like to invite around for lunch on Sunday?		 see also: <b>ask over / around, have over</b>
<b>involve in</b>	When he was a student, Bill <b>involved</b> himself <b>in</b> many activities, some political, some cultural, some academic and some more personal.	involve sb in sth
Even though she tries not to involve herself in disputes, it still happens.		 see also: <b>engage in</b>
<b>iron out</b>	We'll have a meeting next week to <b>iron out</b> any final details in the contract, and then we can go ahead and sign it.	iron out sth iron sth out
Are there any other points that need ironing out, or is everything OK?		 see also: <b>clear up, sort out, straighten out</b>
<b>itch for</b>	I'm <b>itching for</b> a game of golf. I haven't played all week and I really feel like getting out on the course and hitting a ball.	(be) itching for sth
Our new designer is itching for the chance to show us what she can do.		 see also: <b>dying for, yearn for</b> (formal)













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## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions I i

Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'i'...

- 1 Can you remember any famous people you identified \_ \_ \_ \_ when you were young? (4 letters)
- 2 Global warming will impact \_ \_ different parts of the world in different ways. (2 letters)
- 3 Terrorist attacks made airlines impose strict limits \_ \_ what people could carry on board. (2 letters)
- 4 His boss said he'd have to improve \_ \_ his performance if he wanted to be promoted. (2 letters)
- 5 Was he able to infer the meaning of the phrasal verb \_ \_ \_ \_ its context in the sentence? (4 letters)
- 6 They insist \_ \_ including a minimum order clause in the distribution contract. (2 letters)
- 7 We've \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ upon being paid in advance since we lost money by selling on credit. (8 letters)
- 8 We interested an investor \_ \_ our idea and got money to start up a company. (2 letters)
- 9 I've got to get up early, so would you mind if I didn't invite you \_ \_ for a drink? (2 letters)
- 10 Let's invite Jill and her family \_ \_ \_ \_ for a barbecue on Saturday afternoon. (4 letters)
- 11 My son has got himself involved \_ \_ a conflict with his neighbours over their noisy dogs. (2 letters)
- 12 We'll meet the customer to iron \_ \_ \_ any problems with their contract. (3 letters)
- 13 The substitute players are itching \_ \_ \_ a chance to get on the field to show their skills. (3 letters)
- 14 Lots of people hope to make money by investing \_ \_ the stock market. (2 letters)

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<b>jack up</b> (informal)	The price of beer will go up if the government <b>jacks up</b> taxes on alcoholic beverages.	jack up sth jack sth up
Our paper supplier has jacked his prices up again.		 see also: <b>put up</b>
<b>jazz up</b> (informal)	Let's <b>jazz up</b> the office. We could paint the walls a bright colour and put up some nice pictures.	jazz up sth jazz sth up
It's about time we jazzed our company logo up. It's a bit too old-fashioned.		 see also: <b>brighten up, liven up</b>
<b>join in</b>	My students love to have discussions in class. Even the shy ones <b>join in</b> after a while and tell us their opinions.	join in join in sth
In our staff meetings, we want everyone to join in and share their ideas.		 see also: <b>jump in, weigh in</b>
<b>join up</b>	The young man wants to <b>join up</b> and fight, but his mum doesn't want him be a soldier and risk his life in a war she doesn't support.	join up
Many young people have been persuaded to join up and fight in the war.		
<b>jot down</b>	Can I borrow your pen please? I just need to <b>jot down</b> his address before I forget it.	jot down sth jot sth down
You should jot down your ideas to make sure you don't forget them.		 see also: <b>note down</b>
<b>jumble up</b>	The cleaning woman <b>jumbled up</b> all the papers on my desk, and now I'll have to sort them all out.	jumble up sth jumble sth up
If you don't write out your schedule, you might jumble up your dates.		 see also: <b>mix up</b>
<b>jump at</b>	I'd <b>jump at</b> the chance of working overseas. It'd be a great experience.	jump at sth
Helen jumped at the chance to get some experience in sales.		 see also: <b>leap at</b>
<b>jump in</b>	If you want to say something during the meeting, just <b>jump in</b> . You don't have to raise your hand.	jump in
Everyone jumped in and helped out when we were having problems.		 see also: <b>join in</b>
<b>jut out</b>	The front of his car got hit because it was <b>jutting out</b> into a busy traffic lane.	jut out
Some young fashion models are so thin that their bones jut out.		 see also: <b>stick out</b>























## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions J j





















Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'j'...













- 1 The price of imported cars went up after the government \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ up import taxes. (6 letters)
- 2 The office looks a bit dull. Why don't we jazz it \_ \_ with some wallpaper and pictures? (2 letters)
- 3 In our classes, I want everyone to join \_ \_ the discussions and practise their English. (2 letters)
- 4 His mother doesn't want him to join \_ \_ and become a soldier and fight in the war. (2 letters)
- 5 Why don't you jot your ideas \_ \_ \_ \_ as soon as you have them so you don't forget them? (4 letters)
- 6 The technician jumbled \_ \_ the files on my computer, so I'll have to sort them out again. (2 letters)
- 7 Carmen would jump \_ \_ the chance to work overseas to get more experience. (2 letters)
- 8 When the fire started, people passing by in the street jumped \_ \_ to help us put it out. (2 letters)
- 9 The front of his car got hit because it was jutting \_ \_ \_ into the passing traffic. (3 letters)

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<b>keel over</b> (informal)	During the game, one of the players <b>keeled over</b> and fell to the ground. His team-mates ran over to see what was wrong with him.	keel over
He was giving a speech when he suddenly keeled over and fell to the floor.		 see also: <b>fall over</b>
<b>keep at</b>	You've lost some weight already. The new diet must be working, so you really should <b>keep at</b> it.	keep at sth
Tell Yoko not to give up learning English, but to keep at it.		 see also: <b>stick at</b> (inf), <b>stick to</b>
<b>keep away</b>	<b>Keep</b> the dogs <b>away</b> until I get the kids into the house. They get scared when they see animals they don't know.	keep sth/sb away keep sth/sb away from sth/sb
If you bring kids to the office, keep them away from the computers.		
<b>keep away from</b>	We tell our kids to <b>keep away from</b> dogs they don't know. Even if a dog looks cute and friendly, it could be dangerous.	keep away from sth/sb
If you're trying to lose weight, keep away from sweets and ice-cream.		 see also: <b>stay away (from)</b>
<b>keep back</b>	He says this job is <b>keeping</b> him <b>back</b> . He thinks he'd be better off working in a bigger company with more opportunities for advancement.	keep sb back
He has a lot of potential, but his lack of confidence is keeping him back.		 see also: <b>hold back</b>
<b>keep down</b>	The government wants to <b>keep</b> food and fuel prices <b>down</b> until after the up-coming election.	keep sth down keep down sth
We have to keep our prices down to compete with cheap imports.		 see also: <b>hold down</b>
<b>keep from</b>	Let me know if you're too busy to talk just now. I don't want to <b>keep</b> you <b>from</b> your work.	keep sb/sth from sth keep sb/sth from doing sth
The government is trying to keep the economy from going into recession.		
<b>keep in</b>	When we misbehaved in class, our teacher would punish us by <b>keeping</b> us <b>in</b> after school. It was called 'getting a detention'.	keep sb in
My grandma said her teachers didn't keep bad kids in. They hit them.		
<b>keep off</b>	The sign says we have to <b>keep off</b> the grass, so they want us to walk along this path and not go off it.	keep off sth
If you want to lose weight, keep off desserts and fattening foods.		
<b>keep on</b>	Don't stop now. <b>Keep on</b> studying until you've figured out what all the phrasal verbs starting with 'k' mean.	keep on doing sth
We have to keep on cutting costs until we're making a profit again.		 see also: <b>carry on</b> , <b>go on</b>

<b>keep out</b>	We didn't go into the old building because the sign said, ' <b>Keep out</b> '.	keep out keep sb/sth out
If I'm in a private meeting, keep people out until it's finished.		
<b>keep out of</b>	You should <b>keep out of</b> the sun until you put on some sunscreen, or you might get a painful sunburn.	keep out of sth
If other people are having a dispute, it's usually best to keep out of it.		
<b>keep to</b>	We have to <b>keep to</b> our budget. If we spend too much money, we'll get into financial trouble.	keep to sth
If everyone keeps to their schedule, everything should happen on time.		see also: <b>stick to</b>
<b>keep under</b>	I can't show anyone the new design yet. We're <b>keeping it under</b> wraps until the new advertising campaign starts.	keep sth under sth
If you're going to bring your dog, you'll have to keep it under control.		
<b>keep up</b>	We're very happy with what you've been doing, so <b>keep up</b> the good work and you might get a promotion.	keep up sth keep sth up
I work hard and make lots of money. If I keep it up, I'll soon be rich.		see also: <b>stick at</b> (inf), <b>stick to</b>
<b>keep up</b>	A lot of learners have trouble <b>keeping up</b> with conversations because they haven't been taught idioms, collocations and phrasal verbs.	keep up keep up with sb/sth
If you're not keeping up, ask whoever's speaking to slow down a little.		
<b>keep up</b>	Hamilton won the race. He drove very fast and nobody else could <b>keep up</b> with him.	keep up keep up with sb/sth
If we don't keep up with the latest design trends, we'll go out of business.		
<b>key in</b>	If you want to open the door, <b>key in</b> your security code.	key in sth key sth in
He can use the K-Base program, but he's very slow at keying data in.		see also: <b>put in</b>
<b>kick around (informal)</b>	We should have a brainstorming session and <b>kick around</b> a few of our latest ideas.	kick around sth kick sth around
After kicking around the thoughts we'd had, it was clear which was the best.		see also: <b>toss around</b>
<b>kick back (informal)</b>	After a hard day's work, he likes to <b>kick back</b> and relax by watching TV or listening to music.	kick back
It's important to know how to kick back, relax, and forget about work.		see also: <b>chill out</b> (inf)

<b>kick off</b> (informal)	The game <b>kicks off</b> at 2 o'clock, and it should be over by around 4 o'clock.	kick off kick sth off kick off sth
They'll kick the seminar off with an opening ceremony at 9 a.m.		 see also: <b>start off</b>
<b>kick out</b> (informal)	Robert was <b>kicked out</b> of the dance club for being drunk and starting fights.	(be) kicked out of sth kick sb out
If he causes any more trouble, they'll kick him out of school for good.		
<b>kid around</b>	His friends thought he was <b>kidding around</b> when he made choking sounds, but when his face turned red they knew he was really choking.	kid around kid around with sb
The boss came in and told everyone to stop kidding around and start working.		 see also: <b>clown around, mess around</b>
<b>kill off</b>	European settlers <b>killed off</b> an Australian animal they called the 'Tasmanian tiger'. The last one died in 1936.	kill off sth kill sth off
We've already killed many species off. How many more will be lost?		 see also: <b>wipe out</b>
<b>kneel down</b>	Even though it hurt the old man's knees, he <b>knelt down</b> on the floor in front of the Dalai Lama to show his respect.	kneel down
I had to kneel down next to him to give him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.		
<b>knock about / around</b> (inf)	Sam and I used to <b>knock about</b> together when we were kids. We'd hang around the beach or play pool or do whatever else we felt like doing.	knock about / around knock about / around with sb
My son's knocking around with some older boys, and I worry about it.		 see also: <b>hang out</b>
<b>knock back</b> (informal)	After the coach's contract expired, he <b>knocked back</b> his team's offer to extend it. After thanking them, he quit and moved to a new club.	knock back sth / sb knock sth / sb back
Another company offered her a bigger salary, but she knocked them back.		 see also: <b>turn down</b>
<b>knock down</b>	Now that our products are made in China we don't use our factory, so we're <b>knocking it down</b> and building some new offices instead.	knock down sth knock sth down
After the fire damaged it, the old theatre was knocked down.		 see also: <b>pull down, tear down</b>
<b>knock off</b> (informal)	Most people in our office start work at 9 a.m. and <b>knock off</b> at 5 p.m., with an hour off for lunch.	knock off
Some of our staff want to start work earlier and knock off earlier.		
<b>knock out</b>	The champion was <b>knocked out</b> in the sixth round. He soon came to, but the referee stopped the fight, saying it'd be too risky to go on.	(be) knocked out knock out sb knock sb out
He slipped over in the bathroom and knocked himself out.		





















<b>knock out</b> (informal)	I've just heard Justin's new album and it really <b>knocked</b> me <b>out</b> . It's got some of the best songs he's ever come up with.	knock out sb knock sb out
Her latest ideas knocked out the marketing team. They're brilliant.		 see also: <b>bowl over</b>
<b>knock together</b>	Our design team is going to <b>knock together</b> a rough prototype so we can get some idea of how the real thing will look.	knock together sth knock sth together
Let's knock a basic proposal together and see what our client thinks.		 see also: <b>put together</b>
<b>known as</b>	Reginald Dwight decided his name wasn't suitable for a pop star, so he made up a professional name and now he's <b>known as</b> Sir Elton John.	(be) known as sth
Burma is now officially known as The Union of Myanmar.		
<b>known for</b>	Captain Beefheart was originally <b>known for</b> his amazing music, and now he's becoming <b>known</b> in the art world <b>for</b> his paintings.	(be) known for sth
This company is known for high-quality products and excellent service.		
<b>know of</b>	Does anyone <b>know of</b> a good hairdresser around here? I really need a haircut.	know of sth/sb
I asked Rob if there was a bank nearby, and he said, 'Not that I know of.'		
<b>knuckle down</b>	You'll have to really <b>knuckle down</b> and study hard if you want to get into one of the top universities.	knuckle down knuckle down to sth
If they knuckle down to work straight away, they might make the deadline.		 see also: <b>get down to</b>











































## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **K k**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'k'...**

- 1 Our professor was giving a lecture when she keeled \_ \_ \_ and fell to the floor. (4 letters)
- 2 She's been studying hard and if she keeps \_ \_ it, her English will improve quickly. (2 letters)
- 3 Do farmers still use scarecrows to keep birds \_ \_ \_ from their crops? (4 letters)
- 4 He put on weight because he couldn't keep away \_ \_ \_ sweets and ice-cream. (4 letters)
- 5 Bill dropped out of university, but he didn't let the lack of a degree keep him \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)
- 6 We must keep our production costs \_ \_ \_ if we're going to compete with cheap imports. (4 letters)
- 7 Let me know if you're busy. I wouldn't want to keep you \_ \_ \_ your work. (4 letters)
- 8 How did people keep food \_ \_ \_ going off and spoiling before they had refrigerators? (4 letters)
- 9 If we misbehaved, our teachers used to punish us by keeping us \_ \_ after school. (2 letters)
- 10 If you don't want to put on weight, keep \_ \_ \_ sweets and fatty foods. (3 letters)
- 11 If we keep \_ \_ working hard, our company will make profits and our jobs will be safe. (2 letters)
- 12 Despite the 'Keep \_ \_ \_' sign, homeless people still use the old building for shelter. (3 letters)
- 13 The government tried to keep the story \_ \_ \_ of the newspapers, but they couldn't. (3 letters)
- 14 Keep out \_ \_ the sun until you get some sunscreen, or you might get burnt. (2 letters)
- 15 If everyone had \_ \_ \_ to their schedules, the seminar would have finished on time. (4 letters)
- 16 Don't you think we should keep \_ \_ the plan? Wouldn't it be risky to change it now? (2 letters)
- 17 Rashid needs to learn how to keep his emotions \_ \_ \_ \_ control. (5 letters)
- 18 What you're doing is excellent, so keep \_ \_ the good work. (2 letters)
- 19 John ran so fast that nobody could keep up \_ \_ \_ him and he won the race easily. (4 letters)
- 20 If you don't know English idioms, you'll have trouble keeping \_ \_ in a conversation. (2 letters)
- 21 If you want to open the door, key \_ \_ your security code. (2 letters)
- 22 Let's have a brainstorming session and kick \_ \_ \_ \_ a few ideas. (6 letters)
- 23 After work, Jeff likes to kick \_ \_ \_ and relax by listening to music or watching TV. (4 letters)
- 24 The party will kick \_ \_ \_ at 9 p.m., so get there on time or you'll miss out on the food. (3 letters)
- 25 Carlo was kicked \_ \_ \_ of the dance club for starting a fight. (3 letters)
- 26 Let's knock \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a rough prototype and see what our client thinks. (8 letters)
- 27 Don't you think we should stop kidding \_ \_ \_ \_ and be serious for a while? (6 letters)
- 28 Monique kneeled \_ \_ \_ next to her friend and rubbed sunscreen into her back. (4 letters)
- 29 We used to knock \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ together and have lots of fun when we were kids. (6 letters)
- 30 The company offered David a new employment package, but he knocked it \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)
- 31 Everyone was shocked when the champ was knocked \_ \_ \_ in the first round of the fight. (3 letters)
- 32 Are you sure they're going to knock \_ \_ \_ \_ our old cinema and build apartments there? (4 letters)
- 33 What time do you knock \_ \_ \_ from work and go home each day? (3 letters)
- 34 The new Harry Potter movie really knocked me \_ \_ \_ when I saw it. It's great. (3 letters)
- 35 His real name is Richard, but everyone knows him \_ \_ Ricky. (2 letters)
- 36 Sony Corp is known \_ \_ \_ its innovative, high-quality products. (3 letters)
- 37 Does anyone know \_ \_ a good tailor near here? I need to have a couple of new suits made. (2 letters)
- 38 We'll have to knuckle \_ \_ \_ and work hard if we're going to finish the job on time. (4 letters)

<b>lap up</b>	At first, movie stars <b>lap up</b> all the media attention, but after a while the attention can get too much for them and they want more privacy.	lap up sth lap sth up
Readers and critics really like her books, and she's lapping all the praise up.		
<b>lash out</b>	George <b>lashed out</b> at some reporters, yelling and pointing his finger at them, saying the media was to blame for his unpopularity.	lash out lash out at sb/sth
I said her design was dull, and she lashed out angrily and said I was ignorant.		
<b>latch onto</b>	Judy <b>latched onto</b> Henry at the party and followed him wherever he went. He couldn't get rid of her!	latch onto sb/sth
Bob has latched onto this new management theory and always follows it.		
<b>laugh off</b>	It was another bad mistake and Marcel's trying to <b>laugh it off</b> , but he might be in serious trouble with his boss this time.	laugh sth off laugh off sth
We all make mistakes, and sometimes all we can do is laugh them off.		 see also: <b>play down</b>
<b>launch into</b>	Pierre <b>launched into</b> another long, boring speech on what's wrong with the world, but we had to sit through it because he's our manager.	launch into sth
The president launched into another attack on his political opponents.		 see also: <b>embark on</b>
<b>lay aside</b>	Hector lost his job when he was 63, but luckily he'd <b>laid</b> enough money <b>aside</b> to support himself until he started getting his pension at 65.	lay sth aside lay aside sth
It's important to lay aside some money in case you need it in the future.		 see also: <b>put aside, put away, set aside</b>
<b>lay down</b>	Our boss is sick of staff coming in late. He's <b>laid down</b> new rules and from now on anyone who gets to work late will have to pay a fine.	lay down sth lay sth down
Let's lay some guidelines down on how our staff should relate to clients.		 see also: <b>set down</b>
<b>lay down</b>	Union bosses encouraged the workers to <b>lay down</b> their tools and go on strike for higher wages and better working conditions.	lay down sth lay sth down
The rebel fighters agreed to lay down their arms and stop fighting.		 see also: <b>put down</b>
<b>lay into</b> (informal)	Jane got angry when she saw the mistakes in the design and <b>laid into</b> her technical team.	lay into sb/sth
The coach laid into his players after they lost. We could hear him shouting.		 see also: <b>tell off</b>
<b>lay off</b>	The company isn't doing so well and they'll have to <b>lay off</b> some workers in order to cut their running costs.	lay off sb lay sb off
If they don't do better next quarter, they'll have to lay some staff off.		

<b>lay out</b>	It's best to <b>lay</b> the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle <b>out</b> so you can see them all before trying to fit them together.	lay sth out lay out sth
The owner has laid out his plans for developing the company.		 see also: <b>set out</b>
<b>laze around</b>	My idea of a holiday is <b>lazing around</b> with a good book, but my wife likes to climb mountains and go kayaking. What should we do?	laze around
My son would laze around in front of the TV all day if we let him.		 see also: <b>chill out</b> (inf), <b>sit around</b>
<b>lead off</b>	Juanita will <b>lead off</b> the meeting with her survey results, and then we can all discuss them.	lead off sth lead sth off
He led the discussion off by telling us about his latest marketing ideas.		 see also: <b>start off</b>
<b>lead to</b>	Taking illegal drugs is very dangerous as it can <b>lead to</b> serious trouble with the law and can badly damage your physical and mental health.	lead to sth
The latest products will lead to even greater success in the future.		 see also: <b>result in</b>
<b>lead up to</b>	We'll all have to put in some overtime in the days <b>leading up to</b> next month's seminar.	lead up to sth
The weeks leading up to my final exams weren't easy to get through.		
<b>lean on</b>	When you're having a difficult time, you need friends to <b>lean on</b> . You can talk to them and they'll try to make you feel better.	lean on sb
I used to lean on others when I was stressed, but I deal with it myself now.		 see also: <b>rely on</b>
<b>leap at</b>	When Maria was offered a job overseas, she <b>leapt at</b> the opportunity and accepted the job immediately.	leap at sth
My son loves sports cars, so he leapt at the chance to drive a Porsche.		 see also: <b>jump at</b>
<b>leave behind</b>	When I got to the airport I realised I'd <b>left</b> my passport <b>behind</b> , so I called home and my son brought it to the airport for me.	leave sth/sb behind (be) left behind
The teacher counted the kids on the bus to be sure no-one was left behind.		
<b>leave in</b>	Don't edit any comments out of the recording of the meeting. Make sure you <b>leave</b> everything <b>in</b> .	leave in sth leave sth in
One of the love scenes in the movie was cut out, but the others were left in.		
<b>leave out</b>	Copy all the details and make sure you don't <b>leave</b> anything <b>out</b> .	leave sth/sb out leave out sth/sb
David was left out of the team because he was injured.		





















<b>left over</b>	She never throws food away. If there's anything <b>left over</b> , she wraps it up and puts it in the fridge.	(be) left over
If there's any money left over, put it aside for our next trip.		
<b>leave to</b>	You cooked the meal, so <b>leave</b> cleaning up the kitchen <b>to</b> me.	leave sth to sb
It's time you took more responsibility, so we'll leave this decision to you.		 see also: <b>leave up to</b>
<b>leave up to</b>	We can all make suggestions about the advertising campaign, but the final decisions are <b>left up to</b> the head of marketing.	leave sth up to sb
Harry is our internet expert so we'll leave the website design up to him.		 see also: <b>leave to</b>
<b>let down</b>	Jason felt terrible after he failed his exam. He said he'd <b>let down</b> his family, his teachers and all the friends who'd helped him study.	let sb down let down sb
Jenny is very reliable. She always works well and she's never let us down.		
<b>let in / into</b>	Nicola's waiting at the door. Could someone <b>let</b> her <b>in</b> , please?	let sb in let sb into sth
Don't let anyone into my office while I'm not here.		
<b>let in on</b>	Don't <b>let</b> anyone <b>in on</b> the secret. Keep it to yourself.	let sb in on sth
Make sure no-one lets any other companies in on the results of our survey.		
<b>let off</b>	The corrupt politician should have been sent to jail, but the judge <b>let</b> him <b>off</b> with a warning.	let sb off
I'll let you off this time, but if you're late again I'll have to fire you.		
<b>let off</b>	On New Year's Eve, many people celebrate by <b>letting off</b> fireworks. It can be very noisy.	let off sth let sth off
Someone let a bomb off in the market, and many people were killed.		 see also: <b>set off</b>
<b>let out</b>	'Don't <b>let</b> the cat <b>out</b> of the bag' doesn't refer to cats or not releasing them. It's an idiom that means 'Don't tell the secret to anyone.'	let sth/sb out let sth/sb out of sth let out sth/sb
They won't let out the factory workers until they've been searched.		
<b>let up</b>	Let's wait here in the cafe until the rain <b>lets up</b> . Then we can go on to the park for a walk.	let up
The pressure at work won't let up until we've completed this contract.		





<b>lie down</b>	The doctor told him to take off his shoes and <b>lie down</b> on the couch.	lie down lie down on sth
We need somewhere for our staff to lie down and relax when they need to.		
<b>lift up</b>	Can you help me with the fridge? I have to put it in the back of the truck, but it's too heavy for me to <b>lift up</b> by myself.	lift up lift up sth lift sth up
As I lifted up the rock, a huge spider ran up my arm and inside my shirt.		see also: <b>pick up</b>
<b>light up</b>	They let the fireworks off and they <b>lit up</b> the night sky.	light up light up sth light sth up
Staff who smoke can't light up in the office, so they use the balcony.		
<b>lighten up</b>	She's so serious all the time. I wish she'd <b>lighten up</b> and take it easy sometimes.	lighten up lighten sth up
Our boss knows how to lighten things up when we're all getting stressed.		
<b>line up</b>	People <b>line up</b> at the post office to have their parcels weighed and to buy their stamps.	line up
People used to line up, but now they take a number and sit and wait.		see also: <b>queue up</b>
<b>listen in</b>	The receptionist at Maria's company used to <b>listen in</b> on everyone's private phone calls.	listen in listen in on sth
Do you think the police should be able to listen in on our phone calls?		
<b>live down</b>	Mike will never <b>live down</b> the fact that he forgot his boss's name when he was introducing him for a speech. People still laugh about it.	live down sth live sth down
Bill came to work drunk and we still joke about it. He'll never live it down.		
<b>live off</b>	Many people dream of retiring early and <b>living off</b> their investments.	live off sth
My wife and I plan to retire when we're 60 and live off our savings.		see also: <b>live on</b>
<b>live on</b>	Many people in Australia work until they're 65, and then retire and <b>live on</b> a government pension.	live on sth
Workers in poor countries get paid very little. Often, it's just enough to live on.		see also: <b>get by (on)</b>
<b>live on</b>	When we were lost, we had to <b>live on</b> whatever food we could find in the jungle.	live on sth
If teenagers ate whatever they wanted to, they'd live on pizzas and fries.		



<b>live through</b>	My grandparents <b>lived through</b> some very difficult times, such as the Great Depression and two World Wars.	live through sth
Living through difficult times can make you a stronger person.		see also: <b>come through</b> , <b>go through</b>
<b>live up to</b>	He wanted his son to be a top student, but the boy failed to <b>live up to</b> his father's expectations.	live up to sth
She came with a good reputation and she's lived up to it. Her work's great.		
<b>liven up</b>	We should <b>liven up</b> the party. Why don't you put on some funky dance music?	liven up sth liven sth up
Don't you think we could liven the show up? It's seems a bit dull to me.		see also: <b>brighten up</b>
<b>lock away</b>	If you <b>lock away</b> the documents in a safe deposit box at the bank, they'll be safe.	lock away sth lock sth away
We advise our guests to lock their valuables away in their room safe.		see also: <b>put away</b>
<b>lock in</b>	I forgot to make sure the cat was outside and ended up <b>locking her in</b> all day. She was glad to get out of the house when I got home.	lock sb/sth in lock sb/sth in sth
On no! I've locked my keys in the house and I don't have another set.		
<b>lock up</b>	Don't forget to <b>lock</b> the office <b>up</b> if you're the last to leave. Whoever leaves last always <b>locks up</b> .	lock up lock sth up lock up sth
I can't believe I left my laptop in the car and then forgot to lock up the car.		
<b>log in / into</b>	He can't send emails at the moment because he can't <b>log into</b> his email account.	log in log into sth
Use the new password whenever you log into the company network.		see also: <b>log on / onto</b>
<b>log off</b>	You should <b>log off</b> when you've finished checking the online accounts.	log off
Don't forget to log off so the server can keep accurate user records.		see also: <b>log out</b>
<b>log on / onto</b>	Julie can't <b>log on</b> at the moment. Her account's been suspended so she can't <b>log onto</b> the server.	log on log onto sth
If you have trouble logging on, let Joe know and he'll sort it out.		see also: <b>log in / into</b>
<b>log out</b>	After you've finished, you should <b>log out</b> of the database so our security people will know what you're doing.	log out log out of sth
After logging out, I disconnected and put the computer to sleep.		see also: <b>log off</b>

<b>long for</b>	Old Madge <b>longs for</b> the days when it was safe in her town and she could walk around without worrying about being robbed.	long for sb/sth
He longed for freedom, but knew he'd always put his responsibilities first.		see also: <b>yearn for</b> (formal)
<b>look after</b>	We need a baby-sitter to <b>look after</b> the kids while we're at the party.	look after sb/sth
Our kids get good clothes and we expect them to look after them properly.		see also: <b>care for</b>
<b>look around</b>	Have you <b>looked around</b> the new factory yet? It looks great!	look around look around sth
Lets take a day off work while we're in Tokyo to go out and look around.		see also: <b>check out</b> (inf)
<b>look at</b>	After they've established themselves in the local market, they'll <b>look at</b> expanding into overseas markets.	look at sth
Before coming to a final decision, they'll be looking at all the options.		see also: <b>look into</b>
<b>look at</b>	Simon's a very handsome guy and people are always <b>looking at</b> him. If he wanted to, he could be a fashion model.	look at sb/sth
Good packaging increases the chances of people looking at a product.		see also: <b>check out</b> (inf)
<b>look back</b>	When I <b>look back</b> on my student days, I can't believe we did so many crazy and dangerous things.	look back look back on sth
To market to teenagers, look back and try to recall those 'teen' feelings.		
<b>look down on</b>	That idiotic woman is a snob. She <b>looks down on</b> anyone who was born into a poor family, and really thinks this makes them inferior to her!	look down on sb
The trait of looking down on less fortunate people is a sure sign of stupidity.		see also: <b>talk down to</b> (another action that shows a 'superior' attitude)
<b>look for</b>	I've lost my car keys. Could you help me <b>look for</b> them?	look for sb/sth
I can't find an important document. I'll have to look for it until I find it.		see also: <b>seek out</b> (formal)
<b>look forward to</b>	I'm really <b>looking forward to</b> our holiday in Thailand. We'll have a great time and I can't wait to go.	look forward to sth
We're all looking forward to our product launch. It'll be really exciting.		
<b>look in on</b>	Just a minute. I'm going to <b>look in on</b> the kids to make sure they're asleep.	look in on sb/sth
The boss looks in on us now and then, just so we know he's around.		see also: <b>check on</b>

<b>look into</b>	The police are <b>looking into</b> the theft of your car and they'll let you know as soon as they find out anything.	look into sth
Could you look into the options and costs for shipping goods to Brazil?		 see also: <b>check out</b> (inf)
<b>look on / upon</b>	Many young people <b>look upon</b> sports stars as their heroes and role models.	look on sb as sth look upon sb as sth
We want our customers to look on our staff as being polite and knowledgeable.		 see also: <b>think of</b>
<b>look on</b>	Many people stood by and <b>looked on</b> as a man who'd stepped out of a gay club was beaten up by a gang of thugs. Nobody tried to help him.	look on
How did you feel with all those people looking on and no-one helping you?		
<b>look out</b>	<b>Look out!</b> There's a car coming! Get off the road.	look out
If she hadn't told me to look out, I would have been run over by the car.		 see also: <b>watch out</b>
<b>look out for</b>	When Hiroko was young, he was always <b>looking out for</b> business opportunities.	look out for sth
He always looks out for the chance to learn from people with experience.		 see also: <b>look for</b>
<b>look over</b>	You should get a mechanic to <b>look</b> the car <b>over</b> before you buy it.	look sth over look over sth
Let me look over the advertising copy before you send it off.		 see also: <b>check over</b> , <b>go over</b>
<b>look through</b>	Could you <b>look through</b> last month's invoices and put aside any that haven't been paid yet?	look through sth
Let's look through the last quarter's sales figures and see what we can learn.		 see also: <b>check through</b> , <b>go through</b>
<b>look up</b>	If you can't figure out what a phrasal verb means, <b>look it up</b> in a dictionary and try to find the meaning that fits the context.	look sth up look up sth
Look up the prices on the current price list before giving anyone a quote.		
<b>look up</b>	Last month's sales were slow, but things are <b>looking up</b> this month. We've had plenty of orders so far.	look up
The economy is looking up again after a couple of bad years.		
<b>look up</b>	Don't forget to <b>look me up</b> whenever you're in New York. It'd be great to see you.	look sb up look up sb
Did you look up our local distributor when you were in New Zealand?		 see also: <b>call on</b>

<b>look up to</b>	Sports stars should remember that young people <b>look up to</b> them and see them as role models. This is a great responsibility.	look up to sb
We need to know the type of person young people look up to now.		
<b>lose out</b>	I should have sold the shares when they got to \$100, but I didn't so I've <b>lost out</b> . They're only worth \$40 now.	lose out
If we don't update our products, we'll lose out in the race for customers.		 see also: <b>miss out</b>

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# 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions L1

Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'l'...





















- 1 Nicole loves being a celebrity and laps \_\_ all the attention she gets. (2 letters)
- 2 Many angry people lashed \_\_\_ at the government for not helping the hurricane victims. (3 letters)
- 3 He latched \_\_\_\_\_ me at the party and followed me everywhere. He wouldn't go away! (4 letters)
- 4 It was a bad mistake, but he's trying to laugh it \_\_\_ as if it wasn't serious. (3 letters)
- 5 The opposition leader launched \_\_\_\_\_ another attack on the government. (4 letters)
- 6 Have you laid \_\_\_\_\_ some money in case you need it in the future? (5 letters)
- 7 Our boss is going to lay \_\_\_ the law and fine anyone who comes to work late. (4 letters)
- 8 His boss was angry and laid \_\_\_\_\_ Ben for turning up late for the meeting. (4 letters)
- 9 He said if Ben was late again he'd be forced to lay him \_\_\_ and employ someone else. (3 letters)
- 10 Did you lay the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle \_\_\_ before trying to fit them together? (3 letters)
- 11 My cat just lazes \_\_\_\_\_ doing nothing all day. It must be nice being a cat. (6 letters)
- 12 Juanita will lead \_\_\_ the discussion with her new ideas on cutting costs. (3 letters)
- 13 The Academy Award she won for acting should lead \_\_\_ even better roles in the future. (2 letters)
- 14 We'll have to work hard in the weeks leading \_\_\_ to the trade fair. (2 letters)
- 15 When you're upset and need support, you can lean \_\_\_ me. That's what friends are for. (2 letters)
- 16 Can you \_\_\_ some guidelines down on how our staff should relate to customers? (3 letters)
- 17 My son leapt \_\_\_ the chance to attend a football training camp. He was very excited. (2 letters)
- 18 When I realised that I'd left my umbrella \_\_\_\_\_, I went back to my car to get it. (6 letters)
- 19 Do you want names deleted from the corruption report, or do you want them left \_\_\_? (2 letters)
- 20 Copy all the details and make sure you don't make mistakes or leave anything \_\_\_\_\_. (3 letters)
- 21 All our staff will get a big bonus. Nobody will be \_\_\_\_\_ out. (4 letters)
- 22 If there's any food left \_\_\_\_\_, ask the waiter to wrap it up so you can bring it home. (4 letters)
- 23 Do you want to deal with this matter yourself, or would you rather leave it \_\_\_ me? (2 letters)
- 24 Our CEO gets lots of advice, but in the end the decision-making is left \_\_\_ to her. (2 letters)
- 25 Chang will do an excellent job. He won't \_\_\_ you down. (3 letters)
- 26 Jenny is waiting at the door. Could someone let her \_\_\_? (2 letters)
- 27 Don't let anyone in \_\_\_ the secret. Keep it to yourself. (2 letters)
- 28 Mick was stopped for speeding, and relieved when he was let \_\_\_ with a warning only. (3 letters)
- 29 On New Year's Eve, people like to let \_\_\_ fireworks to celebrate. (3 letters)
- 30 Before sales staff are let \_\_\_ of the store after work, security guards check their bags. (3 letters)
- 31 It's a secret, so don't let the cat out \_\_\_ the bag by telling anyone. (2 letters)
- 32 The kids will be stuck inside the house until the rain lets \_\_\_\_\_. Then they can go outside. (2 letters)
- 33 She said she had a headache and went to lie \_\_\_\_\_ on the sofa. (4 letters)
- 34 He hurt his back while he was lifting \_\_\_ a really heavy metal box. (2 letters)
- 35 Isaac's always so serious. He should try to lighten \_\_\_ sometimes and have some fun. (2 letters)
- 36 We let off the fireworks and they \_\_\_ up the night sky. (3 letters)
- 37 The passengers had to line \_\_\_ at the ticket window. (2 letters)
- 38 Our last receptionist used to listen \_\_\_ on our private phone calls. (2 letters)
- 39 He'll never live \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that he forgot his CEO's name while giving a speech. (4 letters)
- 40 Many people want to make lots of money, retire early and then live \_\_\_ their savings. (3 letters)
- 41 Lots of people in Australia retire at 65 and live \_\_\_ the old-age pension. (2 letters)
- 42 My grandparents lived \_\_\_\_\_ two world wars and the Great Depression. (7 letters)
- 43 He couldn't live up \_\_\_ his father's expectations, and felt that he was a failure. (2 letters)
- 44 Why don't we put on some dance music and liven \_\_\_ the party? (2 letters)
- 45 You should have locked your valuable things \_\_\_\_\_ in the hotel's safe. (4 letters)
- 46 Don't forget to lock \_\_\_ the office when you leave. (2 letters)
- 47 He can't log \_\_\_\_\_ his email account, so he can't send emails. (4 letters)
- 48 You should log \_\_\_ after you've finished checking your emails. (3 letters)
- 49 My grandfather longs \_\_\_ the days when he was young and flirted with all the girls. (3 letters)
- 50 We need to find a baby-sitter to \_\_\_\_\_ after the kids tonight. (4 letters)
- 51 We looked \_\_\_\_\_ the new factory this morning, and were happy with what we saw. (6 letters)
- 52 We'll look \_\_\_ the possibility of expanding into new markets soon. (2 letters)
- 53 When I look \_\_\_\_\_ on my childhood, I realise how lucky I was. (4 letters)
- 54 We shouldn't look \_\_\_\_\_ on people just because they're poor or not well educated. (4 letters)
- 55 I've lost my glasses. Could you help me look \_\_\_ them? (3 letters)
- 56 I'm really looking \_\_\_\_\_ to our trip to Spain next month. It'll be great. (7 letters)
- 57 The police are looking \_\_\_\_\_ the murder and expect to make an arrest soon. (4 letters)
- 58 Many young people look \_\_\_\_\_ sports stars as role models. (4 letters)
- 59 Look \_\_\_\_\_! There's a car coming! Get off the road. (3 letters)
- 60 Ming is always looking out \_\_\_ new business opportunities. (3 letters)
- 61 Would you like a mechanic to look \_\_\_\_\_ the car before you buy it? (4 letters)





































**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'l'...**

- 62 I looked \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ his notes for the speech and made a few suggestions. (7 letters)  
63 If you don't know what a word means, look it \_ \_ in a dictionary. (2 letters)  
64 Business was slow last year, but things are looking \_ \_ this year. (2 letters)  
65 Many young people look up \_ \_ sports stars and see them as heroes. (2 letters)  
66 The company didn't keep up with the latest trends and lost \_ \_ \_ to their competitors. (3 letters)

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<b>mail out</b>	Every year they <b>mail</b> their catalogue <b>out</b> to over 100,000 customers.	mail out sth mail sth out
Go to the post office and ask how much it'd cost to mail out 1,000 brochures.		 see also: <b>send out</b>
<b>major in</b>	When Tim studied for his BA at university, he <b>majored in</b> English literature and his minor was linguistics.	major in sth
Why did she decide to major in media studies at university?		
<b>make into</b>	The first Harry Potter book was very popular. It was <b>made into</b> a movie and the movie <b>made</b> the actor who played Harry <b>into</b> a star.	(be) made into sth make sth/sb into sth
Our new CEO plans to make our small company into a big corporation.		 see also: <b>turn into</b>
<b>make of</b>	Anyone who works hard and makes good decisions should <b>make</b> a success <b>of</b> a new business.	make sth of sth
To be successful, we have to make the most of the opportunities we have.		
<b>make of</b>	What did you <b>make of</b> Ananda's talk on internet marketing? Do you think it was worth listening to?	make of sth/sb make sth of sth/sb
Our new accountant's a bit strange. I'm not quite sure what to make of her.		 see also: <b>think of</b>
<b>make out</b>	His handwriting isn't very clear and it's difficult to read. Can you <b>make</b> this word <b>out</b> ?	make sth out make out sth
If you can't make out what a customer is saying, ask for help.		 see also: <b>figure out</b>
<b>make up</b>	My daughter is really good at <b>making up</b> stories and says she wants to write movie scripts when she grows up.	make up sth make sth up
Our son made the whole story up to get out of doing his exam today.		 see also: <b>come up with</b> , <b>cook up</b> (inf), <b>think up</b>
<b>make up</b>	Tom and Kathy often argue, but they always <b>make up</b> afterwards by talking things through and apologising to each other.	make up make up with sb
Did you make up with Joe after the fight, or are you still mad at each other?		 see also: <b>patch (things) up</b> , <b>smooth (things) over</b>
<b>make up for</b>	Cathy couldn't come to work for two days last week, so she wants to <b>make up for</b> it by working overtime this week.	make up for sth
We'll have to make up for lost production due to the problems with machinery.		
<b>map out</b>	Before she'd finished high school, Naomi knew what she wanted to do in life and she'd even <b>mapped out</b> a career path for herself.	map out sth map sth out
Our new manager has mapped out several roads to growth in the future.		

<b>mark down</b>	The department store's having a big sale and some of the clothes are <b>marked down</b> by 50%.	mark down sth mark sth down
We need to get rid of this old stock, so mark all of it down by 40%.		
<b>mark up</b>	Department stores usually <b>mark up</b> wholesale prices by around 40%. If they buy something for \$7.00, they'll sell it for about \$10.00.	mark up sth mark sth up
How much do retailers usually mark prices up in China and India?		
<b>measure up</b>	If someone's work doesn't <b>measure up</b> to the required standard, we'll let them go and find someone else who can do a better job.	measure up measure up to sth
Do you really think she measures up, or do you just feel sorry for her?		 see also: <b>come up to</b>
<b>meet up</b>	We usually <b>meet up</b> with four or five friends for dinner on Saturday night.	meet up meet up with sb
After we all met up in the hotel's lobby, we headed out to a bar for drinks.		 see also: <b>get together</b>
<b>meet with</b>	Her first book <b>met with</b> much greater success than she'd ever expected. It was a bestseller in several countries.	meet with sth
The president's decision was met with disbelief at first, followed by anger.		
<b>mess about / around</b>	The kids were <b>messing about</b> with a new computer game when their father told them to stop wasting time and get on with their homework.	mess about / around mess about / around with sth
Kids can learn a lot by messing around with stuff that interests them.		 see also: <b>play around</b>
<b>mess up</b>	Many people say the countries that invaded Iraq to get rid of Saddam Hussein really <b>messed</b> things <b>up</b> and made life harder for most Iraqis.	mess up sth mess sth up
Anne is upset because she thinks she messed up her exam at school today.		 see also: <b>screw up</b> (inf)
<b>miss out</b>	Her friend offered to sell her some shares in his company. She didn't buy any, so she <b>missed out</b> when his company made a fortune.	miss out miss out on sth
If he'd gone to buy the tickets earlier, he wouldn't have missed out.		 see also: <b>lose out</b>
<b>mistake for</b>	The police <b>mistook</b> an innocent man <b>for</b> a terrorist they were hunting, and shot him. They said he looked like the terrorist they wanted.	mistake sth/sb for sth/sb
Fake Rolex watches look genuine and can easily be mistaken for real Rolexes.		
<b>mix up</b>	The orders were sent to the wrong customers after one of the workers <b>mixed up</b> the addresses.	mix up sth/sb mix sth/sb up
He keeps mixing Keith up with his twin brother and calling him James.		 see also: <b>jumble up</b>

<b>mixed up in</b>	Dave got <b>mixed up in</b> the drugs trade and got caught selling cocaine. He'll be spending the next ten years locked up in prison.	(be/get) mixed up in sth <b>or</b> with sb (only used for sth/sb bad)
Referees got mixed up with criminals and were paid to fix some matches.		
<b>move in</b>	After his divorce, my brother will <b>move in</b> and stay in our spare bedroom until he sorts things out and finds somewhere to live.	move in move in with sb
My daughter's moving in with her new boyfriend. They only met last week!		
<b>move into</b>	They'd like to <b>move into</b> new areas of business, and they're looking at music publishing and concert promotion.	move into move into sth
The new office building they're moving into next month is on Bourke St.		 see also: <b>go into</b>
<b>move on</b>	She's been in her job for nearly ten years and she thinks it's time to <b>move on</b> and do something new.	move on move on to sth
This topic's been covered so let's move on to the next item on the agenda.		 see also: <b>go on</b>
<b>move out</b>	My son is thinking of <b>moving out</b> of home and getting a room near the university.	move out move out of sth
As soon as the new offices are ready, we'll move out of the old ones.		
<b>move over</b>	When Ken came into the room, we <b>moved over</b> to make room for him and he sat down on the sofa next to us.	move over
Cars moved over to let the ambulance pass and get to a hospital quickly.		
<b>muddle through</b>	Our chairman was sick, so I had to chair the meeting myself. I'd never done it before but I <b>muddled through</b> somehow and it wasn't too bad.	muddle through muddle through sth
I muddled through with the accounts myself until we hired an accountant.		



















## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **M m**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'm'...**

- 1 Can you find out how much it'd cost to mail \_ \_ \_ 500 booklets? (3 letters)
- 2 What did you major \_ \_ when you were at university? (2 letters)
- 3 Stephen King's latest novel is being made \_ \_ \_ \_ a movie. (4 letters)
- 4 Justin blames himself for not making the most \_ \_ the opportunities he had. (2 letters)
- 5 What do you make \_ \_ our new office manager? Do you think she's any good? (2 letters)
- 6 His handwriting is difficult to read. Can you make \_ \_ \_ this word? (3 letters)
- 7 Jenny and Steve argue a lot, but then they talk things through and make \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 8 My son is really good at \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ up jokes and funny stories. (6 letters)
- 9 She's working overtime to make up \_ \_ \_ the days she missed when she was sick. (3 letters)
- 10 Our new manager has mapped \_ \_ \_ a path of steady growth for our company. (3 letters)
- 11 How much do you think we should mark the old stock \_ \_ \_ \_ for the next sale? (4 letters)
- 12 Big department stores mark everything \_ \_ by at least thirty per cent. (2 letters)
- 13 He hasn't measured up \_ \_ our expectations, so I'm afraid we'll have to let him go. (2 letters)
- 14 After we all met \_ \_ in the coffee shop, we went out for dinner. (2 letters)
- 15 The company's decision to close the factory was met \_ \_ \_ \_ anger from the workers. (4 letters)
- 16 The kids aren't studying. They're messing \_ \_ \_ \_ with computer games instead. (5 letters)
- 17 Sergio is upset because he thinks he messed \_ \_ his speech today. (2 letters)
- 18 We didn't get tickets in time so we missed \_ \_ \_ on the concert. (3 letters)
- 19 The counterfeit banknotes were good copies and easily mistaken \_ \_ \_ real ones. (3 letters)
- 20 She mixed \_ \_ the dates and went to see her doctor on the wrong day. (2 letters)
- 21 He got mixed up \_ \_ the drugs trade and now he's in prison. (2 letters)
- 22 When will you move \_ \_ \_ \_ your new apartment? (4 letters)
- 23 I'm worried about my son. He's mixed up \_ \_ \_ \_ some guys who're in a motorcycle gang. (4 letters)
- 24 We've covered that topic, so let's move \_ \_ to the next item on the agenda. (2 letters)
- 25 My son is moving \_ \_ \_ of home and moving into an apartment near his office. (3 letters)
- 26 Tom moved \_ \_ \_ \_ so Katie could sit down next to him. (4 letters)
- 27 He'd never done a report before, but he muddled \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and it wasn't too bad. (7 letters)

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<b>nag at</b>	After my mother left her house, the fear that she'd left the stove on <b>nagged at</b> her until she called and asked me to go over and check.	nag at sb
The feeling that she'd left it too late to have children kept nagging at her.		
<b>nail down</b>	Reporters tried to <b>nail</b> the prime minister <b>down</b> on the timing of the next election, but he kept on saying it hadn't been decided yet.	nail sth/sb down nail down sth/sb
We need to nail down a date for the meeting as soon as possible.		 see also: <b>pin down</b>
<b>name after</b>	We <b>named</b> our daughter <b>after</b> my grandmother, so now there are two Katherines in our family.	name sb/sth after sb/sth
The new species of beetle was named after the person who discovered it.		
<b>narrow down</b>	Twenty people applied for the job, but after the first round of interviews we <b>narrowed</b> it <b>down</b> to three.	narrow sth down narrow down sth
We narrowed down the range of products from 10 different styles to just 5.		 see also: <b>cut down</b>
<b>nod off</b>	The movie was so boring that he <b>nodded off</b> and his friends had to wake him up when it was over.	nod off
I didn't sleep much last night, so I began to nod off in today's meeting.		 see also: <b>doze off</b>
<b>nose around</b>	One of the things celebrities hate is reporters and photographers <b>nosing around</b> their neighbourhood trying to get sensational stories or photos.	nose around nose around sth
Tax inspectors are nosing around our accounts, looking for any mistakes.		
<b>notch up (informal)</b>	The team <b>notched up</b> another win this week, so they've now won ten games in a row.	notch up sth notch sth up
They've notched up a record number of sales this month.		
<b>note down</b>	Can I borrow your pen, please? I just need to <b>note down</b> this address in case I forget it.	note down sth note sth down
I always note down a customer's name before I forget it.		 see also: <b>jot down</b>
<b>number among</b>	Some historians <b>number</b> him <b>among</b> the best presidents the country has ever had, while he's <b>numbered among</b> the worst by others.	number among sth number sb/sth among sth
I used to number Tony among my friends, but I don't any more.		

## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **N n**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'n'...**

- 1 The fear that I'd left the door unlocked kept nagging \_ \_ me, so I went back home to check. (2 letters)
- 2 Do you think we can nail \_ \_ \_ \_ the agreement this week, or will we need more time? (4 letters)
- 3 We named our baby \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ my grandfather, so now there's another Sam in the family. (5 letters)
- 4 Nine people applied for the job. After checking their CVs, we narrowed it \_ \_ \_ \_ to three. (4 letters)
- 5 The speech was so boring that I nodded \_ \_ \_ and started to snore. (3 letters)
- 6 Photographers were nosing \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the resort, trying to get photos of famous celebrities. (6 letters)
- 7 Our team has just notched \_ \_ our tenth win in a row. They're in great form at the moment. (2 letters)
- 8 If you have trouble remembering names, carry a pen and pad and note them \_ \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)
- 9 I numbered him \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ my friends – until he tried to chat up my girlfriend, that is. (5 letters)

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<b>object to</b>	Many smokers <b>object to</b> laws that make it illegal to smoke cigarettes in public places. They say the laws infringe on their civil liberties.	object to sth
The workers objected to the salary cut and protested against it.		
<b>occur to</b>	It never <b>occurred to</b> them that Judy was thinking of quitting her job. She seemed so happy working there.	occur to sb
Did it ever occur to you that the accountant could be cheating the company?		 see also: <b>dawn on</b>
<b>open up</b>	James has never told me much about himself, but he <b>opened up</b> last night and told me about his past and about his dreams for the future.	open up open up to sb
I find it easier to open up to women than to share my feelings with men.		
<b>open up</b>	New markets are <b>opening up</b> in Asia, so many companies from outside the region are looking into the possibility of doing business there.	open up open up sth open sth up
The new road has opened up many areas of the country for development.		
<b>opt for</b>	Most companies have <b>opted for</b> production facilities in developing countries where labour costs are much lower.	opt for sth
Many people opt for early retirement instead of working until they're 65.		 see also: <b>go for</b>
<b>opt out</b>	Too many people have <b>opted out</b> of the company's English class. Maybe the classes are too boring and need livening up.	opt out opt out of sth
There have always been people who opt out and live outside society.		 see also: <b>drop out</b>
<b>order about / around</b>	I hate the way Donald <b>orders us about</b> . He's like a sergeant in the army <b>ordering</b> his soldiers <b>around</b> .	order sb about order sb around
She orders the staff about in a bossy way that most people really dislike.		 see also: <b>push around</b> (inf)
<b>order in</b>	If you don't want to eat out, we could stay home and <b>order in</b> some pizza.	order in sth order sth in
We need to order some food in for the staff who're working late.		 see also: <b>send out for</b>
<b>own up</b>	We knew it was Bob who'd been looking at gambling websites on the office computer, but he wouldn't <b>own up</b> . He said it wasn't him.	own up own up to sth
It can take courage to own up to a mistake and admit to having made it.		

## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions O o

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'o'...**

- 1 Many people objected \_ \_ the rule prohibiting liquids in hand luggage on a plane. (2 letters)
- 2 She seemed happy here. It never occurred \_ \_ anyone that she was thinking of quitting. (2 letters)
- 3 Do you find it easier to open \_ \_ and share your feelings with men or with women? (2 letters)
- 4 Why do you think so many people opt \_ \_ \_ early retirement these days? (3 letters)
- 5 If the English classes aren't fun, many of our staff opt \_ \_ \_ and quit studying. (3 letters)
- 6 I hate the way our supervisor orders us \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . It's like being in the army. (6 letters)
- 7 Let's order \_ \_ a couple of pizzas and some salads. It's easier than going out to eat. (2 letters)
- 8 New markets are opening \_ \_ in Africa, so it's time to find distributors there. (2 letters)
- 9 Someone put the wrong ink in the printer, but no-one's owned \_ \_ to making the mistake. (2 letters)

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<b>pack away</b>	Have you <b>packed</b> the golf clubs <b>away</b> or are they still in the back of the car?	pack away sth pack sth away
Pack the samples away again after you've shown them to your customer.		see also: <b>put away</b>
<b>pack in</b> (informal)	After 40 years, The Rolling Stones are still hugely popular and can still <b>pack in</b> the crowds and fill stadiums with fans.	pack in sth/sb pack sth/sb in pack sth/sb into sth
They pack as many people as possible in the club to maximise profits.		see also: <b>pull in</b>
<b>pack up</b>	Jenny is going to <b>pack up</b> all her things and move back to her parent's house.	pack up sth pack sth up
He has two days to pack his stuff up and move out of the apartment.		
<b>pan out</b>	We're not sure what effect the government's economic stimulus will have yet. We'll just have to wait and see how things <b>pan out</b> .	pan out
After waiting 6 months to see how the job panned out, Joe decided to quit.		see also: <b>turn out, work out</b>
<b>pass away</b>	Our old professor <b>passed away</b> last night. He was a really great teacher and many of his students will be at his funeral.	pass away
After my grandpa passed away, my grandma went to live with her sister.		see also: <b>pass on</b>
<b>pass by</b>	I can post the parcel for you if you like. I <b>pass by</b> the post office on my way to work, so it wouldn't be any trouble for me.	pass by pass by sth/sb
Can you drop this file into Tara's office whenever you're passing by?		see also: <b>go by</b>
<b>pass off as</b>	The counterfeit banknotes were very good copies. They <b>passed them off as</b> real banknotes and no-one noticed at first.	pass sth off as sth pass oneself off as sth/sb
He put on a uniform he'd stolen and passed himself off as a real policeman.		
<b>pass on</b>	After you've signed the card, <b>pass it on</b> to the next person to sign.	pass on sth pass sth on
Traditional farming and building skills are passed on from parent to child.		see also: <b>hand on</b>
<b>pass on</b>	Our old high school teacher Mr Singh <b>passed on</b> this morning. I'll let you know when his funeral's being held.	pass on
After she passed on, her children fought over the property she left behind.		see also: <b>pass away</b>
<b>pass out</b>	Could two of you come to the front and get the test papers and <b>pass them out</b> to your classmates, please?	pass sth out pass out sth
We passed out the questionnaire to everyone attending the seminar.		see also: <b>give out, hand out</b>

<b>pass out</b>	It was so hot that Suzie <b>passed out</b> . Bill threw some water on her face and she came to after a minute or so.	pass out
If you see someone who's passed out, take them to a hospital straight away.		see also: <b>black out</b>
<b>pass over</b>	I'm sorry to hear you didn't get the promotion this time, but I'm sure you'll get it next time. They won't <b>pass you over</b> again.	pass sb over (be) passed over
This is the second time she's been passed over for a management job.		
<b>pass up</b>	Bill <b>passed up</b> the opportunity to study in a top university when he was young. He wanted to start up his own business instead.	pass up sth pass sth up
I had to pass the invitation up as I didn't have time to go.		see also: <b>turn down</b>
<b>pat down</b>	The security guards <b>patted us down</b> as we entered the courtroom. They were making sure no-one was carrying a gun.	pat sb down pat down sb
Female security police were at the airport to pat down female passengers.		
<b>patch up</b>	Jill and Ben argue a lot, but they always manage to <b>patch things up</b> again afterwards.	patch sth up patch up sth
The leaders met to patch up their differences and avoid a conflict.		see also: <b>smooth over, make up</b>
<b>pay back</b>	Thanks for lending me the money. I promise I'll <b>pay you back</b> as soon as I get my salary next week.	pay sb back pay back sth (to sb) pay sth back (to sb)
It'll take them at least ten years to pay back the money they borrowed.		see also: <b>give back</b>
<b>pay back</b>	I won't forget the way he insulted me. One day I'll <b>pay him back</b> by making him look stupid in front of lots of people.	pay sb back pay sb back for sth
He was angry after we fired him and said he'd pay us back one day.		see also: <b>get back at</b>
<b>pay into</b>	That old lady hasn't had an income since her husband died, but her children <b>pay money into</b> her bank account whenever they can.	pay into sth pay sth into sth
He paid hundreds of dollars into his pension fund every month.		see also: <b>put in</b>
<b>pay off</b>	They took out a loan to buy their house nearly twenty years ago, and they'll have it completely <b>paid off</b> by the end of this year.	pay off sth pay sth off
Consider a loan's interest rate as well as the time you're given to pay it off.		see also: <b>settle up</b>
<b>pay off</b>	Changing jobs was a gamble, but it's really <b>paid off</b> . I make less money than I used to, but I have more free time and I'm a lot happier now.	pay off
The investment didn't look good at first, but it's paying off very well now.		











































<b>pay out</b>	If you win the lottery, you mightn't get all the money at once. They might <b>pay it out</b> in installments over several years.	pay sth out pay out sth
Insurance companies had to pay out millions after the hurricane struck.		
<b>pay up</b>	We used to sell our products on credit, but we often had to wait too long for customers to <b>pay up</b> , so now we require payment in advance.	pay up
Our insurance company always questions our claims before paying up.		see also: <b>settle up</b>
<b>perk up</b>	Jules was really quiet at the party until Jamal got there, and then she <b>perked up</b> and started to have fun. I think she likes him.	perk up perk sb/sth up
The share market was quiet last month, but it's perking up again now.		see also: <b>liven up</b>
<b>phase in</b>	We're <b>phasing in</b> a new dress code. From now on it'll be casual clothes on Fridays, but eventually it'll be casual clothes every day.	phase in sth phase sth in
The government will phase the new taxes in over the next two years.		see also: <b>bring in</b>
<b>phase out</b>	It's about time the old dress code was <b>phased out</b> . Most other companies already allow their staff to wear casual clothes if they like.	phase out sth phase sth out
We'll phase the old bonus system out over the next couple of years.		see also: <b>do away with</b>
<b>pick on</b>	My son says the older boys <b>pick on</b> him at school. They tease him and try to make him look weak in front of the other kids.	pick on sb
Joe sounds childish when he says things like 'The boss always picks on me.'		
<b>pick out</b>	Have a look at the colour chart and let me know which one you'd <b>pick out</b> for the kitchen.	pick out sth/sb pick sth/sb out
There were many shirts to choose from and it took him ages to pick one out.		see also: <b>decide on, go for</b>
<b>pick out</b>	I looked for him in the crowd, but it was getting dark and I couldn't <b>pick him out</b> .	pick out sb/sth pick sb/sth out
We need a strong logo that's easy to pick out among many other logos.		
<b>pick up</b>	I hurt my back when I <b>picked up</b> a heavy sofa and put it in the back of my truck. Now I can barely walk.	pick sth/sb up pick up sth/sb
If you pick a baby up, make sure you support its head.		see also: <b>lift up</b>
<b>pick up</b>	Let me know what time your train gets in and I'll <b>pick you up</b> from the station and drive you home.	pick sb/sth up pick up sb/sth
Don't forget to send someone to the post office to pick up that package.		

<b>pick up</b> (inf)	There's this huge outdoor market in Bangkok where you can <b>pick up</b> lots of cheap clothes and get heaps of other stuff too.	pick up sth pick sth up
It's not being marketed as something you pick up for a few dollars in K-Mart.		see also: <b>snap up</b>
<b>pick up</b>	Let's stop the meeting now and take a break for lunch. When we get back, we'll <b>pick up</b> the discussion again from where we stopped.	pick up pick up sth pick sth up
Can you go back to your old job and pick it up from where you left off?		see also: <b>carry on, go on</b>
<b>pick up on</b>	When you're at a party, make sure you <b>pick up on</b> any hints or signs people make to show that they're interested in you.	pick up on sth
A good salesperson picks up on a customer's mood by noting body language.		see also: <b>cotton on (to)</b> (inf)
<b>piece together</b>	The police have collected evidence from the scene of the murder and now they're trying to <b>piece</b> it all <b>together</b> to figure out what happened.	piece sth together piece together sth
After piecing together all the evidence, the police have solved the crime.		see also: <b>fit together, put together</b>
<b>pile up</b>	Wendy says she's got bills <b>piling up</b> at home, but no money to pay them, and she wants to borrow some money.	pile up
His emails have been piling up and he doesn't have time to answer them.		
<b>pin down</b>	They wanted the president to debate the issue, and he said he'd be happy to, but they couldn't <b>pin</b> him <b>down</b> to a time and a place.	pin down sth pin sth down pin sb down to sth
During talks, they pinned the rebels down to a date for releasing the hostages.		see also: <b>nail down</b>
<b>pipe down</b> (informal)	Everyone was talking loudly until the teacher came in and told them to <b>pipe down</b> . Then it got much quieter.	pipe down
The coach told everyone to pipe down and listen to what he had to say.		see also: <b>quieten down, shut up</b> (very impolite)
<b>pitch in</b> (informal)	If we all <b>pitch in</b> and work together, we can clean the house in half an hour. But if Christie has to do it all by herself, it'll take her all morning.	pitch in
Everyone pitched in and the office was decorated for the party in no time.		see also: <b>pull together</b>
<b>plan ahead</b>	When I was a student, I learned how important it is to <b>plan ahead</b> . If I made a timetable for studying before an exam, my results improved.	plan ahead
If you're in business, set your goals and plan ahead in order to achieve them.		
<b>play around</b>	The kids love <b>playing around</b> with our big old dogs Smelly and Stinky. They throw things around the back garden and the dogs fetch them.	play around play around with sb/sth
The new guys play around too much when they should be working.		see also: <b>clown around, kid around, mess around</b>





















<b>play down</b>	The government's spokesman tried to <b>play down</b> the bad economic news by saying the situation would soon improve.	play sth down play down sth
Peter plays down the risks he takes to get such high returns on investments.		
<b>play up</b>	In job interviews, Kathy <b>plays up</b> the fact that she graduated from Harvard University. It's one of her best 'selling points'.	play up sth play sth up
Sales people play up a product's strengths and play down its weaknesses.		
<b>play up</b> (informal)	If your computer <b>plays up</b> again, call the shop you bought it from and get them to repair it for free under the warranty.	play up
The kids were playing up so mum got mad and sent them to their rooms.		see also: <b>act up</b> (inf)
<b>plug in</b>	If your computer won't work, the first thing to do is to make sure it's <b>plugged in</b> properly and the power's turned on.	plug in sth plug sth in
I need enough power-points near my desk to plug in at least 6 devices.		
<b>point out</b>	Sam <b>pointed out</b> the fact that many people who smoke die of lung or heart disease, and Bob said he understood but just couldn't quit.	point out sth point sth out
Eli pointed out a few errors in the translation that we hadn't noticed.		
<b>point out</b>	<b>Point out</b> the guy you like and I'll go and ask him to come over for a drink.	point out sb/sth point sb/sth out
Check out these designs and point out the one you like the most.		
<b>point to</b>	The polls show people aren't happy with the government and <b>point to</b> a defeat for the president in the next election.	point to sth
Most analysts say current trends point to economic improvements next year.		
<b>polish off</b> (informal)	Half the cake was left over, but Greg <b>polished</b> it all <b>off</b> in the morning. He didn't even leave one piece for me!	polish off sth polish sth off
That overweight waiter polishes off the left-over cakes and desserts.		see also: <b>finish off</b>
<b>polish up</b>	He plans to <b>polish up</b> his French before going to Paris. He studied it in school, but says he hasn't used it much since then.	polish up sth polish sth up
Polishing my Japanese up by myself won't do. I need a teacher to help me.		see also: <b>brush up on</b>
<b>pop in/into</b> (informal)	I could <b>pop in</b> and see you on my way home. Will you be in your apartment around 6 o'clock?	pop in pop into sth
Could you pop into my office for a moment?		see also: <b>drop by, stop by</b>



















<b>pop out</b> (informal)	I have to <b>pop out</b> to take this call, but I'll be back in a minute.	pop out pop out to sth pop out to do sth
Pop out to the bathroom if you need to, and we'll start again in ten minutes.		see also: <b>step out</b>
<b>pour in</b>	Orders have been <b>pouring in</b> since we released her new book. It looks like we'll have to print a lot more copies to satisfy the demand.	pour in
Thousands of tourists are pouring in for tomorrow's Mardi Gras parade.		see also: <b>flood in</b>
<b>print out</b>	We don't need to <b>print out</b> all the receipts and invoices we email to customers. It's a waste of paper.	print out sth print sth out
You'll need about 1000 sheets of paper to print out all the orders.		see also: <b>run off</b> (used for multiple copies of sth)
<b>prop up</b>	The government has agreed to <b>prop</b> failing companies <b>up</b> by lending them the money to develop better products.	prop sth up prop up sth (be) propped up by sth
The country's economy has been propped up by foreign aid for years.		
<b>provide for</b>	If you can <b>provide for</b> yourself and your family by doing a job you love to do, you're a very fortunate person.	provide for sb
After losing his job, the man couldn't provide for his wife and kids.		
<b>pull back</b>	The soldiers knew they couldn't hold their new position with so many enemy fighters coming, so they <b>pulled back</b> to a safer place.	pull back
We entered the Chinese market, but pulled back due to budget problems.		see also: <b>pull out</b>
<b>pull down</b>	A developer is going to <b>pull down</b> our beautiful old cinema and build another block of apartments on the land.	pull down sth pull sth down (be) pulled down
The old buildings had to be pulled down because they were no longer safe.		see also: <b>knock down</b> , <b>tear down</b>
<b>pull in</b>	This new DJ is really popular in the dance clubs. He's <b>pulling in</b> some of the biggest crowds these days.	pull in sth pull sth in
Our morning news pulls in a bigger audience than any other channel's news.		see also: <b>pack in</b> (inf) (for clubs and stadiums)
<b>pull off</b>	Despite thinking he couldn't make a good presentation, he <b>pulled it off</b> easily and did a great job.	pull off sth pull sth off
Their plan to take over the company worked well, and they pulled it off.		see also: <b>bring off</b>
<b>pull out</b>	We knew the company was going under, so we <b>pulled out</b> of our deal with them rather than risk losing our investment.	pull out pull out of sth pull sth/sb out of sth
Most people think the president should pull the troops out of the war.		see also: <b>back out (of)</b> , <b>pull back (from)</b>

<b>pull over</b>	No need to drive me all the way home. If you <b>pull over</b> here, I'll jump out and catch a bus.	pull over
The taxi pulled over to pick up a couple of passengers.		 see also: <b>pull in, pull up</b>
<b>pull through</b>	We were very worried about his illness. He nearly died, but thankfully he <b>pulled through</b> and he's as healthy as ever again now.	pull through
It'll be a difficult time for our company, but I'm sure we'll pull through.		
<b>pull together</b>	We'll all have to <b>pull together</b> and work as a team to get the job done on time.	pull together
The staff pulled together and helped the company get through the crisis.		 see also: <b>pitch in</b>
<b>pull up</b>	We waved down a taxi and it <b>pulled up</b> and we all got in.	pull up
The car pulled up outside the theatre and Tom and Kate stepped out.		 see also: <b>pull over</b>
<b>pull up</b>	I spent an hour in the garden this afternoon <b>pulling up</b> weeds and other plants we don't want growing there.	pull up sth pull sth up
His boss got angry and told him to 'pull his socks up' and work harder.		
<b>push around</b> (inf)	My son wants to learn boxing so that bullies at his school won't be able to <b>push him around</b> so easily.	push around sb push sb around
He pushed his little brothers around until they started fighting back.		 see also: <b>rough up</b> (inf)
<b>push through</b>	The president tried to <b>push</b> his war budget <b>through</b> quickly, but many representatives wanted it debated and voted on properly.	push through sth push sth through push sth through sth
The government will try to push through the new foreign business laws.		 see also: <b>bring in</b>
<b>put across</b>	His written English is excellent, but sometimes he finds it difficult to <b>put</b> his views <b>across</b> in a conversation.	put across sth put sth across
Their ideas are great, but they have to learn how to put them across better.		 see also: <b>get across</b>
<b>put aside</b>	When people in Buddhist countries cook food, they often <b>put</b> some <b>aside</b> and offer it to monks when they come by in the morning.	put aside sth put sth aside
We'll put this proposal aside for now, but we'll look at it next month.		 see also: <b>set aside, put away</b>
<b>put away</b>	He inherited some money when his grandfather died, and spent about half of it and <b>put</b> the rest <b>away</b> for the future.	put away sth put sth away
His aunt gave him some money she'd put away in case he needed it to study.		 see also: <b>lay aside, put aside, set aside</b>

<b>put away</b>	If you wash the clothes, I'll iron them and <b>put</b> them <b>away</b> .	put sth away put away sth
Make sure you put away any documents you look at or they might get lost.		 see also: <b>pack away</b>
<b>put back</b>	Don't forget to <b>put</b> any movies you watch <b>back</b> in the same place you found them, or it'll be difficult to find them next time we want them.	put sth back put back sth
Brad swears he put the keys back in the drawer after he used them.		
<b>put back</b>	The production delay means we've had to <b>put</b> the release date <b>back</b> a month, so it'll be in July now, instead of June.	put sth back put back sth
The government put the election back a month, from April to May.		 see also: <b>put off (for)</b>
<b>put down</b>	After taking the guest to his room, the bellboy <b>put</b> the bags <b>down</b> beside the bed, drew the curtains and opened a window.	put sth down put down sth
He had to stop and put down the boxes because they were too heavy.		 see also: <b>set down</b>
<b>put down</b>	Bob can be mean. If he thinks you've done something wrong, he'll <b>put</b> you <b>down</b> by saying you're no good in front of other people.	put down sb put sb down
The boss puts down his staff by criticising them if they make mistakes.		 see also: <b>run down</b>
<b>put down to</b>	She didn't sing very well in her first concert, and her singing teacher <b>put</b> it <b>down to</b> her being so nervous.	put sth down to sth
Last month's slow sales can be put down to the reduction in advertising.		
<b>put forward</b>	Faster production time means we can <b>put</b> the release date <b>forward</b> a month, so it'll be in May now, instead of June.	put sth forward
The government put the election forward a month, from April to March.		 see also: <b>bring forward</b>
<b>put forward</b>	Don't be shy about <b>putting</b> your ideas <b>forward</b> . If you think of something during the meeting, please tell us about it.	put forward sth put sth forward
More proposals on cutting costs will be put forward at the next meeting.		 see also: <b>bring up</b>
<b>put in</b>	Are you sure you have enough room to <b>put</b> a swimming pool <b>in</b> ? You want some room for a garden as well, don't you?	put sth in put in sth
Having a top-quality security system put in can be quite expensive.		
<b>put in</b>	Have you <b>put in</b> your tax return yet? The deadline's coming up pretty soon, you know.	put in sth put sth in
If you want to go to the U.S., you'll have to put a visa application form in.		



<b>put in</b>	Kenny's been working very hard lately. He <b>put in</b> ten hours of overtime last week.	put in sth put sth in
Those who put the biggest effort in will get the biggest reward.		
<b>put in for</b>	You should <b>put in for</b> study leave to research your idea. You'd have a good chance of getting it.	put in for sth
Why don't you put in for one of the government's export promotion grants?		 see also: <b>go for</b>
<b>put off</b>	Adia's not feeling very well today, so we've <b>put</b> the meeting <b>off</b> until tomorrow.	put off sth put sth off
We'll have to put off expanding the company until we get another loan.		 see also: <b>hold off, put back</b>
<b>put off</b>	Missing short putts isn't something Tiger often does, but this time he was <b>put off</b> by a phone ringing just as he was hitting the ball.	be put off by sth put sb off sth
He was singing well until someone came into the studio and put him off.		
<b>put off</b>	Peter saw a TV show about how farm animals are killed, and it's <b>put</b> him <b>off</b> eating meat. He says he might become a vegetarian.	put sb off sth put sb off doing sth
Worries about security still put some customers off ordering online.		 see also: <b>deter from</b>
<b>put on</b>	Madonna was a bit late coming back after the break in her concert because she had trouble <b>putting</b> her new costume <b>on</b> .	put on sth put sth on
On his first date, my teenage son put way too much perfume on.		 see also: <b>get on</b>
<b>put on</b>	How many concerts featuring international artists did local entertainment companies <b>put on</b> this year?	put sth on put on sth
Is the export department going to put a trade fair on this year, or not?		
<b>put on</b>	It's really cold tonight. Have you <b>put</b> the electric blanket <b>on</b> ?	put sth on put on sth
Don't forget to put on the air conditioner when you get here in the morning.		 see also: <b>switch on, turn on</b>
<b>put onto</b>	Frank <b>put</b> me <b>onto</b> a top-class tailor. His new suit looked great so I asked him where he'd had it made and he gave me the guy's card.	put sb onto sb/sth
Max put them onto a very reliable shipping agent he knows in New York.		
<b>put out</b>	Are you sure that taking me to the station won't <b>put</b> you <b>out</b> ? I can easily get a taxi if you're busy.	put sb out
He won't stay at our house because he thinks he'd be putting us out.		

<b>put out</b>	It took the firemen over an hour to <b>put out</b> the fire.	put out sth put sth out
If they hadn't put the fire out so quickly, we could have lost our factory.		
<b>put through</b>	His doctor thought he might have cancer, so she <b>put</b> him <b>through</b> a series of tests.	put sb/sth through sth (be) put through sth
New drugs are put through many trials to make sure they're safe.		
<b>put through</b>	Hold the line please. I'll <b>put</b> your call <b>through</b> to Mr Gonzales as soon as he's free.	put sb/sth through put sb/sth through to sb/sth
The receptionist put him through to the CEO when she realised who he was.		
<b>put to</b>	I <b>put</b> my idea for saving costs <b>to</b> the meeting, but they didn't think our executives would like flying in economy class instead of first class.	put sth to sb
If you have any ideas on saving costs, put them to the budget committee.		 see also: <b>put forward (to)</b>
<b>put together</b>	If they want to become the market leaders, they'll have to <b>put together</b> a great marketing plan.	put together sth put sth together
She put an excellent presentation together and everyone was impressed.		 see also: <b>piece together</b>
<b>put up</b>	Take out the loan before the banks <b>put up</b> their interest rates.	put up sth put sth up
We have to put our prices up or we won't be able to make a decent profit.		 see also: <b>jack up</b> (inf.)
<b>put up with</b>	We can't <b>put up with</b> the heat any longer. We're going to buy an air conditioner.	put up with sth/sb
We put up with David's bad behaviour because he's a genius at design.		 see also: <b>stand for</b> (used for behaviour only)
<b>queue up</b>	When we went to the bank we used to <b>queue up</b> at the counter, but now we take a number and sit down and wait until our number's called out.	queue up
Don't you hate it if you've been queuing up for ages and someone pushes in?		 see also: <b>line up</b>
<b>quieten down</b>	A guy got sick of his neighbour's noisy dogs. After asking him to <b>quieten</b> them <b>down</b> many times, he did it himself by shooting them.	quieten down quieten down sb/sth quieten sb/sth down
The kids were noisy until the teacher came, but then they quietened down.		 see also: <b>calm down</b> , <b>pipe down</b> (inf), <b>settle down</b>

## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions PQ pq





















**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'p' or 'q'...**

- 1 How long will it take to pack \_ \_ \_ all the equipment after the concert? (4 letters)
- 2 Very few rock bands can still pack the crowds \_ \_ after thirty years of performing. (2 letters)
- 3 Why is Monica packing \_ \_ all her things? Is she moving out? (2 letters)
- 4 Have you seen how people are \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the trains in Tokyo? The guards jam them in! (6 letters)
- 5 We'll just have to be patient and wait to see how things pan \_ \_ \_ . (3 letters)
- 6 After a long illness, Barry's grandfather passed \_ \_ \_ \_ peacefully in his sleep last night. (4 letters)
- 7 Could you post this parcel for me if you're passing \_ \_ the post office? (2 letters)
- 8 The counterfeit notes were being passed \_ \_ \_ as real banknotes. (3 letters)
- 9 After you've signed the card, could you pass it \_ \_ to the next person to sign? (2 letters)
- 10 Could someone pass \_ \_ \_ the application forms, please? (3 letters)
- 11 Hector regrets passing \_ \_ the chance to study more when he was young. (2 letters)
- 12 Maria and Jose fight a lot, but they always \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ things up afterwards. (5 letters)
- 13 The guards patted everyone \_ \_ \_ \_ as they entered the building, checking for guns. (4 letters)
- 14 His sister lent him fifty dollars and he promised to \_ \_ \_ her back next week. (3 letters)
- 15 Thanks so much for your help. What can I do to pay you \_ \_ \_ \_ ? (4 letters)
- 16 Is it possible to have my pension paid directly \_ \_ \_ \_ a bank account overseas? (4 letters)
- 17 I bought a lovely house by the sea, but it'll take me thirty years to pay \_ \_ \_ the loan. (3 letters)
- 18 His three years of hard work studying English \_ \_ \_ \_ off when he got his dream job. (4 letters)
- 19 How long did the insurance company take to pay \_ \_ \_ your claim for the operation? (3 letters)
- 20 These guys came and said he owed them money, and if he didn't pay \_ \_ he'd be sorry. (2 letters)
- 21 She was quiet until she'd had some wine, and then she perked \_ \_ and started to have fun. (2 letters)
- 22 The government gradually phased \_ \_ the tax cuts they'd promised to make. (2 letters)
- 23 It's time our company's old dress code was phased \_ \_ \_ so we can wear casual clothes. (3 letters)
- 24 My son says some of the older boys at his school pick \_ \_ him. What should I do about it? (2 letters)
- 25 Painters are coming soon, so look at the chart and pick \_ \_ \_ a colour for your office. (3 letters)
- 26 Her boyfriend always picks her \_ \_ from the station and drives her home. (2 letters)
- 27 We'll stop now, then after lunch we'll pick up \_ \_ \_ \_ where we left off. (4 letters)
- 28 She doesn't pick up \_ \_ the signs when she's boring people, and just keeps on talking. (2 letters)
- 29 After collecting evidence, the police pieced it all \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and solved the crime. (8 letters)
- 30 Bills are piling \_ \_ at home and she has no money to pay them. (2 letters)
- 31 The rebels have agreed to a ceasefire, but we haven't pinned them \_ \_ \_ \_ to a date as yet. (4 letters)
- 32 We were talking loudly and laughing when the boss came and told us to pipe \_ \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)
- 33 They all pitched \_ \_ and had their grandmother's house cleaned up in a few hours. (2 letters)
- 34 If you're studying, you should plan \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in order to prepare for your exams. (5 letters)
- 35 The kids love playing \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the park with their dad on weekends. (6 letters)
- 36 The prime minister tried to play \_ \_ \_ \_ the bad news by saying it wasn't so serious. (4 letters)
- 37 My back's playing \_ \_ again, so I'll have to call off my tennis lesson this week. (2 letters)
- 38 In job interviews, Max always \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ up the fact that he studied at Oxford University. (5 letters)
- 39 If your computer won't start up, make sure it's plugged \_ \_ to a power socket that works. (2 letters)
- 40 I'd like to point \_ \_ \_ the fact that it's extremely important to know lots of phrasal verbs. (3 letters)
- 41 Most experts say all the current indicators point \_ \_ an economic slowdown. (2 letters)
- 42 Over half the cake was left over, but Greg polished it \_ \_ \_ easily. No wonder he's so big! (3 letters)
- 43 Before I go to Germany, I'm going to polish \_ \_ my German language skills. (2 letters)
- 44 Could you pop \_ \_ \_ \_ my office and pick up that CD I was telling you about? (4 letters)
- 45 I'm popping \_ \_ \_ to call someone, but I'll be back in a minute. (3 letters)
- 46 Orders for Noam's book have been pouring \_ \_ since he won the Pulitzer Prize. (2 letters)
- 47 The country's agricultural sector has been propped \_ \_ by state subsidies for years. (2 letters)
- 48 Sergei had trouble providing \_ \_ \_ his wife and kids after his business failed. (3 letters)
- 49 Our soldiers tried to hold onto the territory, but had to pull \_ \_ \_ \_ after being attacked. (4 letters)
- 50 The old block of apartments was pulled \_ \_ \_ \_ because it was no longer safe. (4 letters)
- 51 The train pulled \_ \_ and everyone got off. (2 letters)
- 52 The new Harry Potter movie is really pulling \_ \_ the crowds. (2 letters)
- 53 The students pulled \_ \_ \_ a daring break-in and photographed their exam questions. (3 letters)
- 54 Nadal injured his ankle and had to pull \_ \_ \_ of his match with Roger Federer. (3 letters)
- 55 After I signalled to the taxi driver, he pulled \_ \_ \_ \_ and I got in the back seat. (4 letters)
- 56 It was a very serious illness and he could have died, but luckily he pulled \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . (7 letters)
- 57 The coach told his players to pull \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and work as a team. (8 letters)
- 58 The only part of gardening he doesn't enjoy much is pulling \_ \_ weeds. (2 letters)
- 59 My son is learning karate so bullies won't be able to push him \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ any more. (6 letters)
- 60 The government plans to push \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ new laws to ban alcohol advertisements. (7 letters)
- 61 Many of our students still have trouble putting their ideas \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in a conversation. (6 letters)

Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'p' or 'q'...





















- 62 I hope you're putting plenty of money \_ \_ \_ \_ for your old age. (5 letters)
- 63 Every month he saves about a thousand dollars, but sometimes he puts \_ \_ \_ \_ a bit more. (4 letters)
- 64 Production delays meant the release date had to be put \_ \_ \_ \_ a month. (4 letters)
- 65 I hate the way our boss puts us \_ \_ \_ \_ in front of everyone else if we make a mistake. (4 letters)
- 66 The coach put his team's loss down \_ \_ their lack of experience. (2 letters)
- 67 Advertising agencies will put \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ their proposals for the campaign later today. (7 letters)
- 68 The captain always \_ \_ \_ \_ in a big effort and works as hard as he can for the team. (4 letters)
- 69 Have you put \_ \_ your application for a visa yet? (2 letters)
- 70 How many hours of overtime are you \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in this week? (7 letters)
- 71 You should put in \_ \_ \_ a study grant. You'd have a good chance of getting it. (3 letters)
- 72 Jamila's not well, so we had to put today's meeting \_ \_ \_ until Monday morning. (3 letters)
- 73 Ernie missed his putt because a phone rang just as he hit the ball, and it put him \_ \_ \_ . (3 letters)
- 74 A TV show about how animals are killed for food has put me \_ \_ \_ eating meat forever. (3 letters)
- 75 Which suit do you think I should put \_ \_ for the job interview? (2 letters)
- 76 When she interviews people, she \_ \_ \_ \_ on a very serious expression to see how they react. (4 letters)
- 77 Sam put me \_ \_ \_ \_ a new barber and I got a new hairstyle. What do you think? (4 letters)
- 78 It took the firemen over an hour to put \_ \_ \_ the fire. (3 letters)
- 79 Hold the line please. I'll put you \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to Mr Kim as soon as he's free. (7 letters)
- 80 She put her concept \_ \_ the marketing team, and they said it had potential. (2 letters)
- 81 We need to put \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a top design team if we want to create the best products. (8 letters)
- 82 If a company's profits are falling, do you think it should put \_ \_ the prices it charges? (2 letters)
- 83 I'm quitting because I can't put up \_ \_ \_ \_ our boss any longer. She's driving me crazy! (4 letters)
- 84 When you go to the post office, you'll have to queue \_ \_ at a counter to buy stamps. (2 letters)
- 85 The kids were talking loudly until the teacher came and told them to quieten \_ \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)

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<b>rake in</b> (informal)	They've been <b>raking in</b> the money since their gambling website took off and they're rich now.	rake in sth rake sth in
Our company has been raking the money in, so we'll all get big bonuses.		
<b>rally round</b> (informal)	After the accident, Jane's friends <b>rallied round</b> and helped her out with the shopping and her housework.	rally round rally round sb
After Carlos lost his job, we all rallied round and helped him find another.		
<b>reach out</b>	Monkeys were <b>reaching out</b> of their cage to grab the bits of bread and fruit the kids were feeding them.	reach out reach out for sb/sth reach out to sb/sth
David reached out to shake hands with his fans, and then drove off.		
<b>read into</b>	You're <b>reading</b> too much <b>into</b> what she said. She doesn't hate you, but you might annoy her sometimes.	read sth into sth
A good salesman can read a lot into what customers say and do.		
<b>read out</b>	The students listened carefully as their teacher <b>read out</b> their test scores.	read out sth read sth out
The courtroom was very quiet as the judge read the verdict out.		
<b>read up on</b>	I'm going to <b>read up on</b> doing business in Asia before I go there.	read up on sth
Did she read up on Japanese business culture before she went there?		
<b>reflect on</b>	When James turned forty, he <b>reflected on</b> what he'd done with his life so far, and thought about what he could do with the time he had left.	reflect on sth
After her divorce, Sue reflected on her marriage and why it had failed.		 see also: <b>think over</b>
<b>rely on</b>	Sayoko's English is so good now that she doesn't have to <b>rely on</b> an interpreter when she's in a meeting.	rely on sth/sb rely on sth/sb to do sth
Use the best distributors as we'll be relying on them to maximise sales.		 see also: <b>depend on</b>
<b>remind of</b>	His new receptionist <b>reminds</b> Ken <b>of</b> his first girlfriend. She looks a bit like her and even sounds like her sometimes.	remind sb of sth/sb
The smell of incense reminds her of going to temples as a kid.		
<b>resort to</b>	Bobby's essay is due in tomorrow but he hasn't finished it, so he's <b>resorted to</b> paying another student to help him get it done on time.	resort to sth resort to doing sth
Unless he resorts to dirty tricks, the president will lose the next election.		 see also: <b>turn to</b> , <b>fall back on</b>

<b>result in</b>	The new marketing plan was a great success. It <b>resulted in</b> a lot of interest in their products and a significant increase in sales.	result in sth
The new tax regulations resulted in many small firms starting up.		see also: <b>lead to</b>
<b>return to</b>	They tried living in a different city but it didn't work out, so they're <b>returning to</b> their old city.	return to sth
Life was good before the war, and it returned to normal after it was over.		see also: <b>go back (to)</b>
<b>revert to</b>	After trying out a new textbook, the school <b>reverted to</b> its old book after it became clear the new one didn't work as well.	revert to sth
Her new strategies didn't work, so she reverted to her old methods.		see also: <b>go back (to), return to</b>
<b>rip off</b> (informal)	I was <b>ripped off</b> by a guy who sold me a gold ring for \$500. When I tried to sell it after getting home, I was told it wasn't real gold.	rip off sb rip sb off (be) ripped off (by sb)
Some phone companies rip their customers off by charging them too much.		
<b>roll out</b>	Thai Airways will be <b>rolling out</b> its new budget airline over the next few months.	roll out sth roll sth out
When will Nokia be rolling their new range of mobile phones out?		see also: <b>bring out</b>
<b>roll up</b>	<b>Roll</b> the poster <b>up</b> and put it into a mailing tube before sending it.	roll sth up roll up sth
Rolling up <b>shirt</b> sleeves signifies hard work in many countries.		
<b>root out</b>	The government has promised to <b>root</b> corrupt officials <b>out</b> by checking their bank accounts and their assets.	root sth/sb out root out sth/sb
Employees selling company secrets were rooted out and arrested.		see also: <b>weed out</b>
<b>rope in</b> (informal)	The CEO wants the native speakers to give English lessons to the other staff, and he's <b>roped</b> me and Jenny <b>in</b> . We couldn't refuse.	rope sb in rope in sb
Try to rope in as many of the staff as you can for our charity fun run.		
<b>rough up</b> (informal)	When he got to jail, he was punched and kicked by the guards. They know that <b>roughing</b> new prisoners <b>up</b> makes them easier to control.	rough sb up rough up sb
Senior students often rough up new students to show them who's boss.		see also: <b>push around</b>
<b>round down</b>	<b>Round</b> the amounts <b>down</b> to the nearest dollar. If it's \$96.40, make it \$96.00.	round sth down round down sth
Rounding the amounts down makes the calculations simpler.		



<b>round up</b>	<b>Round up</b> to the nearest dollar. If the amount is \$96.60, make it \$97.00.	round up sth round sth up
Round the amount up to the nearest dollar if it's over the 50-cent mark.		
<b>rub off</b>	Alan's enthusiasm <b>rubbed off</b> on the other players, and now the whole team's playing much better.	rub off rub off on sb
If Ida's dedication rubs off, all the staff will start working harder.		
<b>rule out</b>	Marie will probably get the job, but don't <b>rule out</b> Steve. He's got a good chance too.	rule out sb/sth rule sb/sth out
The police say her death looks like suicide, but they haven't ruled murder out.		 see also: <b>count out</b>
<b>run across</b>	I <b>ran across</b> an old friend at the mall yesterday. We went to school together, but we hadn't seen each other for years.	run across sb/sth
Did you run across anyone you know at the conference?		 see also: <b>bump into, come across, run into</b>
<b>run after</b>	My dog has a bad habit of <b>running after</b> cars, and I'm worried that he'll get run over one day.	run after sb/sth
I ran after the thief, but he was too fast for me and I couldn't catch him.		
<b>run against</b>	John Kerry <b>ran against</b> George W. Bush in the 2004 U.S. presidential election and he lost, though some say he was cheated out of a victory.	run against sb
Who will be running against the president in the next election?		
<b>run away</b>	When I was a kid I got angry with my parents one day and <b>ran away</b> from home. But I only stayed away until I got hungry.	run away run away from sb/sth
Sophie won't face her problems. She just tries to run away from them.		
<b>run by</b>	When you've finished preparing your presentation, <b>run it by</b> me and I'll let you know what I think.	run sth by sb
Sue ran her new ideas on marketing by him and he told her what he thought.		
<b>run down</b>	If the manager is angry about something, he <b>runs</b> everyone in the office <b>down</b> . No matter what they do, he says they're no good.	run sb down
Don't worry if she runs you down and criticises your work. We all get it.		 see also: <b>put down</b>
<b>run down</b>	A bus nearly <b>ran me down</b> while I was riding my bicycle along the road. If Jill hadn't yelled out, I could've been killed.	run sb down (be) run down by sb/sth
An old man was crossing the road when he was run down by a speeding car.		 see also: <b>run over</b>

<b>run in</b>	If you buy a new car, <b>run it in</b> by driving slowly and gently for the first couple of weeks. If you don't <b>run it in</b> , you could damage the engine.	run sth in run in sth
He blew the engine in his new Ferrari. No-one told him it needed running in.		
<b>run into</b>	Today I <b>ran into</b> a cousin I hadn't seen for years. It was good to see each other after such a long time.	run into sb
When I go back to my home town, I run into a lot of old school friends.		see also: <b>bump into</b> , <b>come across</b> , <b>run across</b>
<b>run into</b>	Many development projects <b>ran into</b> financial difficulty when their funding was cut back.	run into sth
The film festival ran into some serious problems and had to be called off.		see also: <b>get into</b>
<b>run off</b>	Could you run down to in the photocopy room and <b>run</b> 20 copies of this report <b>off</b> ? I need them for the meeting and it starts in ten minutes!	run sth off run off sth
How long would it take to run off 200 copies of an 8-page document?		see also: <b>print out</b>
<b>run off with</b> (informal)	Our accountant <b>ran off with</b> the company's money, but after a few weeks the police found him and arrested him.	run off with sth/sb
Our new accountant ran off with the boss's wife, and no-one's seen them.		see also: <b>run away (with)</b>
<b>run on</b>	The meeting should have finished at six o'clock, but it <b>ran on</b> until well after seven o'clock.	run on
The job should be finished in six weeks, but it could run on a bit longer.		see also: <b>go on</b> , <b>carry on</b>
<b>run on</b>	The latest mobile phones <b>run on</b> a battery that lasts for a week before it needs recharging.	run on sth
Why are cars which run on electricity still not used by many people?		
<b>run out</b>	We've <b>run out</b> of milk. Could you run down to the shop and get some more, please?	run out run out of sth
When the printer's paper has nearly run out, tell Sue we need some more.		
<b>run out on</b>	Richard <b>ran out on</b> his wife and kids and went to live in Rio with his Brazilian girlfriend.	run out on sb
After running out on her husband, Emma flew to Fiji with a rich accountant.		see also: <b>walk out (on)</b>
<b>run over</b>	I was nearly <b>run over</b> by a bus this morning. If Jill hadn't yelled out, I could've been killed.	run sth/sb over run over sth/sb (be) run over by sth/sb
I ran over a dog while driving here and I can't stop thinking about it.		see also: <b>run down</b>





















<b>run through</b>	After I've written the speech, could we <b>run through</b> it together so you can let me know what you think.	run through sth
I just ran through Justin's presentation with him and it was excellent.		 see also: <b>go through</b>
<b>run to</b>	Whenever Brian got into financial trouble, he <b>ran to</b> his parents to ask for help.	run to sb
We can't keep running to the bank for a loan every time we need money.		
<b>run up</b>	I hope the company reimburses us as soon as we get back. We've <b>run up</b> quite a large bill at the hotel since we arrived.	run up sth run sth up
How did they manage to run such a huge bill up at the hotel? Did they buy it?		
<b>run up against</b>	We've <b>run up against</b> some technical problems in the factory, so we'll have to put back some of our product delivery dates.	run up against sth
We've run up against some strong competition from foreign producers.		 see also: <b>(be) faced with, come up against, run into</b>
<b>rush into</b>	When you're investing your savings, don't <b>rush into</b> anything. Get all the information and advice you can before making any decisions.	rush into sth
She keeps rushing into new relationships and getting hurt.		

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## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **R r**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'r'...**

- 1 Sanjaya has been raking \_ \_ the money since his business took off. (2 letters)
- 2 While Christine was sick, her friends rallied \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to help her. (5 letters)
- 3 The monkey reached \_ \_ \_ and grabbed the apple from my hand while I was eating it. (3 letters)
- 4 My wife thinks I'm reading too much \_ \_ \_ \_ what Bob said about my work. (4 letters)
- 5 The teacher reads \_ \_ \_ her students' names to check attendance in every class. (3 letters)
- 6 I'm going to read up \_ \_ Chinese history before going there. (2 letters)
- 7 While she was ill, Sue reflected \_ \_ how she'd treated her body and vowed to change. (2 letters)
- 8 Our new accountant reminds me \_ \_ my cousin. They're both quiet and serious. (2 letters)
- 9 Miguel always does a good job, so you can rely \_ \_ him. (2 letters)
- 10 After losing all his money at the casino, he resorted \_ \_ selling his watch to keep going. (2 letters)
- 11 The coach's new tactics worked well and resulted \_ \_ the team's first win for a month. (2 letters)
- 12 Life is slowly returning \_ \_ normal in the city after the worst floods in history. (2 letters)
- 13 The coach's new tactics didn't work well, so the team reverted \_ \_ its old tactics. (2 letters)
- 14 Some apartment owners rip their tenants \_ \_ \_ by charging too much for electricity. (3 letters)
- 15 Apple Corp will be rolling \_ \_ \_ their new line of computers at the end of the month. (3 letters)
- 16 Before you send the poster, roll it \_ \_ and put it into a mailing tube. (2 letters)
- 17 The government has promised to root \_ \_ \_ corrupt officials and punish them. (3 letters)
- 18 More people are needed to join in the charity run, so rope \_ \_ as many as you can. (2 letters)
- 19 As soon as they arrived, the new prisoners were roughed \_ \_ by the guards. (2 letters)
- 20 If it's \$76.20, you can round it \_ \_ \_ \_ to \$76.00. (4 letters)
- 21 If it's \$86.90, you can round it \_ \_ to \$87.00. (2 letters)
- 22 Nora's enthusiasm has rubbed \_ \_ \_ on other workers and now everyone's doing better. (3 letters)
- 23 Tam will probably get the promotion, but don't rule \_ \_ \_ Joe. He's got a good chance too. (3 letters)
- 24 I ran \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ an old friend at the gym yesterday. We hadn't seen each for years. (6 letters)
- 25 I threw a stick and my dog ran \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ it and caught it in his mouth. (5 letters)
- 26 Al Gore ran \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ George W. Bush in the 2000 election. Bush won, didn't he? (7 letters)
- 27 Her son ran away \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ home when he was 13, but he came back the next day. (4 letters)
- 28 After I'd prepared my presentation, I ran it \_ \_ Bob and he told me what he thought. (2 letters)
- 29 Does your boss get angry and run you \_ \_ \_ \_ whenever you make a mistake? (4 letters)
- 30 A bus nearly \_ \_ \_ me down while I was walking along the road. (3 letters)
- 31 If you buy a new car, you'll need to spend the first week or two running it \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 32 While he was driving home, he took his eyes off the road and \_ \_ \_ into the back of a bus. (3 letters)
- 33 She ran \_ \_ \_ \_ her old teacher at the game and they had a quick chat before it started. (4 letters)
- 34 Many companies ran \_ \_ \_ \_ financial difficulty when the value of the dollar dropped. (4 letters)
- 35 Could you tell the photocopy guy to run \_ \_ \_ sixty copies of this report? (3 letters)
- 36 The accountant ran off \_ \_ \_ \_ the company's money, but the police soon caught him. (4 letters)
- 37 The meeting should have finished at 5.30, but it ran \_ \_ until 7.30. (2 letters)
- 38 Could you run down to the store and get some milk? We've run \_ \_ \_ . (3 letters)
- 39 The printer stopped because it had run out \_ \_ ink. (2 letters)
- 40 While she was crossing the road, the old lady was nearly run \_ \_ \_ \_ by a bus. (4 letters)
- 41 Let's run \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the agenda before the meeting so we know what we'll be doing. (7 letters)
- 42 Whenever Rashid needs money, he runs \_ \_ his sister and asks her to help him out. (2 letters)
- 43 It's easy to run \_ \_ a very big bill if you're ordering expensive drinks, so be careful. (2 letters)
- 44 The production team ran up \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ some problems in the new factory. (7 letters)
- 45 When you're making investment decisions, be sure you don't rush \_ \_ \_ \_ anything. (4 letters)

<b>save up</b>	My daughter is <b>saving up</b> for a new mobile phone. She's already got over a hundred dollars.	save up save up for sth
People used to save up to buy something, but now they get things on credit.		
<b>scrape through</b>	He was a lazy student in university and only just <b>scraped through</b> the final exams. He very nearly failed.	scrape through scrape through sth
Our team just scraped through to the second round of matches.		
<b>scrape together</b>	He's a lazy man and doesn't work much, so he sometimes has trouble <b>scraping together</b> enough money to pay the rent.	scrape together sth scrape sth together
I scraped enough money together to start my own company.		
<b>screw up (informal)</b>	Jim really <b>screwed up</b> this time. We paid a lot of money for a newspaper advertisement and he put the wrong phone number in it!	screw up screw up sth screw sth up
If Jim screws up one more time, I'll have to let him go and hire someone else.		 see also: <b>mess up</b> , <b>slip up</b>
<b>see about</b>	Maria's going to <b>see</b> her bank's loans officer <b>about</b> borrowing the money for a new apartment.	see sb about sth see about sth
Jim's going to see a man about a dog. It's a puppy he might buy for his son.		
<b>see around</b>	Marco used to hang out in the dance clubs, but no-one's <b>seen</b> him <b>around</b> for a while. Does anyone know what he's up to?	see sb around
I've never met their CEO, but I've seen him around at trade fairs.		
<b>see into</b>	The fortune teller says she can <b>see into</b> your thoughts and <b>see into</b> the future. Do you believe her?	see into sth
I wish I could see into Mark's mind and find out what his real motive is.		
<b>see off</b>	The girl's family went to <b>see</b> her <b>off</b> at the airport. After saying good-bye, they waited for her plane to take off and waved as it flew away.	see sb off see off sb
Can you take our guests to the train station and see them off, please?		
<b>see out</b>	After <b>seeing out</b> the year in his current job, he's going to spend next year travelling around Asia.	see out sth see sth out
We'll see the current contract out and then look for another supplier.		 see also: <b>see through</b>
<b>see out</b>	After the meeting was over, the chairman accompanied his guests down to the lobby and <b>saw</b> them <b>out</b> to their waiting cars.	see sb out
The manager's assistant saw the visitors out to the elevator lobby.		

<b>see through</b>	We'd agreed to do the job, so we had to <b>see it through</b> no matter how difficult it became.	see sth through
Once we're committed to something, we see it through no matter what.		see also: <b>see out</b>
<b>see through</b>	Bill said he'd stopped drinking alcohol, but Joe <b>saw through</b> him right away and knew he hadn't really stopped.	see through sb/sth
Addicts beg doctors for pain drugs, but those who see through the act refuse.		
<b>see through</b>	Don't worry about money. We'll give you enough to <b>see you through</b> until you get a new job.	see sb through
.Head office says they'll send enough funds to see us through this month.		
<b>see to</b>	The organising committee asked Gerard to make an advertisement for the next seminar and he said he'd <b>see to</b> it right away.	see to sth get/have sth seen to
That's a nasty cut. You'd better go to the hospital and have it seen to.		see also: <b>attend to</b>
<b>seek out</b>	When her husband was diagnosed with cancer, she decided to <b>seek out</b> the world's top cancer specialists to treat him.	seek out sth/sb seek sth/sb out
We were advised to seek out the most experienced lawyers we could find.		see also: <b>look for</b>
<b>sell off</b>	The company had to <b>sell off</b> some of its assets in order to pay off its debts.	sell off sth sell sth off
The company's owner sold his own assets off to pay his company's debts.		
<b>sell out</b>	The nearest shop had <b>sold out</b> of bread, so she had to go to another one further away to get some.	sell out sell out of sth
If our retailers are selling out of stock, they need more frequent deliveries.		see also: <b>run out</b>
<b>send back</b>	The book I ordered arrived in the mail, but it wasn't in good condition so I <b>sent it back</b> and now I'm waiting for the replacement.	send sth back send back sth
Too many orders are sent back damaged, so we'll strengthen our packaging.		
<b>send for</b>	If someone gets hurt in the factory, <b>send for</b> an ambulance and a doctor straight away. You don't need permission from anyone first.	send for sth/sb
Tell the job applicants to wait in reception until someone sends for them.		
<b>send off</b>	If you <b>send off</b> your application forms by registered mail today, they should get to the universities in two or three days.	send off sth send sth off
Make sure you send the orders off by Friday at the latest.		see also: <b>mail out</b>























<b>send out</b>	When will Tom and Katie <b>send</b> their wedding invitations <b>out</b> ?	send sth out send out sth
How many copies of the new catalogue are they planning to send out?		see also: <b>mail out</b>
<b>send out for</b>	Why don't we <b>send out for</b> pizza? We can eat it in front of the TV and watch the game.	send out for sth
Their boss sent out for food for everyone who was working late.		see also: <b>order in</b>
<b>set about</b>	The new owner <b>set about</b> saving the company by cutting costs and laying off staff who weren't performing well enough.	set about sth set about doing sth
We've set about the task of finding new markets for our products overseas.		see also: <b>go about</b>
<b>set against</b>	The new tax was very unpopular and <b>set</b> a lot of people <b>against</b> the government.	set sb against sth/sb
The civil war set many neighbours and friends against each other.		
<b>set aside</b>	Are you sure you've <b>set</b> enough money <b>aside</b> for your trip to Japan? Everything's very expensive there, you know.	set sth aside set aside sth
How much of the budget did they set aside to cover marketing costs?		see also: <b>lay aside, put aside</b>
<b>set back</b> (informal)	Airline tickets will <b>set</b> them <b>back</b> about two thousand dollars, or about fifteen hundred if they're flying on a budget airline.	set sb/sth back sth
How much will travel insurance for the whole family set them back?		
<b>set down</b>	It's important to <b>set</b> the refunds policy <b>down</b> and post it on the company website so customers can read it whenever they want to.	set sth down set down sth
It's a good idea to set down some guidelines on how to treat customers.		see also: <b>write down</b>
<b>set in</b>	The rain looks like it's <b>set in</b> for the day, so it might be best to call off the game.	set in
The economic recession seems to have set in and it might go on for years.		
<b>set off</b>	There was a loud explosion just as the president stepped out of his car. Someone had <b>set off</b> a bomb.	set off sth set sth off
Rumours of huge share sales set the economic crisis off.		see also: <b>let off</b> (for bombs and fireworks only)
<b>set off / out</b>	If you want to get there by midday, you'll have to <b>set off</b> at around seven o'clock.	set off/out
If they set out at ten a.m., they should have arrived by now.		see also: <b>head off</b>

<b>set out</b>	The prospectus clearly <b>sets out</b> the company's goals and its strategies for reaching them.	set out sth set sth out
The guarantee should set the conditions out for getting a full refund.		see also: <b>lay out</b>
<b>set up</b>	Richard <b>set up</b> his first company when he was only 16 years old, and since then he's become a very rich man.	set up sth set sth up
To set a business up, you need an idea and you need money or investors.		see also: <b>start up</b>
<b>set up</b>	We've <b>set up</b> a meeting with some of our biggest clients, and all our marketing staff are going to be there.	set up sth set sth up
The IT staff are setting a new online system up for managing supply chains.		
<b>settle down</b>	Anna was really excited when we told her about her promotion, but she's <b>settled down</b> again now.	settle down
The share markets have settled down again after a very busy morning.		see also: <b>calm down</b> , <b>quieten down</b>
<b>settle down</b>	Dad did a lot of travelling when he was young, but after meeting my mum he <b>settled down</b> and raised a family – luckily for me.	settle down
Even the wildest young men in the town settled down and raised families.		
<b>settle for</b>	The workers <b>settled for</b> a ten-dollar wage rise and ended their strike, even though some of them wanted to hold out for more.	settle for sth
We'll have to settle for second place this time, but we'll beat them next time.		
<b>settle in / into</b>	My kids weren't happy in their new school at first, but they've <b>settled in</b> now and say they like it.	settle in settle into sth
The new staff have settled into their jobs and seem happy working here.		
<b>settle on</b>	They were thinking of going to Japan for a holiday, but after realising how expensive it'd be they <b>settled on</b> a trip to Thailand instead.	settle on sth/sb
We haven't settled on a name for the puppy yet, but we'll pick one soon.		see also: <b>decide on</b>
<b>settle up</b>	Bob is an honest guy. When his company went broke, he sold his own house in order to <b>settle up</b> some of his company's debts.	settle up settle up with sb
We're checking out today so we'll settle up as soon as the bill's ready.		see also: <b>pay off</b> (used for debts, but not for bills)
<b>shake off</b>	One of our players twisted his ankle, but he kept running and managed to <b>shake off</b> the injury and keep on playing.	shake off sth shake sth off
He doesn't often get sick, and even when he does he shakes it off quickly.		see also: <b>get over</b>





















<b>shake up</b>	Jane was in a car accident this morning. She wasn't hurt, but it really <b>shook</b> her <b>up</b> and she's taking the day off work to get over the shock.	shake sb up shake up sb
Luckily no-one was hurt in the storm, but it shook up a lot of people.		
<b>shake up</b>	After taking over the company, the new manager is <b>shaking</b> things <b>up</b> . She's laid off some staff and set clear performance goals for the others.	shake sth up shake up sth
She's good at shaking up administrations and revitalising companies.		
<b>shape up</b>	Our new boss said a lot of our work needs improving. She said she'd have to dismiss some of us unless we <b>shaped up</b> and did a lot better.	shape up
The coach told some of his players to shape up and do better, or they'd be out.		
<b>shoot down</b>	The enemy <b>shot down</b> one of our fighter jets. The pilot bailed out and survived, but the plane crashed and was destroyed.	shoot down sth shoot sth down
Julia shot down every idea Joe proposed. She didn't like any of them.		
<b>shop around</b>	If you need a new phone, <b>shop around</b> to find the best price. Don't just buy one from the first shop you come to.	shop around
Shopping around is a good way to find cheap prices and save money.		see also: <b>look around</b>
<b>show off</b>	Arnold must have been doing some bodybuilding at the gym. We saw him <b>showing off</b> his new muscles at the pool.	show off sth show sth off
Terry invited his friends over to show his new apartment off.		
<b>show off</b>	The boys in the band enjoy playing music, but they like <b>showing off</b> to all the cute girls in the audience even more.	show off
If her kids show off, she says it's cute. If other kids show off, it annoys her.		
<b>show up (informal)</b>	Once the word was out, a lot of Aaron's old school friends <b>showed up</b> at his birthday party.	show up show up at sth
Many people showed up at the product launch because of the free drinks.		see also: <b>turn up</b>
<b>shut down</b>	The government tried to <b>shut down</b> the illegal drugs trade, but corruption in state agencies made it very difficult.	shut down sth shut sth down
The police shut the bar down for serving drinks to underage customers.		see also: <b>close down</b>
<b>shut off</b>	Why didn't they make very sure someone had <b>shut off</b> the power before trying to fix the electrical wiring?	shut off sth shut sth off
I can smell gas. Somebody must have forgotten to shut it off.		see also: <b>turn off</b>

<b>shut out</b>	It's very bright in here. Would you mind if I closed the curtains to <b>shut out</b> the sunlight?	shut out sth/sb shut sth/sb out shut sth/sb out of sth
She was so angry with him that she shut her husband out of the house.		see also: <b>keep out</b>
<b>shut up</b> (impolite)	There were some selfish people in the cinema who wouldn't stop talking. They made me so angry that I told them to <b>shut up</b> or get out.	shut up shut sb/sth up
Can you please find a way to shut your dog up? I can't sleep when it barks.		see also: <b>pipe down</b> (inf), <b>quieten down</b>
<b>shut up</b>	Every evening at 8 o'clock he <b>shuts up</b> his shop and goes to the pub to meet his friends.	shut up sth shut sth up
They've shut the building up for the weekend, so we can't get in until Monday.		
<b>sign away</b>	Many musicians were ripped off when managers and record companies talked them into <b>signing away</b> the rights to their music.	sign away sth sign sth away
He claims he was misled by a lawyer into signing his parental rights away.		
<b>sign off</b>	At the end of his TV show, Larry King used to <b>sign off</b> by saying, 'See ya later, alligator.'	sign off sign off by doing sth sign off with sth
I sign off emails with 'Cheers', but for letters I often use 'Best regards'.		
<b>sign on</b>	Angie loves teaching English and she's just <b>signed on</b> for another year's work in her school.	sign on sign on sb sign sb on
Have they managed to sign someone on to do the job yet, or not?		see also: <b>sign up</b>
<b>sign up</b>	Liverpool Football Club has just <b>signed up</b> three new players for next season.	sign up sign up sb sign sb up
The army's had trouble signing new recruits up since the war began.		see also: <b>sign on</b>
<b>sing along</b>	I'll sing a song, but only if everyone else <b>sings along</b> with me.	sing along sing along with sb/sth
We had a great time singing along with some of our favourite songs.		
<b>sink in / into</b>	When I told my wife that we'd won the lottery, she sat there staring. But when it finally <b>sank in</b> , she started clapping and screaming.	sink in sink into sth
It took a while for what she'd said to sink into my tired, old brain.		
<b>sit around</b>	Sometimes Ben watches his cat and the way it just <b>sits around</b> all day looking content, and he thinks it must nice being a cat.	sit around
Does he really think he'd be happy just sitting around all day?		see also: <b>hang around</b> , <b>laze around</b>












<b>sit back</b>	We can't just <b>sit back</b> and wait for other people to solve the problem of global warming. We all have to do whatever we can to help.	sit back
He thinks managers just sit back and tell other people to do all the work.		 see also: <b>sit around</b>
<b>sit down</b>	The students stood up when the teacher came in, and didn't <b>sit down</b> again until she told them to.	sit down
Sitting down at a desk all day isn't healthy, so I go for a walk every hour.		
<b>sit in for</b>	The chairman can't be here today, so he's asked me to <b>sit in for</b> him and chair the meeting.	sit in for sb
Will you have time to sit in for me at the meetings while I'm away?		 see also: <b>fill in, stand in</b>
<b>sit in on</b>	We have some trainee teachers coming in today. They're going to <b>sit in on</b> some classes and watch what we do.	sit in on sth
In my country, any citizen can sit in on a court trial and watch it.		
<b>sit out</b>	It was a terrible movie, but I had to <b>sit it out</b> because I went with my girlfriend and she wanted to see how it ended.	sit sth out sit out sth
I had no choice but to sit out the boring meeting and the dull speeches.		 see also: <b>see through, see out</b>
<b>sit up</b>	His mother told him to <b>sit up</b> straight or he'd have problems with his back when he was older.	sit up
We sat up and took notice when she began reading out the exam results.		
<b>size up</b>	Make sure you look your best when you go for a job interview. They'll be <b>sizing</b> you <b>up</b> before you even speak.	size sb/sth up size up sb/sth
She sizes up a writer's work and then quickly accepts it or rejects it.		 see also: <b>weigh up</b> (for things more than people)
<b>sleep around</b> (inf)	Some people say that most young men like to <b>sleep around</b> while most young women prefer to stick with the one partner.	sleep around
His doctor said sleeping around increases the risk of catching diseases.		
<b>sleep in</b>	I love <b>sleeping in</b> on Sunday mornings. Sometimes I don't get up until midday.	sleep in
I didn't plan to sleep in so long, but I guess I needed to catch up on my sleep.		
<b>slip up</b> (informal)	If Bob makes any more mistakes, he might lose his job. He has to be careful he doesn't <b>slip up</b> again.	slip up
An air traffic controller can't afford to slip up or many people could die.		 see also: <b>mess up, screw up</b> (inf)





















<b>slow down</b>	You're driving too fast. <b>Slow down</b> or you might get booked for speeding.	slow down slow sth down slow down sth
I'm worried about your health. Slow down a bit and don't work so much.		
<b>smooth over</b>	My wife and I had a fight this morning, but we <b>smoothed</b> things <b>over</b> before the kids got up.	smooth sth over smooth over sth
Agents try to smooth over disagreements between clients and employers.		see also: <b>patch up</b>
<b>snap up</b>	They're having a sale at the bookshop tomorrow, so I'm going early to <b>snap up</b> some good books at bargain prices.	snap up sth snap sth up
My stockbroker says it's a good time to snap up some undervalued shares.		see also: <b>buy up</b> , <b>pick up</b>
<b>sober up</b>	If someone's had too much to drink don't let them drive, even if they say they've <b>sobered up</b> . It takes a long time to really <b>sober up</b> .	sober up sober up sb sober sb up
Mike's friends tried to sober him up by giving him lots of black coffee.		
<b>sort out</b>	My files were in a mess, so I spent an hour <b>sorting</b> them <b>out</b> and putting them back where they belong.	sort sth out sort out sth
Could you sort out the invoices and put aside those that are still unpaid?		see also: <b>straighten out</b> , <b>tidy up</b>
<b>sort out</b>	Who's <b>sorting out</b> everything for the seminar, like the venue, the speakers, catering and everything else that needs to be taken care of?	sort out sth sort sth out
Jenny's sorting out the venue and Sue's sorting out guests and schedules.		see also: <b>figure out</b> , <b>work out</b>
<b>spark off</b>	Our players were already angry, so when our captain got kicked again it <b>sparked off</b> a fight with the other team's players.	spark off sth spark sth off
Police sparked the riots off by shooting an innocent young boy.		see also: <b>set off</b>
<b>speak for</b>	I can't <b>speak for</b> the other teachers, but I'd love to try a new textbook. You'd better ask the others before you make a decision, though.	speak for sb
I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say we deserve bigger bonuses.		
<b>speak out</b>	If you are treated unfairly, you should <b>speak out</b> . If you don't <b>speak out</b> , nobody will know about it and nothing will be done.	speak out speak out about sth
We tell staff to speak out about any work-related problems they have.		
<b>speak up</b>	I'm sorry, but I'm a little bit deaf. Would you mind <b>speaking up</b> a bit, please?	speak up
You'll have to speak up if you want to be heard in these noisy meetings.		











<b>speed up</b>	We have to drive slowly around town, but when we get on the freeway we can <b>speed up</b> .	speed up speed sth up speed up sth
We'll have to speed production up if we want to fill this order on time.		
<b>spell out (informal)</b>	Our teacher <b>spells out</b> the importance of learning phrasal verbs because he thinks some textbooks don't emphasise them enough.	spell out sth spell sth out
They spell everything out in simple English to make sure we all understand.		
<b>split up</b>	Can you believe it? Ken and Barbie have <b>split up</b> after being married for forty years, and they'll be getting divorced soon.	split up split up sth split sth up
The new owners want to split the company up and sell off the parts.		 see also: <b>break up</b>
<b>spread out</b>	Open the map and <b>spread</b> it <b>out</b> on the table so we can all see it.	spread out sth spread sth out
It's possible to spread the loan repayments out over twenty years.		
<b>spruce up</b>	Gary doesn't think about his appearance much, unless he's going to a party or a club. Then he <b>spruces</b> himself <b>up</b> and he looks really good.	spruce up sth/sb spruce sth/sb up
The council will spruce the town up to make it look nice for the queen.		 see also: <b>clean up, tidy up</b>
<b>stake out</b>	The police <b>staked out</b> the wanted man's house. They hid in an apartment across the street and waited for him to come home.	stake out sth stake sth out
Photographers staked out Brittney's house, hoping to get some photos of her.		
<b>stamp out</b>	The government has been unable to <b>stamp</b> police corruption <b>out</b> , mostly because the police officers don't usually like to arrest their colleagues.	stamp sth out stamp out sth
Universities are trying to stamp out cheating, but students are very cunning.		 see also: <b>wipe out</b>
<b>stand by</b>	As the damaged plane landed, emergency workers <b>stood by</b> in case it crashed or caught fire.	stand by
Police were standing by, ready to step in if the protest became violent.		
<b>stand down</b>	The report on his abuse of power was so damaging that the president had to <b>stand down</b> and let the vice president take over.	stand down
The captain stood down, saying the team needed a younger leader next year.		 see also: <b>step down, bow out</b>
<b>stand for</b>	The letters 'CEO' <b>stand for</b> Chief Executive Officer. What do the letters 'UN' <b>stand for</b> ?	stand for sth
Do the letters 'PR' stand for 'public relations' or 'public relationships'?		

<b>stand for</b>	The Republicans say they <b>stand for</b> traditional family values, but Bill says they really stand for the interests of large corporations.	stand for sth
The Democrats say they stand for social justice and civil rights.		
<b>stand for</b>	Our boss won't <b>stand for</b> workers being late. He tells us we'll get fired if we don't get to work on time.	stand for sth
She said she won't stand for laziness or cheating among her students.		 see also: <b>put up with</b>
<b>stand in</b>	Our teacher couldn't come today, so the school had to find another teacher to <b>stand in</b> for her.	stand in stand in for sb
I can't chair today's meeting, so I was hoping you'd stand in for me.		 see also: <b>fill in</b> , <b>sit in for</b>
<b>stand out</b>	His green hair makes him really <b>stand out</b> . If he's in a crowd, it's easy to pick him out.	stand out
We need packaging that will stand out and be easy to see in shops.		 see also: <b>stick out</b>
<b>stand up</b>	The students <b>stand up</b> when their teacher comes in, and they sit down again after she sits down.	stand up
In many countries, it's customary to stand up for the national anthem.		 see also: <b>get up</b>
<b>stand up for</b>	The boss blamed Jenny for the mistake, but her friends <b>stood up for</b> her and said it wasn't her fault.	stand up for sb
The workers stand up for each other if anyone is accused of doing wrong.		 see also: <b>back (sb) up</b> , <b>stick by</b>
<b>stand up to</b>	Our son wants to learn Thai boxing so he can <b>stand up to</b> other kids at school who try to bully him.	stand up to sb
Jim is very dominating, so other workers have to learn to stand up to him.		
<b>start off</b>	Madonna <b>started</b> her concert <b>off</b> with a really great new song that had everyone up on their feet dancing.	start sth off start off sth start off with sth
Before the presentations, Helen started off with a brief company history.		 see also: <b>kick off</b> (inf)
<b>start out</b>	Julia <b>started out</b> as an English teacher in a small elementary school, and now she's the principal of a famous secondary school.	start out
The company started out with just three workers, but now it has over fifty.		 see also: <b>start off</b>
<b>start up</b>	One way to get rich is by <b>starting</b> companies <b>up</b> and then selling them once they've started making money.	start sth up start up sth
I'm tired of working for other people, so I'm starting up a company.		 see also: <b>set up</b>

<b>stay away</b>	He told his children to <b>stay away</b> from the dog because he knew it was dangerous and might bite them.	stay away stay away from sth/sb
If the boss is in a bad mood, try to stay away from him if possible.		 see also: <b>keep away from</b>
<b>stay on</b>	We were having such a great time in Indonesia that we decided to <b>stay on</b> for another week instead of going straight to Malaysia.	stay on
She decided to stay on in the job and keep working there for another year.		
<b>stay up</b>	My son <b>stayed up</b> very late last night studying for an exam. He didn't get to bed until three o'clock.	stay up
Jeff is sleepy today. He stayed up late last night working on his website.		
<b>step down</b>	The team's manager <b>stepped down</b> after ten years in the job. He was getting older and he knew it was time for a younger person to take over.	step down
It's time I stepped down and let a younger person with new ideas take over.		 see also: <b>stand down, bow out</b>
<b>step in</b>	If the teacher hadn't <b>stepped in</b> and stopped the boys from fighting, they could have really hurt each other.	step in
Sometimes a manager has to step in and resolve a dispute among workers.		
<b>step out</b>	During the meeting, Bob <b>stepped out</b> into the corridor with the manager so they could speak in private for a minute.	step out
He kept stepping out of the meeting to talk on his cell phone.		 see also: <b>pop out</b>
<b>step up</b>	Airlines <b>stepped up</b> security after the hijackings. They are more careful now when they check passengers and luggage.	step up sth step sth up
We need to step up our marketing efforts up and do more to boost sales.		 see also: <b>beef up</b>
<b>stick at</b> (informal)	Learning English isn't easy, but don't give up. <b>Stick at</b> it and in the end you'll be glad you did.	stick at sth
It'll take time to make a profit, but if we stick at it we'll succeed eventually.		 see also: <b>keep at</b>
<b>stick by</b>	Suzie's a very loyal friend. If you have a problem, she'll <b>stick by</b> you and help you out as much as she can.	stick by sb
The company stuck by him while he was treated for his alcohol problem.		 see also: <b>back (sb) up</b>
<b>stick out</b>	I knew he had a gun. I could see it <b>sticking out</b> of his pocket.	stick out stick out of sth stick out from sth
He tripped over a small pipe that was sticking out of the wall.		 see also: <b>jut out</b>

<b>stick out</b>	When I was in Nigeria, I really <b>stuck out</b> . Nearly everywhere I went I was the only white person around.	stick out
The bright packaging will make it stick out on the supermarket shelf.		 see also: <b>stand out</b>
<b>stick to</b>	If a diet's working well and you're losing weight, you can <b>stick to</b> it. But if it's also making you feel unwell, you should stop it and see a doctor.	stick to sth
You have to stick to the marketing budget, so spend the money wisely.		 see also: <b>keep to</b> , <b>stick with</b> (inf)
<b>stick with</b> (informal)	The team won last week, so they're going to <b>stick with</b> the same players for this week's game.	stick with sth/sb
Most people have trouble sticking with exercise programs and soon quit.		 see also: <b>keep to</b> , <b>stick to</b>
<b>stir up</b>	The government said a few troublemakers <b>stirred</b> the crowd of protesters <b>up</b> and made them attack the police.	stir sth up stir up sth
Logging in the forest near their village stirred up anger in the local people.		 see also: <b>whip up</b>
<b>stock up</b>	Before the hurricane came, people went shopping to <b>stock up</b> on food in case they couldn't leave their homes for a few days.	stock up stock up on sth
The price of paper's going up soon, so let's stock up while it's still cheap.		
<b>stop by</b>	We're driving up to Washington, and on the way we'll <b>stop by</b> my aunt's house in Baltimore.	stop by stop by sth
He often stops by a cake shop on his way home to get treats for his kids.		 see also: <b>call on</b> , <b>drop by</b> (inf), <b>stop off</b> (at)
<b>stop off</b>	We're driving down to London, and on the way we'll <b>stop off</b> at my friend's house in Cambridge.	stop off stop off at sth
I'll stop off at the library on the way to work and drop the books off.		 see also: <b>call on</b> , <b>drop by</b> (inf), <b>stop by</b>
<b>stop over</b>	We're going to China, and we'll be <b>stopping over</b> in Hawaii for a couple of days on the way.	stop over
I'd love to stop over in Paris for a day but I won't have enough time.		 see also: <b>stop off</b>
<b>storm out</b>	The safety officer got angry when his request for better equipment was turned down, and he <b>stormed out</b> of the meeting.	storm out storm out of sth
She was so angry that she slammed the door as she stormed out of the room.		
<b>straighten out</b>	There's been a misunderstanding with one of our customers, so we'll have a meeting with them to <b>straighten</b> everything <b>out</b> .	straighten sth out straighten out sth
There's something I need to straighten out before I sign the contract.		 see also: <b>clear up</b> , <b>iron out</b> , <b>sort out</b>

<b>strip off</b>	It was a hot night, and no one else was around, so we <b>stripped off</b> and swam naked in the pool.	strip off strip sth off strip off sth
It was very hot when the air conditioner broke so we stripped our shirts off.		
<b>sum up</b>	Before he'd finished his lecture, Professor Dumbledore <b>summed up</b> by repeating some of his main points.	sum up sth sum sth up
After summing his ideas up, the speaker answered some questions.		
<b>switch off</b>	Who forgot to <b>switch off</b> the lights before they left the house this morning?	switch off sth switch sth off
I don't usually switch my computer off, but it goes to sleep itself sometimes.		 see also: <b>turn off</b>
<b>switch on</b>	Don't <b>switch on</b> the power until you're sure nobody is touching the electrical wiring. Make sure you keep it switched off until then.	switch on sth switch sth on
Someone forgot to switch the answering machine on last night.		 see also: <b>turn on</b>

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## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **S s**





















**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 's'...**

- 1 My son is saving \_ \_ for a new car, and he's already got about \$6,000. (2 letters)
- 2 I was very lazy in university, but I always scraped \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ my exams somehow. (7 letters)
- 3 Sometimes the poor boy can't even scrape \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ enough money for his lunch. (8 letters)
- 4 Jim's already made a lot of mistakes, and if he screws \_ \_ again he might lose his job. (2 letters)
- 5 I'm going to the travel agent to \_ \_ about booking tickets for our holiday. (3 letters)
- 6 Does anyone know what Richard's doing? I haven't seen him \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for a few days. (6 letters)
- 7 My family will come to see me \_ \_ \_ at the airport when I leave for China. (3 letters)
- 8 Nostradamus thought he could see \_ \_ \_ \_ the future and he made many predictions. (4 letters)
- 9 She's going to see \_ \_ \_ the year in her current job, and then quit and travel for a while. (3 letters)
- 10 Would you mind \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ our guest out to his car when the meeting is over? (6 letters)
- 11 We'll see the job \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ no matter how long it takes. (7 letters)
- 12 Her parents will see her \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ college, but she'll be supporting herself after that. (7 letters)
- 13 Don't worry. I'll see \_ \_ it that he gets your message. (2 letters)
- 14 We were advised to seek \_ \_ \_ the best lawyers we could find to defend our son. (3 letters)
- 15 The bankrupt company had to \_ \_ \_ \_ off its assets to pay its debts. (4 letters)
- 16 I went to the shop to buy some milk but they'd sold \_ \_ \_ , so I couldn't get any. (3 letters)
- 17 The camera I ordered arrived in the mail, but it was damaged so I sent it \_ \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)
- 18 Why didn't anyone send \_ \_ \_ the fire brigade when the fire first started? (3 letters)
- 19 The referee gave him a red card for a dangerous tackle and sent him \_ \_ \_ . (3 letters)
- 20 We're going to send \_ \_ \_ ten thousand copies of our new catalog to our customers. (3 letters)
- 21 Ken didn't feel like cooking, so we sent out \_ \_ \_ some pizza and salad instead. (3 letters)
- 22 The new manager set \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the difficult task of saving the failing company. (5 letters)
- 23 The war in Iraq set Shi'ite and Sunni Moslems \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ each other and many died. (7 letters)
- 24 Have you set \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ enough money for your trip to India? (5 letters)
- 25 The concert tickets set him \_ \_ \_ \_ about two hundred dollars. (4 letters)
- 26 We need to set the details of our arrangement \_ \_ \_ \_ in writing so everything is clear. (4 letters)
- 27 The rain looks like it's set \_ \_ , so I don't think we'll be playing tennis today. (2 letters)
- 28 A bomb was set \_ \_ \_ just as the prime minister was coming out of the building. (3 letters)
- 29 We have to go a long way tomorrow, so we should set \_ \_ \_ early in the morning. (3 letters)
- 30 My brother set \_ \_ his own company when he was only 18 years old. (2 letters)
- 31 Why don't you \_ \_ \_ up a meeting with our new clients? (3 letters)
- 32 He travelled for years and didn't settle \_ \_ \_ \_ and raise a family until he was nearly forty. (4 letters)
- 33 Despite wanting more, the workers settled \_ \_ \_ a \$10 raise and ended their strike. (3 letters)
- 34 The kids took a while to settle \_ \_ to their new school, but now they like it. (2 letters)
- 35 At first they thought about going to India, but they settled \_ \_ a trip to Italy instead. (2 letters)
- 36 After winning the lottery, Jerry settled \_ \_ all his debts. (2 letters)
- 37 David hurt his foot, but he shook it \_ \_ \_ and played out the rest of the game. (3 letters)
- 38 Even though she wasn't hurt in the accident, she was really shaken \_ \_ by it. (2 letters)
- 39 The new manager is going to shake things \_ \_ and try to save the company. (2 letters)
- 40 Unless we shape \_ \_ and do better in our work, our boss said he'd have to fire us. (2 letters)
- 41 One of our fighter jets was shot \_ \_ \_ \_ by the enemy. (4 letters)
- 42 If you want to buy a new phone, shop \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to find the best price. (6 letters)
- 43 Many guys at the gym love to show \_ \_ \_ their big muscles. (3 letters)
- 44 John was angry when his ex-wife showed \_ \_ at his party without being invited. (2 letters)
- 45 The government tried to shut \_ \_ \_ \_ the illegal drugs trade. (4 letters)
- 46 Before you try to fix the wiring, make sure you shut \_ \_ \_ the power. (3 letters)
- 47 It's too bright in here. Would you mind closing the curtains to shut \_ \_ \_ the light? (3 letters)
- 48 Their teacher got angry and told the noisy students to shut \_ \_ or get out. (2 letters)
- 49 He shuts \_ \_ his shop and goes home at six o'clock every day. (2 letters)
- 50 Jimmy claimed he was tricked by his manager into signing \_ \_ \_ \_ the rights to his music. (4 letters)
- 51 I usually end my emails with 'Best regards'. How do you usually sign \_ \_ \_ ? (3 letters)
- 52 He likes his job, so he's signed \_ \_ for another one-year contract. (2 letters)
- 53 The army is using TV commercials to get more people to sign \_ \_ and become soldiers. (2 letters)
- 54 I'll only sing a song if everyone else sings \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with me. (5 letters)
- 55 When I heard I'd won a scholarship to Oxford University, it took a moment to sink \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 56 I can't just sit \_ \_ \_ \_ and do nothing while everybody else is working hard. (4 letters)
- 57 They stood up while the judge came in, and then sat \_ \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)
- 58 He couldn't get to the meeting, so he asked his assistant to sit in \_ \_ \_ him. (3 letters)
- 59 Some trainee teachers sat \_ \_ on the class and watched as Steven taught his students. (2 letters)
- 60 Since losing his job, Gino has just sat \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ all day watching TV. (6 letters)
- 61 I find musicals boring but my family wanted to see *Cats* so I took them and sat it \_ \_ \_ . (3 letters)























**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 's'...**




















- 62 Sit \_\_ straight or you'll have back problems when you get older. (2 letters)
- 63 My grandma can size people \_\_ as soon as she meets them, and she's always right. (2 letters)
- 64 In many societies it's acceptable for men to sleep \_\_\_\_, but not for women. (6 letters)
- 65 My wife loves sleeping \_\_ on Sundays. Sometimes she doesn't get up until midday. (2 letters)
- 66 Rashid's being very careful with his work. If he slips \_\_ again, he might lose his job. (2 letters)
- 67 What should I say if a taxi driver is going too fast and I want him to slow \_\_\_\_? (4 letters)
- 68 I had a fight with my wife last night, but we soon smoothed things \_\_\_\_ again. (4 letters)
- 69 We went to a furniture sale and snapped \_\_ some really good bargains. (2 letters)
- 70 My accounts and financial statements are piling up. I really should sort them \_\_\_\_ . (3 letters)
- 71 We can't go home until we've \_\_\_\_\_ out this problem. (6 letters)
- 72 Jane's sorting \_\_\_\_ all the details for the meeting, like time, venue, agenda, and so on. (3 letters)
- 73 George drank too much, so his friends tried to sober him \_\_ with some black coffee. (2 letters)
- 74 The attack on our team's captain sparked \_\_\_\_ a fight between the teams. (3 letters)
- 75 I can't speak \_\_\_\_ the other teachers, but I think we need a more up-to-date textbook. (3 letters)
- 76 If workers are cheated or treated badly, they should speak \_\_\_\_ about it. (3 letters)
- 77 I'm a little bit deaf. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ up, please? (5 letters)
- 78 If the company gets a big order, the workers must speed \_\_ production in the factory. (2 letters)
- 79 The teacher spelled \_\_\_\_ the importance of learning phrasal verbs and idioms. (3 letters)
- 80 Ken and Barbie have split \_\_ after living together for twenty years. (2 letters)
- 81 She spread the map \_\_\_\_ on the floor and planned the route she'd follow the next day. (3 letters)
- 82 He hoped to meet a nice girl at the party, so he had a shave and spruced himself \_\_\_\_ . (2 letters)
- 83 The police sat in their car, staking \_\_\_\_ the killer's house in case he came back. (3 letters)
- 84 Most governments have found it impossible to stamp \_\_\_\_ the illegal drugs trade. (3 letters)
- 85 Firemen stood \_\_ in case the damaged plane caught fire. (2 letters)
- 86 After being convicted, the president stood \_\_\_\_\_ and the vice president took over. (4 letters)
- 87 The letters U.K. stand \_\_\_\_ *United Kingdom*. (3 letters)
- 88 Our teacher's sick, so another teacher is standing \_\_ for her. (2 letters)
- 89 He's over 7 feet tall, so he really stands \_\_\_\_ in a crowd. (3 letters)
- 90 The teacher said she wouldn't stand \_\_\_\_ any more bad behaviour. (3 letters)
- 91 We always stand \_\_ when the professor comes in. (2 letters)
- 92 Which political party says they stand \_\_\_\_ traditional family values? (3 letters)
- 93 Her friends stood \_\_ for her and said the mistake wasn't her fault. (2 letters)
- 94 My son wants to learn karate so he can stand up \_\_\_\_ other boys who try to bully him. (2 letters)
- 95 They started \_\_\_\_ the concert with one of their biggest hit songs. (3 letters)
- 96 Mr Brown started \_\_\_\_ as a junior salesman, but now he runs the company. (3 letters)
- 97 How much money did he have when he started \_\_\_\_ the company? (2 letters)
- 98 My dog is in a bad mood today, so I'd stay \_\_\_\_\_ from him if I were you. He might bite. (4 letters)
- 99 His wife was so upset with him that she shut him \_\_\_\_ of their bedroom. (3 letters)
- 100 He loved Thailand so much that he decided to stay \_\_ and look for a job there. (2 letters)
- 101 If you hadn't stayed \_\_ so late last night, you wouldn't feel so tired today. (2 letters)
- 102 Our old manager stepped \_\_\_\_ after twenty years, and a new manager took over. (4 letters)
- 103 The girls fought until their teacher stepped \_\_ and stopped the fight. (2 letters)
- 104 During the meeting, Nada and Rida stepped \_\_\_\_ for a quick talk in private. (3 letters)
- 105 After the bomb, the embassy stepped \_\_ security and employed more guards. (2 letters)
- 106 It takes time for a new business to succeed, so stick \_\_ it and don't give up too soon. (2 letters)
- 107 They'll stick \_\_ the original plan and won't change anything unless they're told to. (2 letters)
- 108 Jenny's a good friend. She'll stick \_\_ you no matter what happens. (2 letters)
- 109 Are you sure he had a gun? Did you really see one sticking out \_\_ his pocket? (2 letters)
- 110 When Sue was in Africa, her red hair and white skin made her stand \_\_\_\_ in a crowd. (3 letters)
- 111 Last month's sales were good, so we'll stick \_\_\_\_\_ the marketing plan we used. (4 letters)
- 112 The protest leaders stirred \_\_ the crowd and made them start a fight with police. (2 letters)
- 113 Floods are expected, so we'll stock up \_\_ food and water in case the shops run out. (2 letters)
- 114 Can we stop \_\_ a pharmacy on the way to the airport? I need some aspirin. (2 letters)
- 115 On our way to London we'll stop \_\_\_\_ in Oxford and visit the university. (3 letters)
- 116 Does the flight stop \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan on the way to China? (4 letters)
- 117 Gillian got really angry in the meeting and stood up and stormed \_\_\_\_ of the room. (3 letters)
- 118 The tax inspector wants a meeting to straighten \_\_\_\_ a few details on our tax return. (3 letters)
- 119 Last night we went to the beach and stripped \_\_\_\_ and swam naked in the sea. (3 letters)
- 120 The professor summed \_\_ her lecture, and then it was over. (2 letters)
- 121 Are you sure you didn't forget to switch \_\_\_\_ the stove before you left the house? (3 letters)
- 122 Don't switch \_\_ the power until you're sure everyone has stopped work on the wiring. (2 letters)

<b>tail off</b>	At first the new software sold very well, but after a few months sales <b>tailed off</b> and now it hardly sells at all.	tail off
Replies to the newspaper ad soon tailed off, and then stopped altogether.		 see also: <b>die down</b>
<b>taken aback</b>	When my wife was told she'd been elected captain of her golf club, she was genuinely <b>taken aback</b> . She really hadn't expected to be elected.	(be) taken aback (be) taken aback by sth/sb
I was taken aback by the surprising news that I'd been transferred overseas.		
<b>take after</b>	Most people say the boy <b>takes after</b> his father more than his mother. Even though he has his mother's blue eyes, he looks more like his father.	take after sb
She takes after mum in looks, but her personality is more like dad's.		
<b>take apart</b>	Before he painted his bicycle, he <b>took it apart</b> so he could paint each part separately.	take sth apart take apart sth
It's usually easier to take apart something than to put it back together.		
<b>take away</b>	The waiters <b>took away</b> the dirty dishes and wiped down the table before serving our desserts and coffee.	take away sth take sth away
Would you like to eat your meal here or do you want to take it away?		
<b>take back</b>	Have you <b>taken</b> those books <b>back</b> to the library yet, or have you still got them?	take sth back take back sth
This shop won't take back things they've sold, so be sure it's what you want.		
<b>take back</b>	A boy insulted my son, and my son told him he'd beat him up if he didn't <b>take it back</b> . The boy <b>took back</b> what he'd said and apologized.	take sth back take back sth
I'm sorry I said those awful things and I take back everything I said.		
<b>take down</b>	My mother was a secretary years ago, and still remembers shorthand. She can <b>take</b> what I say <b>down</b> as quickly as I say it. She's amazing!	take sth down take down sth
The police stopped our car and took down our names and addresses.		 see also: <b>jot down, note down</b>
<b>take down</b>	Tell the painters to <b>take down</b> the pictures and stick them in one of the bedrooms while they paint the living room.	take down sth take sth down
Christmas decorations are usually taken down before January starts.		
<b>take for</b>	Do you think Robert looks Middle Eastern? He said people in Egypt <b>took</b> him <b>for</b> an Egyptian and spoke Arabic to him.	take sb/sth for sb/sth
He took me for an idiot, thinking I'd believe the watch was a real Rolex.		





















<b>take in</b>	Did you <b>take in</b> much of what the professor was saying at the end of his lecture? I couldn't understand much of it myself.	take in sth take sth in
He was nodding as if he understood, but he wasn't really taking much in.		
<b>take in</b>	Since he started exercising he's lost a lot of weight, and most of his trousers are too big now. He'll have to get his tailor to <b>take</b> them <b>in</b> .	take sth in take in sth
She said the skirt was too big, but after being taken in it'd fit her perfectly.		
<b>take in</b>	This tour of New Zealand <b>takes in</b> both the North Island and the South Island, so you'll see the whole country.	take in sth take sth in
The book takes in both World War One and World War Two.		
<b>take off</b>	Don't forget to <b>take off</b> your shoes before you go into people's homes in Japan.	take off sth take sth off
Why don't you take your make-up off before going to sleep?		
<b>take off</b>	Let's see if we can <b>take</b> the day <b>off</b> and go to the beach. It's such a beautiful day it'd be a shame to waste it stuck in the office.	take sth off take off sth
He needs to take next week off to be with his wife and newborn baby.		see also: <b>get off</b>
<b>take off</b>	As his plane <b>took off</b> , his family watched and waved from the airport's terminal building.	take off
Our little boy was really excited as the plane took off. It was his first flight.		
<b>take off</b>	Sales of the book were slow at first, but they really <b>took off</b> after it was made into a movie. Now the book's a best seller.	take off
Before long, the website took off. It now attracts millions of visitors a day.		see also: <b>go up</b>
<b>take on</b>	Our production manager says we'll have to <b>take on</b> twenty more factory workers to make enough stock for the New Year sales.	take on sb take sb on
Her schedule is full, so she can't take any more students on just now.		
<b>take on</b>	Chelsea Football Club <b>takes on</b> Liverpool in this week's <i>Match of the Day</i> . Which team will you be going for?	take on sb/sth take sb/sth on
In the 90's, Google took Yahoo on in the battle to be the top search engine.		
<b>take out</b>	Maria wants to buy an apartment, so she's going to talk to her bank manager about <b>taking</b> a loan <b>out</b> to pay for it.	take sth out take out sth
Travellers usually take out health insurance if they're going overseas.		

<b>take out</b>	I've got a rotten tooth and my dentist is going to <b>take</b> it <b>out</b> tomorrow. I hope it doesn't hurt too much!	take out sth take sth out take sth out of sth
After taking her purse out of her handbag, she took money out of her purse.		
<b>take out</b>	David is <b>taking</b> his boyfriend <b>out</b> to dinner in a famous Japanese restaurant tonight.	take sb out take sb out to sth take sb out for sth
Can you remember the first time you took someone out on a date?		see also: <b>ask out</b>
<b>take out on</b>	Bob often gets angry with his boss, but he can't do anything about it so he goes home and <b>takes</b> his anger <b>out on</b> his wife by yelling at her.	take sth out on sb/sth
He sometimes takes his frustrations out on his dog by giving it a little kick.		
<b>take over</b>	The company's new owner will <b>take over</b> next month, but until he does the current manager will be in charge.	take over take sth over take over sth
We're still looking for someone to take over from Lee when he retires.		
<b>take to</b>	The kids didn't like their new teacher at first, but they've <b>taken to</b> him since they started using games and having fun in his classes.	take to sb/sth take to doing sth
My wife has recently taken to gardening in a big way. She loves it!		
<b>take up</b>	My father <b>took</b> golf <b>up</b> after he retired from work, and now he plays nearly every day.	take sth up take up sth
It's good for recovering drug addicts to take up a team sport, like volleyball.		see also: <b>take to</b>
<b>take up</b>	We're selling the grand piano because it's much too big for our new apartment and <b>takes up</b> too much room.	take up sth take sth up
He loves chess, but says running the chess club takes up too much time.		
<b>take up</b>	If we can't finish the job today, we'll stop and <b>take</b> it <b>up</b> again in the morning.	take sth up take up sth
The committee will take up the issue again when they've got more details.		
<b>take up</b>	These jeans fit well around the waist, but they're a bit too long. If I buy them, will you <b>take</b> them <b>up</b> for me?	take up sth take sth up
The skirt was too long but she said she could take it up herself at home.		
<b>take up on</b>	You should <b>take</b> Miguel <b>up on</b> his offer to help you out with your website. I've seen one of his sites and it looks pretty good.	take sb up on sth
Let's take Jenny up on her invitation to stay at her beach house.		





















<b>talk back</b>	My son gets into trouble for speaking impolitely to his teachers. They say he <b>talks back</b> to them when they ask him to do something.	talk back talk back to sb
Most students in Asia don't talk back to their teachers or speak rudely.		 see also: <b>answer back</b>
<b>talk down to</b>	I hate the way Helen <b>talks down to</b> our cleaner. It sounds like she thinks she's talking to a child or someone with brain damage.	talk down to sb
Do you ever talk down to people just because they're poorer than you?		 see also: <b>look down on</b> (also assumes superiority)
<b>talk into</b>	Miyoko didn't want to join the English class, but Sue <b>talked her into</b> it by saying it'd help her get a good job in the future.	talk sb into sth talk sb into (doing) sth
He told the judge his boss talked him into making the false tax claims.		 see also: <b>talk round, bring around</b>
<b>talk out of</b>	His mother tried to <b>talk</b> Nathan <b>out of</b> joining up and becoming a soldier, but he wouldn't change his mind. He thought it was his duty.	talk sb out of sth talk sb out of (doing) sth
Once Lei has made up her mind, it's hard to talk her out of doing something.		
<b>talk round</b>	Bob says his wife votes Republican. He's tried to <b>talk</b> her <b>round</b> to voting for the Democrats, but she won't change her mind.	talk sb round
It took a while, but we finally talked him round and he agreed to help out.		 see also: <b>bring around, talk into</b>
<b>talk through</b>	If you have trouble setting up your internet connection, call the service line and a technician will <b>talk</b> you <b>through</b> it on the phone.	talk sb through sth talk sth through with sb
If he has problems at work, he talks through the issues with his friends.		
<b>tear apart</b>	When the bomb exploded, it <b>tore</b> the car <b>apart</b> and left behind a terrible scene of smoking wreckage and burnt remains.	tear sth apart
Nothing tears more marriages apart than one partner's abuse of trust.		
<b>tear down</b>	They're going to <b>tear down</b> our beautiful old church and put up another shopping mall.	tear down sth tear sth down
Many people protested against the plan to tear their old market down.		 see also: <b>knock down, pull down</b>
<b>tear up</b>	After she read the letter from her boyfriend, she <b>tore</b> it <b>up</b> into little pieces and then she burst into tears.	tear up sth tear sth up
The angry workers tore up their work contracts in front of the TV cameras.		
<b>tell apart</b>	All the puppies look the same to me. How do you <b>tell</b> them <b>apart</b> ?	tell sth/sb apart tell sth/sb apart from sth/sb
How do you tell real banknotes apart from counterfeit ones?		

<b>tell off</b>	My swimming coach <b>told</b> me <b>off</b> whenever I got to training late. He'd yell and say he'd kick me off the team if I ever came late again.	tell sb off tell sb off for doing / not doing sth
Our boss told us off for not being creative enough in our work.		 see also: <b>lay into</b> (inf)
<b>think of</b>	What did you <b>think of</b> the movie? Was it good, or not?	think of sth / sb
Find out what our TV subscribers think of the new programming ideas.		 see also: <b>make of</b>
<b>think over</b>	Ted was offered a new job today. He says he'll <b>think it over</b> carefully before deciding whether to take it or not.	think sth over think over sth
Take your time to think things over before coming to a decision.		 see also: <b>reflect on</b> , <b>think through</b>
<b>think through</b>	The judge told the members of the jury to <b>think</b> the case <b>through</b> carefully before coming to a decision.	think sth through think through sth
He didn't think through the consequences of his action before doing it.		 see also: <b>reflect on</b> , <b>think over</b>
<b>think up</b>	The boss wants me to go to a trade fair in China, but I don't want to go. I'll have to <b>think up</b> a good excuse so I can get out of it.	think up sth think sth up
We love the new marketing plan. Who thought it up?		 see also: <b>come up with</b> , <b>cook up</b> (inf), <b>make up</b>
<b>throw away / out</b>	Make sure you don't <b>throw away</b> any newspapers while you're cleaning up. I'll <b>throw</b> them <b>out</b> myself after I've read them.	throw away / out sth throw sth away / out
Let's throw <b>out</b> our old furniture and buy some new stuff.		 see also: <b>dispose of</b>
<b>throw in</b> (informal)	It's always a good idea to <b>throw</b> something <b>in</b> for free to make it a better deal for your customers.	throw in sth throw sth in
A free set of kitchen knives is thrown in with every new subscription.		
<b>throw up</b>	Jim drank too much and <b>threw up</b> in Jenny's car while she was driving him home. She made him clean up the mess himself.	throw up throw up sth
I saw a doctor after I'd thrown up my lunch. He said I had food poisoning.		
<b>tidy up</b>	Most of the time our house is messy, but if we're expecting guests we <b>tidy up</b> and it's clean and neat for a day or two.	tidy up tidy up sth / sb tidy sth / sb up
Their mum told the boys to tidy themselves up before going shopping.		 see also: <b>clean up</b>
<b>tie up</b>	My little girl has just learned how to <b>tie up</b> her shoelaces. She's so proud of herself that she's showing everyone how she does it.	tie up sth tie sth up
After negotiating for several days, we finally tied up the deal.		 see also: <b>do up</b> (for belts, laces, buttons, etc.)



<b>tie up</b>	The new CEO wanted to spend his time reorganizing the company, but he kept getting <b>tied up</b> with day-to-day issues instead.	(be / get) tied up (be / get) tied up with sth
She'll be tied up all morning, but she can see you after lunch.		
<b>tie up</b>	You shouldn't <b>tie</b> all your money <b>up</b> in one company's stock. It's better to spread it around and buy stocks in several companies.	tie sth up tie up sth
Her money was tied up in long-term investments, so she was short of cash.		 see also: <b>invest in</b>
<b>tip off</b>	The police searched the girl's bag and found illegal drugs. Somebody had <b>tipped</b> them <b>off</b> and told them she was carrying cocaine.	tip sb off tip off sb
Tom tips off his friends when he hears about stocks expected to rise.		
<b>tone down</b>	David used to swear a lot in the office, but his boss told him to <b>tone</b> the language <b>down</b> and now he swears a lot less.	tone sth down tone down sth
The director toned down the violence so the movie could get a family rating.		
<b>top up</b>	Her mobile phone's nearly run out of pre-paid calls, so she's going to the phone shop to <b>top</b> it <b>up</b> .	top sth up top up sth
The waiter offered to top up my drink, but I said I'd had enough.		 see also: <b>fill up</b>
<b>toss around</b>	When they were students, they'd stay up all night <b>tossing around</b> new ideas about politics, the arts, and the meaning of life.	toss sth around toss around sth
Let's meet and toss around some ideas about marketing and sales.		 see also: <b>kick around</b>
<b>touch on / upon</b>	The president <b>touched on</b> many important issues and topics in his speech.	touch on / upon sth
We should try not to touch upon subjects like politics and religion.		 see also: <b>bring up</b>
<b>toy with</b>	Tom's been <b>toying with</b> the idea of going back to university to study law, but he hasn't looked into it seriously yet.	toy with sth
Do you think Joe's serious about quitting, or just toying with the idea?		
<b>track down</b>	We need to <b>track down</b> every email we've ever received from this company. Do you think we can find them all?	track down sb / sth track sb / sth down
It took the police a month to track the bank robbers down and arrest them.		 see also: <b>hunt down</b>
<b>try on</b>	Those jeans look too big for you. Did you <b>try</b> them <b>on</b> before you bought them?	try sth on try on sth
It's hard to find a place to try on jeans when you buy them at a market.		

<b>try out</b>	You can download the software and <b>try it out</b> . If it works well and does what you need it to do, then you can buy it.	try sth out try out sth
Try out your new jokes on the office staff and see if they laugh.		
<b>tune in</b>	Every morning while I'm driving to work I <b>tune in</b> to FM radio 99.5 and listen to the latest hit songs.	tune in tune in to sth
I loved tuning in to radio broadcasts of the football when I was a kid.		see also: <b>listen in</b>
<b>turn against</b>	The fans used to like the new coach, but they <b>turned against</b> him when the team started losing lots of games. Some even booed him.	turn against sb/sth
Even his family turned against him when he started beating his wife.		see also: <b>go against</b>
<b>turn around</b>	The company's new CEO claims he'll be able to <b>turn</b> the company <b>around</b> and make it profitable again within two years.	turn around turn sth around
Her election campaign turned around when she did well in a big debate.		
<b>turn away</b>	We wanted to look around a classy hotel we saw, but we were <b>turned away</b> by the doorman because we were wearing shorts and sandals.	turn away sb turn sb away
The embassy official turned him away because he didn't have any ID.		
<b>turn down</b>	Ted <b>turned down</b> the job offer because it would have meant moving to Los Angeles and he doesn't want his kids living in that city.	turn down sth/sb turn sth/sb down
The court turned his appeal down, so he had to stay in jail.		see also: <b>knock back</b> (inf)
<b>turn in</b> (informal)	I'm really tired so I'm going to <b>turn in</b> . I'll see you in the morning.	turn in
It's too late to call her now. She usually turns in by ten o'clock.		see also: <b>crash out</b> (inf)
<b>turn in</b>	You can leave after you've <b>turned in</b> your exam papers.	turn in sth turn sth in
All the students turned their reports in on time, except for James.		see also: <b>hand in</b>
<b>turn into</b>	Isn't it amazing how a caterpillar spends a few weeks inside a cocoon, and while it's in there it <b>turns into</b> a butterfly?	turn into sth turn sth into sth
Our CEO wants to turn our little company into a global corporation.		see also: <b>change into</b>
<b>turn off</b>	<b>Turn off</b> the main road just after the bridge and then cross over the railway line.	turn off sth
Be careful after you turn off the highway. It's easy to get lost.		

<b>turn off</b>	Don't forget to <b>turn off</b> the air conditioner before you leave the house.	turn off sth turn sth off
Bob leaves his computer on, and only turns it off when he goes on vacation.		 see also: <b>shut off</b> , <b>switch off</b>
<b>turn on</b>	Whoever gets to the office first in the morning has to <b>turn on</b> the air conditioning.	turn on sth turn sth on
The first thing the kids do when they get home from school is turn the TV on.		 see also: <b>put on</b> , <b>switch on</b>
<b>turn out</b>	Don't forget to <b>turn out</b> the lights before you go to bed.	turn out sth turn sth out
I didn't turn the lights out because I fell asleep while watching TV.		 see also: <b>turn off</b> , <b>switch off</b>
<b>turn out</b>	They weren't sure if a holiday in Cambodia was a good idea, but it <b>turned out</b> to be a great experience, especially visiting Angkor Wat.	turn out
The seminar turned out better than we'd expected. It was a great success.		 see also: <b>work out</b> , <b>pan out</b>
<b>turn out</b>	Lots of people <b>turn out</b> to see the Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans every year.	turn out turn out to sth turn out to do sth
Not many people turned out to watch the golf because of the rain.		 see also: <b>come along</b> , <b>show up</b> (inf), <b>turn up</b>
<b>turn out</b>	If we get the new production machines we could <b>turn out</b> over 1000 units a day instead of the 500 a day we produce now.	turn out sth turn sth out
Now we turn our products out in half the time it used to take.		 see also: <b>crank out</b> (inf; for cheap, fast production)
<b>turn over</b>	The teacher told the students to <b>turn over</b> their exam papers and begin work.	turn over sth turn sth over
Cook the steak on one side for about 5 minutes and then turn it over.		
<b>turn to</b>	After his business failed, David <b>turned to</b> his father for help and advice.	turn to sb/sth turn to sb/sth for sth
A lot of people turn to religion for peace of mind when life gets difficult.		 see also: <b>resort to</b>
<b>turn up</b>	I can't hear the TV. Could you <b>turn it up</b> , please?	turn sth up turn up sth
It's too cold in here. Would you mind if I turned up the heater?		
<b>turn up</b>	Thousands of people <b>turned up</b> to see the parade and watch the fireworks.	turn up turn up to do sth turn up at/to sth
Did you expect reporters to turn up at the court to follow the case?		 see also: <b>come along</b> , <b>show up</b> , <b>turn out</b>

## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **T t**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 't'...**

- 1 Our CD sales began falling last year, and this year they've tailed \_ \_ \_ even more. (3 letters)
- 2 He was taken \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by the news that he'd been promoted. He hadn't expected it. (5 letters)
- 3 Carlo takes \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ his father more than his mother, both in looks and in personality. (5 letters)
- 4 He took his bicycle \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ , did some repairs, and then put it back together again. (5 letters)
- 5 The technician wanted to take the computer \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ , but we asked him to fix it here. (4 letters)
- 6 Have you \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ those books you borrowed back to the library yet? (5 letters)
- 7 Before you paint the walls, please take \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the paintings and put them in the hall. (4 letters)
- 8 He took me \_ \_ \_ a fool and tried to sell me a fake gold necklace. (3 letters)
- 9 Did you take \_ \_ what he said, or was it too difficult to understand? (2 letters)
- 10 These pants are too big, so I'll have to get my tailor to take them \_ \_ for me. (2 letters)
- 11 Before you go into the temple, take \_ \_ \_ your shoes. (3 letters)
- 12 His family watched and waved as his plane \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ off. (4 letters)
- 13 After the movie was a hit, sales of the book it was based on took \_ \_ \_ . (3 letters)
- 14 We don't have enough workers, so we need to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on several more. (4 letters)
- 15 Linda's too busy to take \_ \_ any more students at the moment. (2 letters)
- 16 In this week's *Match of the Day*, Chelsea is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on Liverpool. (6 letters)
- 17 Jenny wants to buy an apartment, so she's taking \_ \_ \_ a loan from the bank. (3 letters)
- 18 Peter's going to the dentist to have his rotten tooth \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ out. (5 letters)
- 19 Don't forget that we're taking Martina \_ \_ \_ for lunch on her birthday. (3 letters)
- 20 That game of squash I had after work took a lot out \_ \_ me. I'm really tired tonight. (2 letters)
- 21 My father took \_ \_ golf after he retired from work, and now he plays nearly every day. (2 letters)
- 22 The new manager will be taking \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from the current manager next week. (4 letters)
- 23 After lunch, we'll take the discussion \_ \_ again from where we left off. (2 letters)
- 24 Jim gets angry at work, then goes home and takes it out \_ \_ his kids by yelling at them. (2 letters)
- 25 They're selling the dining table because it's too big and takes \_ \_ too much room. (2 letters)
- 26 The staff didn't take \_ \_ their new boss at first, but they like her now. (2 letters)
- 27 These pants are too long. I'll have to get my tailor to take them \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 28 Are you going to take Mike up \_ \_ his offer of a job? (2 letters)
- 29 Jose's mother tried to talk him \_ \_ \_ of leaving school, but he wouldn't listen to her. (3 letters)
- 30 Billy gets into trouble for being rude at school and talking \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to his teachers. (4 letters)
- 31 I hate the way she talks \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to poor people and acts as if she's so superior to them. (4 letters)
- 32 His mother talked him out \_ \_ joining the army because she was afraid he'd be killed. (2 letters)
- 33 His father talked him \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ going to university instead of getting a job. (4 letters)
- 34 Before deciding on whether to take the job, he'll talk it \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with his family. (7 letters)
- 35 A shopping mall will be built after the church is torn \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . (4 letters)
- 36 After she'd read her ex-boyfriend's letter, she tore it \_ \_ and threw away the pieces. (2 letters)
- 37 When the bomb exploded, it tore the bus \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and killed everyone on board. (5 letters)
- 38 The kittens all look the same to me. I can't \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ them apart. (4 letters)
- 39 Our teacher used to tell us \_ \_ \_ whenever we were late. (3 letters)
- 40 How did she \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ up all those amazing details in the Harry Potter books. (5 letters)
- 41 The judge thought the case \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ carefully before deciding on his verdict. (7 letters)
- 42 He thought it \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for a few days before deciding to quit his job. (4 letters)
- 43 I've been thinking \_ \_ moving to London to live. (2 letters)
- 44 What else can we throw \_ \_ for free to make it a better deal for our customers? (2 letters)
- 45 They got together to toss \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a few ideas on new directions in design. (6 letters)
- 46 I can't find yesterday's newspaper. Did you throw it \_ \_ \_ ? (3 letters)
- 47 James drank too much wine and threw \_ \_ in the bathroom. (2 letters)
- 48 Did Jim really get thrown \_ \_ \_ of the club for getting drunk and starting a fight? (3 letters)
- 49 She told her son he couldn't go out until he'd tidied \_ \_ his room. (2 letters)
- 50 Farmer Bob will \_ \_ \_ the calf up with some rope and put it in the back of his truck. (3 letters)
- 51 Most experts say you shouldn't tie all your money \_ \_ in shares on the stock market. (2 letters)
- 52 After seeing someone selling drugs near her school, Carlotta tipped \_ \_ \_ the police. (3 letters)
- 53 He used to swear a lot, but he stopped after his boss told him to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ down his language. (4 letters)
- 54 He'll be tied \_ \_ in meetings all day, but you can see him tomorrow. (2 letters)
- 55 My phone has run out of pre-paid calls, so I'd better \_ \_ \_ it up. (3 letters)
- 56 A lot of interesting topics were touched \_ \_ in the discussion. (2 letters)
- 57 They're toying \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the idea of moving to a new town, but they haven't decided yet. (4 letters)
- 58 Did you track \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ all the emails we've sent to our lawyer? (4 letters)
- 59 You should try \_ \_ the jeans to make sure they fit before you buy them. (2 letters)
- 60 Did you try the phone \_ \_ \_ before you bought it to make sure it worked properly. (3 letters)
- 61 Jimmy liked tuning \_ \_ to the jazz and blues stations on the radio when he was young. (2 letters)





















**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 't'...**





















- 62 Fans usually turn \_\_\_\_\_ athletes who are caught cheating by using steroids. (7 letters)  
63 Our company is struggling, but the new CEO says he's going to turn things \_\_\_\_\_. (6 letters)  
64 The restaurant turned him \_\_\_\_\_ because he wasn't wearing a jacket and a tie. (4 letters)  
65 Kate was offered a good job, but she turned it \_\_\_\_\_ because she didn't want to move. (4 letters)  
66 I'm really tired so I'm going to turn \_\_\_\_\_. See you in the morning. (2 letters)  
67 The students couldn't leave until they'd turned \_\_\_\_\_ their exam papers. (2 letters)  
68 Turn \_\_\_\_\_ the main road at the second set of traffic lights. (3 letters)  
69 Don't forget to turn the heater \_\_\_\_\_ before you go to bed. (3 letters)  
70 Whoever gets to the office first has to turn \_\_\_\_\_ the coffee machine. (2 letters)  
71 Are you sure you \_\_\_\_\_ out the lights before you went to bed? (6 letters)  
72 The chocolate cake turned \_\_\_\_\_ much better than we'd expected. It was delicious. (3 letters)  
73 Lots of people turned \_\_\_\_\_ to see the parade. (3 letters)  
74 The new factory can turn \_\_\_\_\_ a thousand computers a day. (3 letters)  
75 After a minute or two, turn the egg \_\_\_\_\_ and cook the other side. (4 letters)  
76 He \_\_\_\_\_ up an hour late and the meeting was already over. (6 letters)  
77 I can't hear the TV. Could you turn it \_\_\_\_\_ a bit, please? (2 letters)





















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<b>wait around</b>	Doctors sometimes get behind schedule and their patients have to <b>wait around</b> for a long time before seeing them.	wait around wait around for sth/sb
Our flight was delayed, so we had to wait around in the airport for hours.		see also: <b>hang around, sit around</b>
<b>wait on</b>	One of the staff <b>waiting on</b> guests at the presidential dinner spilled wine on the president's wife. He lost his job.	wait on sb
The CEO has a personal assistant who waits on him 'hand and foot'.		
<b>wait up</b>	I'll be working late tonight and I'm not sure what time I'll be getting home, so don't <b>wait up</b> for me. Just go to bed at the usual time.	wait up wait up for sb
She waited up most of the night for her teenage daughter to come home.		see also: <b>stay up</b>
<b>wake up</b>	If Bobby's still asleep at 7 o'clock, could you <b>wake him up</b> and make sure he gets up? He's got to catch the bus at 8.15.	wake up wake sb up wake up sb
Neil fell asleep in the seminar so I poked him in the ribs and he woke up.		
<b>walk out</b>	He didn't try to work on the problems he had in his marriage. He just <b>walked out</b> on his family and never came back.	walk out walk out on sb walk out of sth
She walked out when her husband beat her, and she's never been back.		see also: <b>run out on</b>
<b>ward off</b>	The economic recession destroyed many companies, and many others had to <b>ward</b> the effects <b>off</b> by reducing costs and limiting expenditure.	ward sth off ward off sth
Many people believe that vitamin C can ward off the common cold.		see also: <b>fend off, fight off</b>
<b>warm up</b>	His wife left some food in the oven for him to <b>warm up</b> when he got home.	warm up warm sth/sb up warm up sth/sb
It's freezing at night in the desert, but it warms up when the sun comes up.		see also: <b>heat up</b>
<b>warm up</b>	Before the game, the players <b>warmed up</b> by jogging and doing some stretching exercises.	warm up
The choir did some vocal exercises to warm up before the concert.		
<b>wash away</b>	Many houses were <b>washed away</b> by the huge tsunami waves that followed an earthquake off the coast of Sumatra in 2004.	(be) washed away wash away sth wash sth away
The river flooded and the water washed away many roads and bridges.		
<b>wash down</b>	We had a delicious salmon steak with salad and <b>washed it down</b> with a good white wine.	wash sth down wash down sth
Would you mind getting me a glass of water to wash down these pills?		



<b>wash out</b>	The rain has <b>washed out</b> the Wimbledon tennis final, but it'll carry on in the morning unless rain <b>washes</b> it <b>out</b> again.	wash out sth wash sth out (be) washed out
This year's company picnic was washed out by a sudden rain storm.		
<b>wash up</b> (Brit/ Aust)	You cooked the meal, so if you show me where the dishwashing liquid is, I'll <b>wash up</b> .	wash up wash up sth wash sth up
One of the jobs the kids do at home is washing up the dishes after dinner.		
<b>wash up</b> (Am)	Your hands and face are dirty. Go to the bathroom and <b>wash up</b> or you won't get any dinner!	wash up
I have trouble getting my son to wash up before meals. He's a lazy boy.		 see also: <b>clean (yourself) up</b>
<b>watch out</b>	<b>Watch out!</b> There's a car coming! Get off the road.	watch out watch out for sth / sb
Watch out for people on crowded buses who try to steal your wallet.		 see also: <b>look out</b>
<b>water down</b>	The newspaper didn't want to be sued, so its corruption report was <b>watered down</b> and no politicians were accused of committing crimes.	water down sth water sth down
The comedian had to water his act down for TV to make it less offensive.		 see also: <b>tone down</b>
<b>wear down</b>	Using lots of punches to the body, the champion boxer gradually <b>wore down</b> his opponent and eventually won the fight.	wear down sb wear sb down
The demands of the job wore me down so much that I had to quit.		 see also: <b>wear out</b>
<b>wear off</b>	Nobody will be able to wake her up until the sleeping pills she took <b>wear off</b> .	wear off
The excitement of flying for the first time wore off, and Billy went to sleep.		
<b>wear out</b>	I don't usually teach young kids. They <b>wear me out</b> after a while and I get very tired.	wear sb out
She works and takes care of three young kids so she sometimes gets worn out.		
<b>wear out</b>	I run ten kilometres every day and <b>wear</b> a pair of running shoes <b>out</b> in two or three months. Then I have to buy a new pair.	wear sth out wear out sth
Are some products meant to wear out quickly so they'll need replacing?		
<b>weed out</b>	The new government will try to <b>weed</b> corrupt officials <b>out</b> . They'll arrest them, charge them, and punish them if they're found guilty in court.	weed sb / sth out weed out sb / sth
They weed out workers who aren't performing well, and fire them.		 see also: <b>root out</b>















<b>weigh down</b>	The manager took some time off work because the company's problems <b>weighed</b> him <b>down</b> and the stress was affecting his health.	weigh sb down (be) weighed down by sth
He felt weighed down by his responsibilities both at work and at home.		
<b>weigh in</b>	After listening to the discussion, Mandy <b>weighed in</b> with some ideas of her own and everyone listened as she shared her thoughts.	weigh in weigh in with sth
Feel free to join in the debate. We all weigh in with our own opinions.		 see also: <b>jump in, join in</b>
<b>weigh up</b>	The judge told the jury to <b>weigh</b> the evidence <b>up</b> carefully before deciding whether the accused man was guilty or innocent.	weigh sth up weigh up sth
We weigh up risks and potential benefits before making an investment.		 see also: <b>size up</b>
<b>whip up</b>	There were people at the protest who were paid to <b>whip</b> the crowd <b>up</b> into an angry mood so they'd start fighting and look bad in the media.	whip sth up whip up sth
Marketing firms try to whip up excitement about products they're selling.		 see also: <b>stir up</b>
<b>win back</b>	People who gamble often think they can <b>win back</b> money they've lost by gambling some more, but it doesn't usually work that way.	win back sth/sb win sth/sb back
We lost one of our regular customers, but we're trying to win them back.		 see also: <b>get back</b>
<b>win over</b>	It took a lot of persuasion, but we finally <b>won</b> George <b>over</b> and he's agreed to help us out.	win sb over win over sb
The lawyer used charm and clever arguments to win over the jury.		 see also: <b>talk round, bring around</b>
<b>wind down</b>	After selling most of the apartments, they began to <b>wind down</b> their marketing campaign.	wind down wind down sth wind sth down
They'll wind down CD production and boost online music distribution.		
<b>wind up</b>	If he doesn't stop making silly mistakes, he'll <b>wind up</b> losing his job.	wind up wind up doing sth
If you don't get a good education, you might wind up in a dull job.		 see also: <b>end up, finish up</b>
<b>wind up</b>	The chairman looked at his watch and decided it was time to <b>wind up</b> the meeting. He didn't want to be late for his game of golf.	wind up sth wind sth up
The judge decided it was time to go home and told the lawyers to wind it up.		 see also: <b>wrap up</b>
<b>wipe out</b>	The government tried to <b>wipe out</b> the mafia, but all they could do was put away a few of the less important members.	wipe out sth wipe sth out
Rising sea levels could wipe many low-lying coastal cities out.		

<b>wise up</b>	It took a long time, but George finally <b>wised up</b> to the fact that his business was going to fail no matter how hard he worked.	wise up wise up to sth
After stress-related illnesses, Tanya wised up and decided to work less.		 see also: <b>cotton on</b> (inf)
<b>work out</b>	Mark was overweight so he decided to lose weight by going to the gym every day and <b>working out</b> .	work out
Susan doesn't work out, but she keeps fit by doing yoga and swimming.		
<b>work out</b>	Mark's plan to lose weight didn't <b>work out</b> as he'd hoped. He hurt his back at the gym and couldn't do any exercise for weeks.	work out
It didn't look good at first, but the plan worked out well in the end.		 see also: <b>come off, pan out, turn out</b>
<b>work out</b>	Mark tried to <b>work out</b> another way to lose weight. His doctor said he should cut out desserts, but Mark said he just couldn't give them up.	work out sth work sth out
How much would it cost to set up an office in Rio? Can you work it out?		 see also: <b>figure out</b>
<b>wrap up</b>	We wanted to <b>wrap</b> Jill's birthday present <b>up</b> but we couldn't find any birthday paper, so we had to use some plain paper instead.	wrap sth up wrap up sth
We spent hours wrapping up Chinese New Year gifts for our Asian friends.		
<b>wrap up</b>	We'd been working on the deal for months and after finally <b>wrapping it up</b> , we all went to the pub to celebrate.	wrap sth up wrap up sth
We'll have to <b>wrap up</b> the discussion now, so any final comments?		 see also: <b>wind up</b>
<b>write down</b>	After chatting the girl up for a while, Tim <b>wrote</b> his name and number <b>down</b> on a piece of paper and gave it to her.	write sth down write down sth
Did anyone write down the car's registration number?		 see also: <b>jot down, note down</b>
<b>write off</b>	After accepting that their CD production business was going to fail, they <b>wrote off</b> their investment and closed down the factory.	write off sth write sth off
We won't get the money back, so we'll have to write it off as a bad debt.		
<b>write out</b>	I waited while my doctor <b>wrote out</b> the prescription for the medicine I needed.	write out sth write sth out
The policeman smiled, wrote a speeding ticket out, and gave it to me.		
<b>write up</b>	After finding all the figures and information she needed, Rosie began <b>writing up</b> her marketing report.	write up sth write sth up
A reporter collects all the facts she can about a story before writing it up.		

## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **W w**

**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'w'...**

- 1 My dentist was running late, so I had to wait \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for ages before seeing her. (6 letters)
- 2 The waiter who was waiting \_ \_ table 7 was in trouble after a complaint about service. (2 letters)
- 3 He told his wife he'd be working late that night and not to bother waiting \_ \_ for him. (2 letters)
- 4 Because his alarm clock didn't go off, Bill didn't wake \_ \_ until 10 o'clock this morning. (2 letters)
- 5 People say you walked out \_ \_ your first family and haven't supported them? Is it true? (2 letters)
- 6 Some businesses failed, but most were able to ward \_ \_ \_ the effects of the recession. (3 letters)
- 7 The food was cold by the time I got home, so I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ it up in the oven. (6 letters)
- 8 Before the game, they did some stretches and then ran around a bit to warm \_ \_ . (2 letters)
- 9 His comic strip was too controversial, so it had to be watered \_ \_ \_ \_ for newspapers. (4 letters)
- 10 We had pasta with salad for lunch and washed it \_ \_ \_ \_ with a nice white wine. (4 letters)
- 11 A rain storm came and washed \_ \_ \_ the game, so it'll be played tomorrow instead. (3 letters)
- 12 Your mum cooked the meal, I paid for the food, so who should wash \_ \_ the dishes? (2 letters)
- 13 Your hands are dirty, so you'd better go to the bathroom and wash \_ \_ before dinner. (2 letters)
- 14 Watch \_ \_ \_ ! The bus isn't stopping, so get out of the way! (3 letters)
- 15 Jim didn't want to get drunk, so he watered \_ \_ \_ \_ his beer. (4 letters)
- 16 It was a really stressful job and the work wore me \_ \_ \_ \_ . After six months I had to quit. (4 letters)
- 17 He had a bad hangover this morning, but it's worn \_ \_ \_ now and he feels a lot better. (3 letters)
- 18 I bought new running shoes because my old ones had worn \_ \_ \_ . (3 letters)
- 19 The government is trying to weed \_ \_ \_ corrupt officials and charge them. (3 letters)
- 20 He felt weighed \_ \_ \_ \_ by all his responsibilities, but he knew he had to go on. (4 letters)
- 21 After listening to the discussion for a while, Sam weighed \_ \_ with an opinion of his own. (2 letters)
- 22 The members of the jury \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ up all the evidence before coming to a decision. (7 letters)
- 23 Movie publicists have many ways of whipping \_ \_ excitement about their new movies. (2 letters)
- 24 Joe lost money playing cards. He tried to win it \_ \_ \_ \_ , but ended up losing even more. (4 letters)
- 25 At first she wasn't interested, but Ken eventually won her \_ \_ \_ \_ and they went on a date. (4 letters)
- 26 After a hard day's work, he goes to the pub to wind \_ \_ \_ \_ and relax with his friends. (4 letters)
- 27 If he keeps building up his business, he'll wind \_ \_ being a millionaire. (2 letters)
- 28 It was getting late, so the chairman wound the meeting \_ \_ and everyone went home. (2 letters)
- 29 The government is trying to wipe the drugs trade \_ \_ \_ , but it's very difficult to do. (3 letters)
- 30 The hurricane was so destructive that it \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ out many small towns on the coast. (5 letters)
- 31 After weight-related illnesses, Mary wised \_ \_ and began to eat less and exercise more. (2 letters)
- 32 After putting on weight, Mark decided to lose it by working \_ \_ \_ at the gym every day. (3 letters)
- 33 Mark's plan to lose weight didn't \_ \_ \_ \_ out too well. He hurt his back lifting weights. (4 letters)
- 34 They couldn't get a bank loan, so they had to work \_ \_ \_ another way to get the money. (3 letters)
- 35 We found some nice paper and used it to \_ \_ \_ \_ up Jill's birthday present. (4 letters)
- 36 After wrapping \_ \_ the company's biggest deal ever, the staff went out to celebrate. (2 letters)
- 37 Peter wrote the address \_ \_ \_ \_ on a piece of paper and gave it to the messenger. (4 letters)
- 38 They asked their accountant to look into writing \_ \_ \_ the company's bad debts. (3 letters)
- 39 The policeman wrote \_ \_ \_ a speeding ticket and then I drove off, slowly. (3 letters)
- 40 She spent a few days collecting the information and then quickly wrote \_ \_ her report. (2 letters)

<b>yearn for</b> (formal)	Our grandma is still getting over the loss of our grandpa. She still <b>yearns for</b> the sound of his voice and the touch of his hand.	yearn for sth
After a month in Cuba, he yearned for the taste of a Big Mac and fries.		 see also: <b>long for</b>
<b>yell out</b>	It was very noisy in the stadium. Fans were <b>yelling out</b> as loud as they could to cheer on their team.	yell out yell out sth yell sth out
Most teachers don't like their students yelling out and being noisy in class.		 see also: <b>call out, cry out</b>
<b>zero in on</b>	The police watched many mafia members, and then <b>zeroed in on</b> the godfather's home, raided it, and arrested him.	zero in on sth/sb
After searching for him for months, police zeroed in on a town in Sicily.		 see also: <b>close in (on), focus on</b>
<b>zip around</b>	Our messenger <b>zips around</b> on his scooter, picking up and dropping off packages and documents.	zip around
He says zipping around on a bicycle is faster than using a motorbike.		
<b>zip up</b>	Make sure you haven't forgotten to <b>zip up</b> your fly before you go on stage to give your speech.	zip up sth zip sth up
She asked me to help her out by zipping her dress up.		 see also: <b>do up</b>
<b>zoom in</b>	Before taking the picture, the photographer <b>zoomed in</b> so he could get a good shot of the girl's face.	zoom in zoom in on sth/sb
After zooming in on her face and checking the focus, he took the photo.		
<b>zoom out</b>	Before taking the next picture, the photographer <b>zoomed out</b> so he could get the girl's whole family in the photograph.	zoom out
If the text on your monitor is too big, zoom out and it will get smaller.		

## 1000 Phrasal Verb Quiz Questions **YZ yz**



**Complete the sentences so that each includes a phrasal verb beginning with 'y' or 'z'...**

- 1 While she was away, she yearned \_ \_ \_ the cosy feeling of being in her own bed. (3 letters)
- 2 Their teacher got mad because the kids were yelling \_ \_ \_ and being noisy in class. (3 letters)
- 3 Police hunted for members of the mafia, hoping to zero in \_ \_ their boss and arrest him. (2 letters)
- 4 Harry was very embarrassed when he realised he hadn't zipped \_ \_ his fly. (2 letters)
- 5 The messenger zips \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on his bicycle and makes a living while keeping fit. (6 letters)
- 6 Before taking the picture, the photographer zoomed \_ \_ on the boy's face. (2 letters)
- 7 If the text looks too big on your screen, zoom \_ \_ \_ and it'll get smaller. (3 letters)


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## More Phrasal Verbs



  



  



		



		



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## Answer Sheets for Quiz Questions

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## Key To Quiz Questions

### A

1 for	2 act	3 on	4 acting	5 to	6 up
7 add	8 at	9 allow	10 to	11 back	12 for
13 appeal	14 apply	15 at	16 asked	17 ask	18 out
19 ask	20 to	21 attend	22 out		

### B

1 down	2 out	3 of	4 up	5 up	6 bail
7 out	8 on	9 based	10 bear	11 down	12 up
13 down	14 up	15 of	16 up	17 with	18 in
19 to	20 on	21 out	22 blacked	23 out	24 up
25 blew	26 out	27 over	28 up	29 blow	30 back
31 out	32 over	33 branch	34 away	35 broke	36 down
37 down	38 in	39 on	40 into	41 off	42 out
43 off	44 in	45 out	46 of	47 up	48 broke
49 breaking	50 up	51 about	52 along	53 around	54 to
55 brought	56 down	57 forward	58 in	59 off	60 on
61 out	62 up	63 on	64 for	65 build	66 up / on
67 into	68 down	69 out	70 in	71 bought	72 up

### C

1 call	2 for	3 off	4 on	5 calls	6 out
7 up	8 down	9 care	10 for	11 on	12 carry
13 on	14 out	15 on	16 caught	17 up	18 with
19 on	20 with	21 to	22 change	23 over	24 with
25 up	26 up	27 out	28 in	29 into	30 on
31 of	32 out	33 over	34 through	35 on	36 up
37 out	38 chop	39 up	40 down	41 clean / clear	42 off
43 out	44 up	45 clearing	46 up	47 to	48 up
49 down	50 in	51 around	52 with	53 about	54 across
55 as	56 along	57 come	58 apart	59 around	60 away
61 to	62 around	63 by	64 down	65 with	66 from
67 in	68 comes	69 into	70 for	71 of	72 off
73 on	74 coming	75 out	76 out	77 out / off	78 come
79 over	80 through	81 for	82 to	83 under	84 comes
85 up	86 against	87 to	88 up	89 with	90 to
91 with	92 of	93 out	94 to	95 up	96 cool
97 off	98 out	99 to	100 up	101 on	102 up
103 do	104 for	105 counted	106 in	107 out	108 count
109 up	110 down	111 up	112 out	113 up	114 out
115 on	116 up	117 out / off	118 around	119 cried	120 for
121 in	122 up	123 across	124 back	125 on	126 back/down
127 down	128 off	129 out	130 out	131 for	132 up

### D

1 on	2 in	3 deal	4 with	5 against	6 on
7 depend	8 on	9 from	10 to	11 down	12 for
13 out / off	14 dig	15 into	16 of	17 up	18 about
19 away	20 up	21 up	22 with	23 without	24 off
25 on	26 upon	27 up	28 of	29 up / of	30 out
31 by	32 drop	33 off	34 drop	35 out	36 up
37 down					

### E

1 eat	2 into	3 out	4 up	5 on	6 on
7 up	8 with	9 in	10 into	11 to	12 up
13 to					

### F

1 face	2 with	3 in	4 apart	5 back	6 behind
7 for	8 off	9 out	10 over / down	11 through	12 for
13 off	14 back	15 off	16 on	17 out	18 out
19 fill	20 in	21 on	22 out	23 up	24 out

25 off	26 up	27 with	28 up	29 in	30 together
31 up	32 up	33 out	34 up	35 through	36 in
37 on	38 up	39 around	40 up	41 up	42 as

## G

1 to	2 get	3 across	4 getting	5 ahead	6 along
7 with	8 around	9 get	10 around	11 to	12 at
13 away	14 with	15 back	16 at	17 to	18 back
19 by	20 without	21 down	22 to	23 in	24 in
25 into	26 off	27 off	28 get	29 over	30 on / in
31 off	32 with	33 on	34 with	35 onto	36 of
37 out	38 over	39 over	40 through	41 to	42 through
43 to	44 up	45 got	46 to	47 gives	48 away
49 back	50 in / up	51 in	52 off	53 out	54 gives
55 up	56 to	57 give	58 about	59 against	60 ahead
61 along	62 away	63 goes / went	64 on	65 by	66 down
67 with	68 for	69 going	70 for	71 to	72 off
73 goes / went	74 off	75 on	76 going	77 out	78 out
79 over	80 went	81 through	82 gone / been	83 with	84 together
85 down	86 under	87 up	88 with	89 without	90 grown
91 on	92 up	93 against			

## H

1 back	2 down	3 in	4 on	5 out	6 over / back
7 around	8 on	9 out	10 up	11 to	12 on
13 over	14 got	15 back	16 off	17 up	18 from
19 of	20 out	21 away	22 back	23 on	24 back
25 hold	26 down	27 on	28 to	29 on	30 up
31 up	32 hook	33 down	34 up		

## I

1 with	2 on	3 on	4 on	5 from	6 on
7 insisted	8 in	9 in / up	10 over	11 in	12 out
13 for	14 in				

## J

1 jacked	2 up	3 in	4 up	5 down	6 up
7 at	8 in	9 out			

## K

1 over	2 at	3 away	4 from	5 back / down	6 down
7 from	8 from	9 in	10 off	11 on	12 out
13 out	14 of	15 kept	16 to	17 under	18 up
19 with	20 up	21 in	22 around	23 back	24 off
25 out	26 together	27 around	28 down	29 around	30 back
31 out	32 down	33 off	34 out	35 as	36 for
37 of	38 down				

## L

1 up	2 out	3 onto	4 off	5 into	6 aside
7 down	8 into	9 off	10 out	11 around	12 off
13 to	14 up	15 on	16 lay	17 at	18 behind
19 in	20 out	21 left	22 over	23 to	24 up
25 let	26 in	27 on	28 off	29 off	30 out
31 of	32 up	33 down	34 up	35 up	36 lit
37 up	38 in	39 down	40 off	41 on	42 through
43 to	44 up	45 away	46 up	47 onto / into	48 off / out
49 for	50 look	51 around	52 at	53 back	54 down
55 for	56 forward	57 into	58 upon	59 out	60 for
61 over	62 through	63 up	64 up	65 to	66 out

## M

1 out	2 in	3 into	4 of	5 of	6 out
7 up	8 making	9 for	10 out	11 down	12 up
13 to	14 up	15 with	16 about	17 up	18 out

19 for	20 up	21 in	22 into	23 with	24 on
25 out	26 over / down	27 through			

## N

1 at	2 down	3 after	4 down	5 off	6 around
7 up	8 down	9 among			

## O

1 to	2 to	3 up	4 for	5 out	6 around
7 in	8 up	9 up			

## P Q

1 away	2 in	3 up	4 packed	5 out	6 away
7 by	8 off	9 on	10 out	11 up	12 patch
13 down	14 pay	15 back	16 into	17 off	18 paid
19 out / off	20 up	21 up	22 in	23 out	24 on
25 out	26 up	27 from	28 on	29 together	30 up
31 down	32 down	33 in	34 ahead	35 around	36 down
37 up	38 plays	39 in	40 out	41 to	42 off
43 up	44 into	45 out	46 in	47 up	48 for
49 back	50 down	51 in / up	52 in	53 off	54 out
55 over	56 through	57 together	58 up	59 around	60 through
61 across	62 aside	63 away	64 back	65 down	66 to
67 forward	68 puts	69 in	70 putting	71 for	72 off
73 off	74 off	75 on	76 puts	77 onto	78 out
79 through	80 to	81 together	82 up	83 with	84 up
85 down					

## R

1 in	2 round	3 out	4 into	5 out	6 on
7 on	8 of	9 on	10 to	11 in	12 to
13 to	14 off	15 out	16 up	17 out	18 in
19 up	20 down	21 up	22 off	23 out	24 across
25 after	26 against	27 from	28 by	29 down	30 ran
31 in	32 ran	33 into	34 into	35 off	36 with
37 on	38 out	39 of	40 over / down	41 through	42 to
43 up	44 against	45 into			

## S

1 up	2 through	3 together	4 up	5 see	6 around
7 off	8 into	9 out	10 seeing	11 through	12 through
13 to	14 out	15 sell	16 out	17 back	18 for
19 off	20 out	21 for	22 about	23 against	24 aside
25 back	26 down	27 in	28 off	29 off / out	30 up
31 set	32 down	33 for	34 in	35 on	36 up
37 off	38 up	39 up	40 up	41 down	42 around
43 off	44 up	45 down	46 off	47 out	48 up
49 up	50 away	51 off	52 on	53 up	54 along
55 in	56 back / down	57 down	58 for	59 in	60 around
61 out	62 up	63 up	64 around	65 in	66 up
67 down	68 over	69 up	70 out	71 sorted	72 out
73 up	74 off	75 for	76 out	77 speak	78 up
79 out	80 up	81 out	82 up	83 out	84 out
85 by	86 down	87 for	88 in	89 out	90 for
91 up	92 for	93 up	94 to	95 off	96 out / off
97 up	98 away	99 out	100 on	101 up	102 down
103 in	104 out	105 up	106 at / to	107 to	108 by
109 of	110 out	111 with	112 up	113 on	114 by
115 off	116 over	117 out	118 out	119 off	120 up
121 off	122 on				

## T

1 off	2 aback	3 after	4 apart	5 away / back	6 taken
7 down	8 for	9 in	10 in	11 off	12 took
13 off	14 take	15 on	16 taking	17 out	18 taken

19 out	20 of	21 up / to	22 over	23 up	24 on
25 up	26 to	27 up	28 on	29 out	30 back
31 down	32 of	33 into	34 through	35 down	36 up
37 apart	38 tell	39 off	40 think	41 through	42 over
43 of	44 in	45 around	46 out	47 up	48 out
49 up	50 tie	51 up	52 off	53 tone	54 up
55 top	56 on	57 with	58 down	59 on	60 out
61 in	62 against	63 around	64 away / down	65 down	66 in
67 in	68 off	69 off	70 on	71 turned	72 out
73 out	74 out	75 over	76 turned	77 up	

### W

1 around	2 on	3 up	4 up	5 on	6 off
7 warmed	8 up	9 down	10 down	11 out	12 up
13 up	14 out	15 down	16 down	17 off	18 out
19 out	20 down	21 in	22 weighed	23 up	24 back
25 over	26 down	27 up	28 up	29 out	30 wiped
31 up	32 out	33 work	34 out	35 wrap	36 up
37 down	38 off	39 out	40 up		

### Y Z

1 for	2 out	3 on	4 up	5 around	6 in
7 out					

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## APPENDIX 1

### RECOMMENDED REFERENCE WORKS

#### PHRASAL VERB DICTIONARIES

***Cambridge Phrasal Verbs Dictionary (2nd edition)***

Cambridge University Press 2006  
(Intermediate – Advanced)

One of the most comprehensive and up-to-date phrasal verb dictionaries currently available. It includes around 6,000 entries and is based on the Cambridge International Corpus, with definitions, example sentences and usage notes being derived from the 'real-life' language of the Corpus. It covers British, American and Australian English. Many of the definitions are quite long and detailed, but this is needed for accuracy in many cases. The example sentences provide a clear context and use simple, natural language.

***Macmillan Phrasal Verbs Plus (2nd edition)***

Macmillan Publishers Limited 2005  
(Intermediate – Advanced)

Another comprehensive and up-to-date phrasal verb dictionary. It includes around 5,000 entries, with over 1,000 of the most frequently-used phrasal verbs highlighted in red text. The same device is used in other new Macmillan ESL dictionaries to help students focus on learning the most important vocabulary before learning more obscure words. British, American and Australian English are covered. Definitions are as simple and clear as possible and are written using a limited vocabulary of about 2,000 words. All entries include example sentences and many include synonyms, antonyms, common phrases and collocations, plus tips on usage where appropriate. The book also includes some basic grammar related to phrasal verbs as well as several more advanced language study articles and features. Highly recommended.

#### PHRASAL VERB STUDY GUIDES

***English Phrasal Verbs in Use***

by Michael McCarthy and Felicity O'Dell  
Cambridge University Press 2004  
(Lower Intermediate – Intermediate)

This book organises around 1,000 phrasal verbs into 70 study units. Some units present several phrasal verbs that share the same main verb (eg. come along, come apart, come out, etc.), while other units present several phrasal verbs which share the same particle (eg. lift off, head off, send off, etc.) Other units present phrasal verbs which are related in function or topic, (eg. socializing, telephoning, health, weather, etc.) The book is part of Cambridge's widely-used 'In Use' series and follows the format used in this series. Each unit covers 2 pages, with one page presenting the material and the other containing a series of related exercises.

***English Phrasal Verbs in Use (Advanced)***

by Michael McCarthy and Felicity O'Dell  
Cambridge University Press 2007  
(Upper Intermediate – Advanced)

From the publisher: "This new edition of English Phrasal Verbs in Use is specifically designed for advanced level students looking to improve their knowledge of this often difficult area of the English language."

## APPENDIX 2

### RECOMMENDED ONLINE RESOURCES

#### PHRASAL VERB DICTIONARIES ONLINE

##### *Phrasal Verb Demon Dictionary*

by Juan Antonio Pérez Herrera

One of the best phrasal verb dictionaries online. It is part of the excellent site [www.phrasalverbdemon.com](http://www.phrasalverbdemon.com). This site a labour of love put together by Juan Antonio Pérez Herrera, a teacher of English in La Palma, Spain. The site also includes a searchable corpus plus quizzes, games, and tips on learning and teaching phrasal verbs. Highly recommended.

<http://www.phrasalverbdemon.com/dictionarya.htm>

##### *Cambridge Phrasal Verbs Dictionary*

by Cambridge University Press

The definitions here are probably the best available on the internet but the dictionary cannot be browsed, only searched. Entries are from the *Cambridge Phrasal Verbs Dictionary*, one of the most comprehensive and up-to-date phrasal verb dictionaries currently available. It is based on the Cambridge International Corpus, so the definitions and example sentences are based on language as it is actually used in day-to-day life. To look up a phrasal verb, write it in the search box and click 'Look it Up'.

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/default.asp?dictseeP>

##### *Dictionary Of English Phrasal Verbs*

at UsingEnglish.com

A useful online resource. An alphabetical listing of nearly 2,500 phrasal verbs that includes basic definitions as well as example sentences and notes on whether the phrasal verb is transitive or intransitive, separable or non-separable and British, American or 'International'. Useful as a quick reference when online.

<http://www.usingenglish.com/reference/phrasal-verbs/>

#### GRAMMATICAL EXPLANATIONS

##### *English Grammar: Explanations and Exercises*

by Mary Ansell

(Upper Intermediate - Advanced)

Chapter 27 'Phrasal Verbs'.

A detailed explanation of the grammar and usage of phrasal verbs. Could be of interest to advanced students and those studying grammar.

<http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramch27.html>

#### INTERACTIVE GAMES AND QUIZZES

##### *Phrasal Verb Quizzes*

by Juan Antonio Pérez Herrera

A variety of games in various formats. One of the best collections of phrasal verb games on the internet, again on the excellent phrasalverbsdemon.com website. Includes cloze-type exercises, multiple-choice quizzes and matching games. Highly recommended.

<http://www.phrasalverbdemon.com/quizzesintro.htm>



### ***Phrasal Verb Matching Games***

by Matt Errey

(Beginner – Advanced)

This is a series of interactive Java games created by Matt Errey, the writer of this ebook. To play, try to match phrasal verbs with their Latin synonyms by 'turning over' two cards to see if they match. If they match, they disappear. If they don't match, they'll turn back over and you then pick another pair. The game continues until you have found all the matching pairs and they've all disappeared.

These games can be found on several websites, including these two:

[http://www.teflgames.com/msie\\_pv01.htm](http://www.teflgames.com/msie_pv01.htm)

<http://www.englishclub.com/esl-games/matching.htm>

### ***English Phrasal Verbs***

by Caroline Brown

A good collection of interactive games and exercises in various formats. Some are matching exercises, some are 'fill the blanks', and some are multiple-choice quizzes. Also features a good selection of contextual sentences for many of the most widely-used phrasal verbs.

<http://www.carolinebrownenglishlessons.com/>

## **MULTIPLE CHOICE QUIZZES**

### ***Phrasal Verb Quizzes***

at UsingEnglish.com

(Intermediate – Advanced)

These are multiple choice quizzes in which you have to choose which of three words or phrases comes closest to the meaning of the phrasal verb. The first link below is to sets of phrasal verbs which share a main verb. The second is to sets of phrasal verbs which share a particle.

Link 1: <http://www.usingenglish.com/reference/phrasal-verbs/quizzes-verbs.html>

Link 2: <http://www.usingenglish.com/reference/phrasal-verbs/preposition-at.html>

### ***Idiom Quizzes***

by Letitia Bradley

(Intermediate – Advanced)

A series of 17 multiple choice quizzes which test phrasal verb comprehension. Each quiz tests 10 phrasal verbs which are related in various ways; some share a main verb, some share a particle, some are related to a particular topic (eg. crime, emotions, travel, etc.)

<http://a4esl.org/q/h/idioms.html>

### ***Business English Phrasal Verbs***

by Pearson Brown

(Intermediate – Advanced)

A useful collection of multiple-choice quizzes covering hundreds of phrasal verbs commonly used in business. Most of the contextual sentences are also related to business. The quizzes are interactive and are set up to keep track of the player's score.

<http://www.better-english.com/multiword.htm>

## MISSING WORD (CLOZE) EXERCISES

### *Phrasal Verbs*

by Language Dynamics  
(Intermediate)

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositions or adverbs and click to check whether answers are correct or not. 20 exercises, each testing 10 to 20 phrasal verbs. Most exercises present phrasal verbs which share a main verb ( e.g. bring along, bring around, bring away, etc.)

<http://www.englishpage.com/prepositions/prepositions.html>

### *Phrasal Verbs*

by Charles Kelly  
(Intermediate)

A java quiz with 67 contextual sentences which have to be completed by adding one of 7 particles to form the correct phrasal verb. These quizzes are good in that they involve natural contextual sentences, rather than matching a phrasal verb with a vague definition or an approximate synonym.

<http://a4esl.org/q/j/ck/fb-phrasalverbs.html>

### *3 Phrasal Verbs Flash Quizzes*

by Dennis Oliver  
(Intermediate)

Players write in what they think is the correct particle to complete a contextual sentence. If answers are incorrect, a related multiple choice quiz appears. Good because they're based on natural contextual sentences.

1. <http://a4esl.org/q/f/z/zz80bdo.htm>

2. <http://a4esl.org/q/f/z/zz77bdo.htm>

3. <http://a4esl.org/q/f/z/zz76bdo.htm>

Governmentadda.com

Phrasal Verb	Definition	Example
act up	behave or function improperly	I think I need to take my car to the mechanic because it's acting up again.
add * up +	calculate a sum	I added up the receipts and it totaled \$135.46.
add up to +	equal an amount	The total expenses added up to \$325.00.
add up	make sense	Her story doesn't add up. I think she is lying.
ask * out +	invite on a date	I can't believe that Joe finally asked me out on a date!
ask * over +	invite to one's home	Why don't we ask the Johnsons over for dinner?

## B

back down	stop defending your opinion in a debate	Jane never backs down. She always wins arguments.
back out	not keep (a promise, agreement, deal)	Sam backed out at the last second.
back out of +	not keep (a promise, agreement, deal)	Sam backed out of the agreement at the last second.
back * up +	give support	You need examples to back up your opinion.
back up	move backwards, reverse	Could you back up a little so I can open this drawer.
bawl * out	criticize, reprimand (inf.)	She bawled him out for arriving late.
bear down on +	bite	The soldier had to bear down on the leather strap while the doctor removed a bullet from the soldier's arm.
bear down on +	take strong measures against	The U.S.A. is bearing down on drug traffickers.

bear on +	have to do with	This information may bear on this case.
bear up	withstand	I didn't think he would bear up so well in that situation.
bear up under +	withstand	How did he bear up under such extreme pressure.
bear with +	be patient	Please bear with me while I fill out the paperwork.
blow in	visit unexpectedly (inf.)	My cousin blew in unexpectedly with his entire family.
blow over	pass without creating a problem	All this negative publicity will blow over in a couple of weeks.
blow * up +	make explode; destroy using explosives	The terrorists blew the bridge up.
blow up	explode	The bomb blew up before they could defuse it.
blow up	suddenly become very angry	When Joan heard the news, she blew up and rushed out of the room.
break * down +	analyze in detail	We need to break this problem down in order to solve.
break down	stop working properly	The truck broke down in the desert.
break down	become mentally ill	She broke down after her husband died.
break * in +	wear or use something new until it is comfortable	I need to break these shoes in before I go hiking.
break in	interrupt	While we were discussing the situation, Terri broke in to give her opinion.

break in	enter a place unlawfully	The burglar broke in between midnight and 3 AM.
break in on +	interrupt (a conversation)	Jane broke in on the conversation and told us to get back to work.
break into +	enter a house unlawfully	The burglar broke into the house between midnight and 3 AM.
break into +	interrupt (a conversation)	Jane broke into the conversation and told us what she knew.
break * off +	end something	Sally broke her engagement to John off.
break out	appear violently	Violent protests broke out in response to the military coup.
break out +	use something extravagant for celebration	He broke out the champagne to celebrate his promotion.
break out of +	escape	The murderer broke out of the prison.
break * up +	break into pieces	I broke the cracker up into pieces and put it in the soup.
break * up +	disperse (a crowd), stop (a fight)	The police broke the demonstration up before it got out of control.
break up	end a relationship	Sam and Diane broke up again. What a rocky relationship.
bring * about +	cause to happen	Democracy brought about great change in the lives of the people.
bring * along +	bring with	When we go to the forest, bring your wildlife guide along.
bring * around	change someone's mind, convince someone	She doesn't want to go, but we'll eventually bring her around.
bring * away	learn or gain (from an	My trip across the Sahara was

	experience)	difficult, but I brought a new appreciation for life away from the experience.
bring * off +	succeed at something difficult or unexpected	You robbed the bank! I can't believe you brought that off.
bring * on +	cause something	I can't believe she got so angry. What brought that on?
bring * out +	highlight, stress	Your new shirt brings out the color of your eyes.
bring * over +	bring to someone's house	When you visit me, why don't you bring over your son.
bring * to	revive consciousness	We used smelling salts to bring her to after she fainted.
bring * up +	mention	I didn't want to bring up the fact that she was unemployed.
bring * up +	raise ( a child)	Sam was brought up in South Carolina.
brush * off +	ignore something or someone (inf.)	Mary brushed her ex-boyfriend off at the party.
burn * down +	destroy by setting fire to	The children burned the house down while playing with matches.
burn down	burn until completely gone (building)	Two buildings burnt down in the fire.
burn up	be hot	I am burning up in here - open the window.
burn up	consume by fire	The papers were burned up in the fire.
burn * up +	destroy by fire	He burnt up the files.
buy * out +	buy the shares of a company	Pacific Inc. was bought out by a

	or the shares the other person owns of a business	company from Oregon.
buy * up +	purchase the entire supply of something	We bought up all the beer in the store.

C

call for +	require (as in a recipe)	This recipe calls for milk, not water.
call * off +	cancel something	They called the picnic off because of the rain.
call * off +	order to stop (an invasion, guard dogs)	He called off the dogs when he saw it was his neighbor.
call on +	visit	Mark called on Naomi while he was in town.
call on +	invite someone to speak in a meeting or a classroom	Professor Tanzer called on Tim to answer the question.
call * up +	telephone	I called Sam up to see if he wanted to go to the movies.
calm * down +	make someone relax	You can calm the baby down by rocking her gently.
care for +	nurse someone or something	He cared for the bird until its wing healed.
care for +	like someone or something	I don't care for sour cream on my potato.
carry on +	continue (a conversation, a game)	Please, carry on. I didn't mean to interrupt you.
carry on about +	continue in an annoying way	He kept carrying on about how much money he makes.
carry on with +	continue	I want you to carry on with the project while I am out of town.

carry * out +	complete and/or accomplish something	The secret agent carried out his orders exactly as planned.
carry * over +	continue on a subsequent day, page, etc.	The meeting carried over into lunch time.
catch on	slowly start to understand (inf.)	He caught on after a few minutes.
catch up	make up for lost time	I will never catch up. I am too behind in my work.
catch up with +	speed up to be at the same place as a person or thing in front of you	I had to run to catch up with the others.
catch up on +	become up-to-date	I need to catch up on world events. I haven't seen the news in ages.
check back	return to see if everything is OK	We will check back tomorrow to make sure the project is finished.
check by +	go to a place to see if everything is OK	We need to check by the office to see if the documents are ready.
check for +	try to find	They checked for termites before they bought the house.
check in	enter a hospital, hotel etc.	They need to check in before noon.
check into +	enter a hospital, hotel etc.	They checked into the hotel at 11:00 AM.
check into +	investigate, look for (often through a service)	We are checking into discount flights to London.
check * off +	make a mark next to (an item on a list)	Check each name off the list.
check on +	make sure something is OK	Let's check on the baby again before we go to sleep.

check * out +	investigate, take a look at	He checked out the new restaurant down the street.
check out	leave a hotel, hospital	It's already eleven. We need to check out.
check out of +	leave a hotel, hospital	We checked out of the hotel before ten.
check * over +	closely examine the condition of something	He checked over the old car to see if it was worth buying.
check up on +	investigate someone or something	The police are checking up on the bomb threats.
check * through	send luggage through (to a destination)	Your luggage will be checked through to Paris.
check with +	ask a person for confirmation	He needs to check with his parents before he goes.
cheer * up	make someone feel cheerful	The party really cheered me up.
cheer up	become cheerful	Cheer up. Everything will be all right.
chew * up +	chew into small pieces	The dog chewed up my shoe.
chop * down +	fell/cut ( a tree)	The lumberjack chopped the tree down.
chop * up +	chop/cut into small bits	He chopped the meat up into little pieces.
clean * up +	tidy	Susan cleaned the mess up before she left.
clear out	leave ( inf.)	Everybody clear out! We're closed.
clear * up +	tidy	Susan cleared up the mess before she left.

close * down +	close a place permanently	The corner market closed down because they didn't have many customers.
close down	close permanently	The bar was closed down because they served alcohol to minors.
close in on +	approach and threaten	The rebels were closing in on the capital, so the government called in the army.
close * up +	close temporarily	They are closing the ski resort up for the summer.
close up	close temporarily	The ski resort is closing up for the summer.
come about	occur / happen	How did your idea for the book come about.
come across +	discover by accident	They came across some lost Mayan ruins in the jungle.
come across +	initially seem or have the appearance	He comes across as rather rude, but he isn't.
come along	accompany someone	If you want, you can come along.
come along with +	accompany	Sam came along with us to the beach.
come along	progress	How's the research paper coming along.
come along with +	progress	How are you coming along with the research paper.
come away	leave a place with a particular feeling or impression	I came away from the meeting feeling like the presentation was a success.
come back	return	What time are you coming back?



come by +	get, receive	How did you come by that new Mercedes?
come by	visit a person at their house	I'll come by later this afternoon.
come down with +	become sick with	He came down with the flu.
come into +	inherit	He came into a large sum of money when his aunt died.
come off +	fall off, break off	The handle came off the suitcase when I picked it up.
come out	appear	I didn't see the car at first. It came out of nowhere.
come out	reveal you are homosexual	Sam finally came out last month.
come out	turn out, end up	The pictures came out great.
come out with +	produce and distribute a product	Microsoft is coming out with a new video game system next month.
come over	visit someone at their house	Why don't you come over after work for dinner.
come to	regain consciousness	Don't worry! She faints all the time. She always comes to after a few minutes.
come through	do what is needed or expected	Terry really came through for us in the end.
come up to +	approach; to equal	The job offer didn't come up to her expectations.
come up with +	produce or create (an idea, a plan)	She came up with a great proposal for the new advertising campaign.
come with +	include (an accessory)	The computer system doesn't come with a printer.

count * in +	include	Did you count expenses in?
count on +	depend/rely on	You can really count on Sarah.
count * out +	exclude	You can count James out. He hates playing poker.
count * up +	add	Count the change up and see how much we have.
cross * out +	draw a line through something, eliminate	Why did you cross my name out on the list?
cut down	decrease the amount of	You eat too much fat. You need to cut down.
cut down on +	decrease the amount of	You need to cut down on your fat intake.
cut in	interrupt	She suddenly cut in and delivered the news
cut in on +	interrupt	She cut in on the conversation and delivered the news.
cut * off	interrupt someone while they were speaking	She cut him off before he said something he would regret later.
cut * off +	sever ( with a knife)	His finger was accidentally cut off in an industrial accident.
cut * out +	remove	He cut the bone out of the steak.
cut * out	stop an action	Cut it out! You're bothering me.
cut * up +	Cut into small pieces	He cut the beef up and put the pieces in the soup.

#### D

die away	diminish in intensity	The applause died away after 5 minutes.
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die down	diminish in intensity	The controversy about the president's affair finally died down.
die off/out	become extinct	Whales are in danger of dying off.
disagree with +	cause to feel sick due to food or drink	Spicy food disagrees with me.
do away with +	abolish	Some Americans want to do away with the death penalty.
do * over +	repeat	You made many mistakes, so I want you to do the report over.
do without +	manage without something one wants or needs	I couldn't do without a car in California.
draw * up +	create ( a contract)	Let's draw an agreement up before we go any further with this project.
dress * down	reprimand severely	The mother dressed her son down for skipping school.
dress down	dress casually	I am dressing down because we're going to a barbecue by the beach.
dress * up +	decorate	You could dress this house up with some bright colors
dress up	wear elegant clothes	She always dresses up at work.
drive * back +	repulse	The invaders were driven back by the army.
drop in	visit someone unexpectedly	Meg dropped in yesterday after dinner.
drop in on +	visit someone unexpectedly	Let's drop in on Julie since we're driving by her house.
drop out	quit an organized activity	Yuri isn't on the team any more. He dropped out.

drop out of +	quit an organized activity (school)	It's difficult to get a good job if you drop out of high school.
drop over	visit someone casually	Drop over any time you feel like talking.

#### E

eat away	gradually destroy, erode	The heavy rains ate away at the sandstone cliffs.
eat * up +	devour	Ken ate the cookies up.
eat in	eat inside the home	We usually eat in instead of going out for dinner.
eat out	eat outside the home	They eat out once a week.

#### F

face up to +	acknowledge something difficult or embarrassing	I'll never be able to face up to my colleagues after getting so drunk last night at the work party.
fall back on +	be able to use in case of emergency	Yuki can fall back on her degree in biology if she doesn't succeed in her acting career.
fall behind	go slower than scheduled, lag	Hurry up or you will fall behind!
fall behind in +	go slower than scheduled, lag	Cheryl has missed several days of school and now she is falling behind in her homework.
fall off	decrease	Interest in the project fell off when they realized it wouldn't be profitable.
fall out with +	have an argument with	I had a falling out with my sister last month and we haven't talked to each other since.
fall through	fail to happen	Unfortunately, my trip to Indonesia fell through because I couldn't save enough money.
feel * up +	grope	She sued her boss for sexual harassment after he felt her up.

feel up to +	have the energy to do something	I don't feel up to going out tonight because I had a long day at work.
figure on +	expect	Where do you figure on living when you move to the the U.S.A.?
figure * out +	solve something, understand	I finally figured the joke out. Now I understand why everybody was laughing.
figure * up +	calculate	I need to figure my expenses up before I give you an estimate.
fill * in +	complete	Don't forget to fill in all the blanks on the application.
fill in	substitute	Who is going to fill in while you're gone?
fill in for +	substitute for	Miguel filled in for me at the meeting yesterday because I was sick.
fill * out +	complete (an application)	I filled out an application to rent the apartment last week.
fill out	mature, get breasts	Now that you're filling out honey, we need to get you a bra.
fill * up +	fill to the top	Fill the car up with unleaded gas, please.
find out +	discover	You will never find out all my secrets!
find out	discover	Vicky's parents are going to be so mad when they find out she got a tattoo.
fix * up +	repair, renovate, remodel	My neighbors are fixing their house up.

## G

get * across +	cause to be understood	It's difficult to get humor across in another language.
get ahead	make progress	I can't get ahead even though I work two jobs.

get ahead of +	surpass	You need to work overtime in order to get ahead of schedule.
get along	have a good relationship	Do you and your sister get along?
get along with +	have a good relationship	Giovanna doesn't get along with her two brothers.
get around +	avoid someone or something	Some people get around paying taxes by hiring a good accountant.
get around	go many places	It's easy to get around town with public transportation.
get away	escape	The bank robbers got away.
get away with +	do something against the rules or illegal and not get caught or punished	My sister gets away with everything!
get by	survive without having the things you need or want	I lost my job, so I am having a hard time getting by this year.
get by on +	survive with minimal resources	It's nearly impossible to get by on making minimum wage.
get by with +	manage with	You don't need a computer. You can get by with the typewriter.
get down to +	get serious about a topic	Enough small talk. Let's get down to business.
get in +	enter ( a car, a small boat)	Get in the front seat. You will have more leg room.
get in	Enter	Get in. I will give you a ride to school
get * off +	send (a package)	I finally got my sister's birthday present off yesterday.

get * off	remove ( a spider from your shirt)	Can you get this spider off my shirt?
get off +	leave (a bus, plane, train, boat)	We need to get off the bus at the next stop.
get off	Leave	It's dangerous to sit on the roof. Get off!
get off	idiomatic phrase - How does he justify saying that?!	Where does he get off saying that?!
get * on	put on (clothes)	You should get your jacket on because it's going to be cold.
get on	enter (a bus, train), mount (a horse, a bike)	The train is leaving. Quick, get on!
get on +	enter (a bus, train), mount ( a horse, a bike)	Get on my bike and I will give you a ride home.
get on	Have a good relationship	Natasha doesn't get on with her co-workers.
get on with +	Have a good relationship	Do you get on with your neighbors?
get on with +	continue an activity	Now that the police have left, let's get on with the party!
get out of +	exit (a small boat, car, an enclosed area)	I fell into the water when I tried to get out of the canoe.
get over +	recover (a cold, a disease, an ex-boyfriend/ex-girlfriend)	Jennifer still hasn't gotten over her breakup with Peter.
get through +	complete	We will never get through all of these boxes by 9:00 PM.
get through +	penetrate	We need a stronger drill to get through this wall.

get through	penetrate	The door was jammed, so we couldn't get through.
get through (with) +	finish	Have you gotten through with your homework yet?
get through to +	make contact	It's hard to get through to Janet because her telephone line is always busy.
get * up	cause someone to rise (from a sitting position or a lying position)	Ahmed got Abdul up at 5:30 in the morning by turning the music up really loud.
get up	rise (from sitting position or a bed)	What time did you get up this morning?
give * away +	give something without asking for anything in exchange	Why did Nancy give all of her furniture away?
give * away +	betray (a secret)	We are having a surprise party for Susan next Saturday, so don't give our surprise away by acting suspicious.
give * back +	return something you borrowed	When are you going to give that book back to your teacher?
give in	stop trying	Never give in! You can do it!
give off +	release (a smell, light)	That white flower gives off a beautiful smell.
give * out +	distribute	I earn extra money by giving out brochures on the street.
give out	become very tired (inf.)	I hope this car doesn't give out in the middle of the desert.
give * up +	surrender something	The police told the thief to give his gun up.

give up	surrender	Never give up learning English!
go away	leave	I yelled at the dogs to make them go away.
go back	return	When are you going back to your house?
go by +	go past, go close to, visit quickly	We go by the coffee shop everyday.
go back on +	not keep (one's word, a promise)	Don't trust him. He always goes back on his promises.
go down	decrease	The cost of flight tickets is going down.
go for +	try to achieve	Our team is going for the gold medal in the Olympics.
go for	idiomatic phrase - I am craving pepperoni pizza.	I could go for pepperoni pizza.
go in for +	participate ( inf.)	Are you going to go in for soccer this year at school?
go into +	discuss in detail	I really don't want to go into that now.
go off	explode	The bomb could go off at any moment.
go off	begin, start (used with signals, alarms, warning sounds)	The alarm clock went off at 6:00 AM.
go off	stop (said of a machine)	The DVD player goes off automatically if you are not using it.
go off	become angry	Maria went off last night after I told her about losing her bike.

go on	continue	Please, go on. Don't let me interrupt you.
go on	happen	This place is a mess! What went on here last night?
go on with +	continue ( a plan, a conversation)	I think we should go on with the meeting and stop wasting time.
go out	stop burning ( a fire)	The fire went out after three days.
go out	take part in social activities (usually at night)	They love to go out every Saturday night.
go over +	review	Do you usually go over your notes before class?
go over	be well received, succeed	That didn't go over well.
go through +	examine in detail, study carefully	I need to have my lawyer go through this contract before I sign it.
go through +	endure; experience challenges, difficulties or traumas	She has gone through so much in her life.
go through with +	continue or proceed despite difficulties or fears	I have decided to go through with the operation.
go with +	match (clothing)	That shirt doesn't go with those pants.
go with +	accompany a person	I am going with Alejandro to the party.
go with +	have a boyfriend/ girlfriend	I am going with Yuri.
go without +	abstain from something you want or need	A person can go without water for three days.
grow under	go out of business	The restaurant went under after

		it lost its liquor license.
grow up	Mature	Your brother needs to grow up and start thinking about his future.

## H

hand * back +	return	Is the teacher going to hand back our tests today?
hand * down +	pronounce formally	The president is going to hand his decision down on health care tonight.
hand * down +	give as an inheritance	When my clothes got too small for me as a child, I handed them down to my sister.
hand * in +	submit	I have to hand in an offer by March 12.
hand * out +	distribute	We should hand the concert fliers out at school.
hand * over +	relinquish control of	Hand your car keys over. You're too drunk to drive.
hang around +	stay in a place for fun (inf.)	Maria and Salvador usually hang around the beach after school.
hang around	stay in a place for fun	Those guys just hang around all day.
hang * up +	suspend (clothes on a hanger)	You can hang your jacket up in the front closet.
hang up	put down the telephone receiver	Don't hang up. I'm going to change phones.
hang out +	stay in a place for fun (inf.)	Let's go hang out at the mall tonight.
hang out	stay in a place for fun	What are you doing? - I'm just hanging out.
have * on +	wear	Do you have your hiking boots on?

have * over	invite guests to your home	Why don't we have Mr. and Mrs. Jones over for dinner tonight.
hear from +	receive news from (a letter, an e-mail)	Have you heard from Steve lately?
hear of +	know about something or somebody	Have you heard of chocolate covered ants?
hit on +	find on accident	I hit on the idea while watching the Simpsons show.
hit on +	flirt with	Jay's friend Marc was trying to hit on my sister last night.
hold * back +	restrain	The police held the demonstrators back while the politicians entered the building.
hold back	not allow to advance in school	The teacher held Frank back a year, so he couldn't enter fifth grade.
hold * off +	restrain	Mr. Johnson held the dog off while we crossed the yard.
hold off on +	delay	We should hold off on making dinner until your parents arrive.
hold on	grasp tightly	Hold on tight! The roller coaster is about to take off.
hold on	tell someone to wait on the telephone	Hold on a minute. I'll get Carol.
hold on to +	grasp tightly	Make sure you hold on to the hand rail as you walk down the stairs.
hold out	not give in, continue to resist	Stop holding out and tell us where you found all of these old records.
hold out against +	not give in, resist	They held out against enemy attack.



hold * up +	delay (a flight, traffic);	The accident held traffic up for an hour.
hold * up +	rob (a bank, a person) with a weapon	Five men held the bank up yesterday.

# I

iron * out	eliminate	We need to have a meeting this week in order to iron out the distribution problems.
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jack up +	to raise	We need to jack up the car before we change the tire.
joke around	to be humorous	Mike is always joking around at work.
jump in	enter a conversation	Feel free to jump in at any moment while we are talking.
jump to +	make a quick, poorly thought out decision	You shouldn't jump to conclusions.

# K

Keep * around	have handy, have accessible	I always keep a dictionary around to translate new words.
keep at +	not give up (an activity), to persevere	You should keep at your studies.
keep * away	prevent access to, hold back	Keep the kids away from the cookies.
keep * back	maintain a safe distance, cause to maintain a safe distance	Keep back! The burning building is about to collapse.
keep * down	not vomit, not throw up, keep in one's stomach	If I ate that, I down know if I could keep it down.
keep * in	keep in a particular place, have something in a specific location	When I am not using it, I keep my passport in this drawer.
keep * off	prevent from stepping or	Keep the cat off the couch.

	climbing on to something	
keep on	continue	He kept on talking after everybody asked him to stop.
keep * out	prevent from entering	Keep the dog out of the garden; he keeps digging up the flowers.
keep * over	cover something with, put something above	I keep a tarp over my bicycle at night to prevent it from getting wet.
keep to +	continue, persist in (an activity)	Everybody said she would never finish the puzzle, but she kept to it until it was done.
keep up	stay on the required schedule	You have to keep up if you want to work here.
keep * up +	continue	You are doing a great job! Keep it up.
keep up with +	stay on schedule with (a person, the workload, homework)	I have so much reading that I can't keep up with the writing exercises.

# L

lay away +	save for the future	Why don't you lay away your wedding outfit?
lay down +	establish (laws, rules)	Lori lays down the law in her class. English only!
lay in on +	scold or criticize severely	My mom really laid in on me when I got home at 4:00 in the morning last night.
lay into +	scold or criticize severely	I saw Reto's mom lay into him when he came home late last night.
lay * off +	suspend someone from a job (during a slow period)	The company was losing money, so they had to lay off 100 workers.
lay * out +	arrange	Why don't we lay the pieces of the table out before we put it together.

leave * out +	not include, omit	Why did your parents leave you out of their vacation plans?
let * down	disappoint	I felt let down when I didn't receive a birthday card from my sister.
let * down	lengthen (pants in sewing)	My uncle is a tailor, so he can let your pants down.
let * out	release	I am happy my brother was let out of prison early.
let * out	make bigger (in sewing)	I need to let out this skirt because I have gained weight.
let up	weaken in intensity	I told her NO a thousand times, but she won't let up.
lie down	rest, recline	I need to lie down before we go out tonight.
lie down on +	rest, recline ( on a couch, bed)	I'm going to lie down on the sofa for a while.
lie with +	be decided by	Whether or not you can go to the party lies with your father.
light * up +	illuminate	Let's get some candles to light this room up.
light up +	to smoke	Do you have to light up another cigarette? I thought you were trying to cut down.
live * down +	live in a way that a shameful or embarrassing event is forgotten	Jose will never live down singing that song at the karaoke bar.
live on +	survive from	I could live on bread and cheese.
live up to +	keep a standard	It would be hard to live up to her parent's expectations. They are so demanding.

look after +	take care of (a child, a house, a pet)	When my sister goes on vacation, I look after her dog.
look back on +	to remember nostalgically	When I look back on my childhood, I often feel angry.
look down on +	see as inferior	She's so conceited. She looks down on everybody else.
look for +	to seek or search for	I'm looking for my keys. Have you seen them?
look forward to +	anticipate with pleasure	I am looking forward to traveling to New York next year.
look into +	investigate	The police are looking into the murder.
look on	observe as a spectator	Everybody just looked on as the two men fought.
look out	be careful, pay attention, heed a certain danger	Look out, there's a black widow spider on the wall.
look * over +	examine, review	When I'm camping, I look my shoes over before I put them on.
look * up +	search for (in a dictionary)	I takes time to look up new vocabulary words.
look * up +	locate and visit	If you ever travel to California, you should look me up.
look up to +	respect, admire someone	He looks up to his father.

#### M

make * out	decipher	I can't make out your handwriting. What does this say?
make * out +	write a check or other document	Who should I make this check out to?

make out	succeed	He really made out in the stock market last year.
make out	progress	How is your son making out in his new job?
make out	kiss passionately	I saw Benno and Isabelle making out in the movie theater last night!
make out with +	kiss someone passionately	Did you make out with Sally?
make * over	do again	The teacher made me do my homework over.
make * up +	invent ( a story)	Don't believe anything she says. She always makes things up.
make * up +	complete what was missed	Fortunately, my professor let me make up the exam I missed yesterday.
make * up +	put on cosmetics	I takes me 10 minutes to make my face up.
make up	reconcile	You two have been friends for so long that I think you should make up.
make up for +	compensate for	Allen made up for being late by getting me flowers.
mix * up +	confuse	I sometimes mix the verb tenses up.
mix * up +	blend	We need to mix up these different kinds of nuts before we put them in a bowl.
mix * up +	make lively (a party)	Let's mix up this party with a little disco music.

name * after +	name a child using another family member's name	I was named after my grandfather.
nod off	fall asleep	The movie was so boring that I nodded off before it was finished.

nose around +	sneak around	I hate it when my mother noses around my room.
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## O

occur to +	pop into one's mind, come to one's mind	It didn't occur to us that we had left the iron on.
open up	share feelings	I'm glad that John feels comfortable enough around me to open up.
out to + verb	try to	She is out to get revenge now that her husband left her for another woman.

## P

pan out	be successful, turn out well	The trip to Vegas didn't pan out.
pass away	die	After battling cancer for several years, he finally passed away at the age of 87.
pass * off +	try to convince someone that something is real	He tried to pass the fake watch off as a real Rolex.
pass * on +	transmit	Please pass this message on to your co-workers.
pass on +	not accept (an invitation to eat or do something)	Jennifer passed on the invitation to join us for dinner.
pass on	die	I am afraid Professor Johnson has passed on.
pass * out +	distribute	We need to pass out these flyers for the concert tomorrow.
pass out	become unconscious	He passed out because the room was too hot.
pass * up +	not take advantage (of an opportunity)	I can't believe she passed up the opportunity to study in Rome.
pay * back +	repay	If I loan you money, will you pay me back.

pay * off +	complete payment on a debt	It took me ten years to pay off my credit card debt.
pay * off +	to bribe	Don't try to pay the police officer off if you get pulled over for speeding.
pick on +	to tease, bully	She keeps picking on me! Make her stop.
pick * out +	choose	Diane picked out a lovely dress for the dance.
pick * up +	to lift an object with the hands	Keep your back straight when you lift the TV up.
pick * up +	come and get someone in a car	What time are you going to pick me up.
pick * up +	learn something without effort	It's possible to pick up enough English in two weeks to get by on your trip to Los Angeles.
pick * up +	try to initiate a relationship with someone (often in a bar)	Some weird guy tried to pick Patricia up at the bar.
pick up	grow, increase (inf.)	Business is really picking up this quarter.
play * down +	make less important (inf.)	The President played down his affair with the intern.
play * up	highlight something (inf.)	She played up her part in the new movie, but it was actually a very small role.
play up to +	flatter someone for your personal advantage	She has been playing up to the boss because she wants a promotion.
point * out +	indicate	I'd like to point out that figures in column two might be outdated.
pull down	earn	He pulls down about \$300,000 a year.

pull in	park (a vehicle)	Mark pulled in too quickly and crashed into the wall.
pull out	depart (a vehicle)	Our train pulls out at 8:00, so don't be late.
pull through	barely survive	I didn't think she was going to make it, but she pulled through in the end.
put * across +	communicate (an idea or suggestion) clearly so that it is understood	I thought Ms. Smith put her ideas across rather clearly in the meeting.
put * away +	return to the proper place of storage	I told you kids to put your toys away.
put * down +	insult, say bad things about	She always puts down people who don't share her opinions.
put in +	officially submit a request (in the armed forces or public services)	He put in for a transfer to the division in Los Angeles.
put * off +	postpone	Don't put off your work - do it now!
put * on +	wear	Make sure you put on a sweater before you go outside.
put * on +	deceive	I didn't believe a thing he said. I think he was putting me on.
put * out +	extinguish (a fire)	Don't use water to put out a grease fire.
put * out +	inconvenience someone	I don't want to put you out, but could you pick me up at the airport.
put out +	spend (usually used with unreasonably large sums of money)	I can't put out that much money each month.
put * up	have a guest stay in your house for a short time	Can you put me up while I'm in town.

put up with +	tolerate	Sandy will not put up with smoking in her house.
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## Q

quiet * down +	be quiet, or cause to be quiet	The neighbors told us to quiet down last night or they would call the police.
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## R

read up on +	research a topic for a reason	I need to read up on the company before I go on the job interview.
ring * up	telephone	Jack rung me up last night at 3:00 in the morning.
rule * out +	eliminate	I wouldn't rule out the possibility of moving to another country if I get a good job offer.
run across +	find or meet unexpectedly	I ran across some old photos while I was cleaning my house.
run against +	compete in an election	Gore ran against Bush in the 2000 elections in the U.S.A.
run away	leave home permanently before you are a legal adult	The child ran away because her parents beat her.
run away from +	escape from	The child ran away from its parents.
run * down	trace	Have you run down those phone numbers I asked for last week?
run * down	criticize	My boss runs everyone down.
run * down	hit with a car	My dog was run down by a bus.
run down	lose power, be very tired	You need to wind your watch so it doesn't run down.
run for +	campaign for a government position	Gore is running for president of the U.S.A.

run into +	meet unexpectedly	I ran into my English teacher at the movies last night. She's so nice!
run * off +	make leave	The new government is trying to run the drug traffickers off.
run * off	reproduce (photocopies)	Would you mind running off 10 copies of this document for me?
run off	leave quickly	Why did you run off after the party?
run off	waste water	You shouldn't swim where the sewage runs off into the ocean.
run out of +	not have any more of something	We ran out of milk this morning, so we need to go to the store.

## S

save * up +	accumulate (money)	I hope I will be able to save up enough money to go to school.
see about +	arrange or consider something	My dad said he was going to see about buying me a car.
see * off	say good-bye to someone at the beginning of their trip (at the airport, train station)	Did you see your sister off at the train station?
see to +	make sure something happens, arrange	I'll see to it that Mr. Ramirez gets your message.
see * through	finish something despite difficulties	Are you going to be able to see your studies through now that you have a baby?
sell * out	tell on someone	My partner in crime sold me out for a reduced jail sentence.
set * up	arrange a relationship	My mom set me up with her friend's son.
set * up	falsely incriminate a person	I don't think he killed those men. Somebody set him up.

set up +	arrange (an appointment, a meeting, etc.)	I set up an appointment with my doctor at 3:30 this afternoon.
settle on +	make a decision after a period of time	I settled on the job at the oil company.
settle up	pay one's debts	We need to settle up before you move.
show * off +	show to everybody with a lot of pride	He always shows off his new things.
show off	boast, draw attention to oneself	Young boys show off in order to impress girls.
show * up	make someone seem inferior	He's always trying to show up his co-workers in order to get ahead.
show up	arrive without previous notice	I hadn't seen my cousin for years, and all of a sudden, he showed up at my workplace yesterday!
shut * off	stop from functioning	If you don't pay your electric bill, your power is going to get shut off.
shut * up	make quiet	Would someone shut him up! He's talking so loudly that we're going to get in trouble.
slow * down +	make move more slowly	Because Mary's level in English is lower than the rest of the students, she slows the class down.
slow * up +	make move more slowly	Because Mary's level in English is lower than the rest of the students, she slows the class up.
spell * out +	to explain something in a detailed way so that the meaning is clearly understood	He's so stupid that you have to spell everything out for him.
stand by	wait	I need you to stand by and answer the phone when my broker calls.

stand for +	represent	SCUBA stands for "self contained underwater breathing apparatus."
stand for +	tolerate	I won't stand for people criticizing me.
stand out	be very noticeable	Soledad is so beautiful! She really stands out in a crowd.
stand * up	not arrive to a date or an appointment (inf.)	I arranged to meet Joe at the library at 8:00, but he stood me up. I hope he has a good excuse.
stand up for +	defend (something one believes in)	Every individual must stand up for what they believe in.
stand up to +	defend oneself against someone or something	I think you should stand up to your older brother and tell him to stop pushing you around.
stay over	spend the night at a person's house	It takes you so long to take the bus home, so why don't you just stay over?
stick it to +	severely criticize a person (inf.)	My boss really stuck it to me when I arrived late to work for the third time this week.
stick to +	persevere, keep trying	Even though English is a hard language to master, you must stick to it!
stick up for +	defend oneself or opinions	Joseph joined the army because he believes he must stick up for his country.

#### T

take after +	resemble a parent or relative	I take after my father. Who do you take after?
take * away +	remove, seize or capture	The soldiers took the captives away.
take * back +	retract something you said	I demand that you take back what



		you said.
take * back +	return an item to a store	The dress my grandmother bought for me didn't fit, so I took it back and exchanged it for a pair of pants.
take * down +	write down what is said	Would you mind taking down my messages while I am on vacation?
take * down +	remove (from a high place)	The city government made the shop take down their bright, neon sign.
take * for	consider, view as	Do you take me for an idiot?
take * in +	learning	Are you taking in all of these phrasal verbs?
take * in +	deceive a person	He was taken in by the con artist.
take * in +	make smaller when sewing	I lost weight, so I need to take some of my skirts to the tailor to have them taken in.
take * off	when a plane or rocket leaves the ground	My stomach felt funny when the plane took off.
take * off +	remove	In many cultures, it is appropriate to take off your shoes when entering a house.
take * off +	leave work or school for a period of time	I was sick last week, so I took a few days off of work.
take off	leave	We took off after dinner.
take on +	accept (responsibilities, work)	She has taken on too much responsibility in this project.
take * over +	take control of	Who is going to take over the family business when Aretha's father dies?
take over	take control of	If the President is assassinated, the

		Vice-president will take over.
take * out +	accompany a person on a date (for dinner, the movies)	I can't meet you tonight because I am taking Fernanda out to dinner.
take * up +	begin a new hobby	Have you taken up any new hobbies since you moved here?
take * up +	discuss (at a later date)	We should take this issue up in the meeting tomorrow.
take * up +	shorten a garment when sewing	This dress is too long, I am going to take it up.
take up +	occupy space	This couch takes up too much space in the living room.
talk back	respond in an impolite way to an adult	Don't talk back!
talk back to +	respond in an impolite way to an adult	Children should not talk back to their parents.
talk * over +	discuss	I hope my parents talk their relationship problems over before they get divorced.
tear * down +	destroy	The county decided to tear down the dilapidated school and build a new one.
tear * up +	tear or rip into small pieces	I always tear up my personal papers before I throw them out.
tell * off +	criticize a person severely, reprimand (inf.)	Carolina told me off when she found out I was gossiping about her date with Martin.
tell on +	report a crime to the police or bad behavior to a parent	Every time I did something wrong when I was a child, my sister would tell on me.
think * over +	consider	Think over the offer before you sign

		the contract.
think * through +	consider carefully	You need to think this through carefully before you make a decision.
think * up +	create or invent a false story	I need to think up an excuse for not going to her party.
throw * away +	discard	Don't throw away those bottles; we can recycle them.
throw * out +	discard	I asked him not to throw out the Sunday newspaper because I wanted to save an article.
throw * out +	remove by force from (a room, school, a house, etc.)	Mary threw out her roommate because she stopped paying rent.
throw up	vomit	If you drink too much alcohol, you might throw up.
tie * up +	tie securely	When we dock, make sure you tie the boat up.
tire * out	cause someone to be very tired	Speaking English all day tires me out.
touch on +	talk about for a short time	The presidential candidates touched on the subject of health care during the debates.
touch * up	make the final improvements	We didn't paint the whole kitchen, we just touched up the cabinets.
try * on +	put on to make sure a piece of clothing fits	Try on the pants before you buy them.
try * out	test	Try out this massage chair - it feels great!
turn * away	refuse to deal with or give service	They turned us away at the border because we didn't have visas.

turn * around	change or reverse direction	Turn the car around and go back home.
turn * down +	refuse an offer; reject an application	She turned down the new job in New York, because she didn't want to move.
turn * down +	lower the volume or intensity of a TV, radio, or other machine	I'm studying! Please turn down the TV.
turn * in	submit	You need to turn your essays in next week.
turn in	go to bed (inf.)	It's getting late. I think it is about time to turn in.
turn into +	become something different, transform	When she kissed the frog, it turned into a handsome prince.
turn * off +	stop the function of (a stove, a water faucet, a car, etc.)	Don't forget to turn off the iron before you leave the house.
turn on +	attack unexpectedly	The pit bull suddenly turned on the small child.
turn * on	cause to be excited sexually	Scientists have discovered that the smell of cinnamon turns many people on.
turn * on +	start the function of a TV, a radio, a machine	Turn on the TV. The baseball game starts in a few minutes.
turn * out	produce	The weavers can turn out two or three rugs a month.
turn * out	switch off a light	Turn out the light before you go to bed.
turn out	audience members to a function	Over 100,000 people turned out for the concert.
turn out	end up being	She turned out to be the murderer

		after all.
turn * over	give to authorities (said of evidence or stolen / lost property)	They turned the wallet over to the police.
turn * up +	increase the volume or intensity of a TV, radio, or other machine	Turn up the TV. I can't hear what they're saying.
turn up	find unexpectedly	My keys turned up in the bedroom.

#### U

use * up	use all of something	I used up all of the soap, so we need to buy some more.
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#### V

veer away from +	stay away from, avoid	I veer away from the same old summer blockbuster films.
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#### W

wait on +	serve, service (a table)	Each waitress waits on three different tables in the restaurant.
wait up	not sleep because you are waiting for something or someone	Don't wait up.
wait up for +	not sleep because you are waiting for someone or something	Let's wait up for Mary to see how her date went.
wake * up +	awaken someone	The car alarm woke me up at 6:00 in the morning.
wake up	awaken	Wake up. It's time to get ready for work.
wash up	clean oneself	Make sure you wash up before dinner.
wash * up +	clean	If we work together, we can wash the kitchen up in a few minutes.

watch out	be careful	Watch out - there's a rattlesnake!
watch out for +	be careful of	Watch out for snakes while you are hiking in the desert.
wear off	disappear after a period of time	The affects of the medicine will wear off after a few hours.
wear * out	use until something is not useable anymore	If you wear the same shoes everyday, you'll wear them out.
wear * out	cause to be very tired	Her three kids wore me out.
wind up +	finish (inf.)	If he doesn't get his act together, he is going to wind up in jail.
wind * up +	tighten the spring of a watch or similar machine	He wound up the toy dog and set it on the floor.
wind * up +	cause an animal or a child to behave wildly	The kids always get wound up when Uncle Henry comes over.
wipe * out +	massacre or destroy	The tidal wave wiped out the small fishing village.
wipe * out	cause to be very tired	After surfing all day, I was completely wiped out.
work * out +	solve	I hope you two can work out your problems.
work out	exercise	I work out three times a week at the fitness center.
work out	be successful	I am glad your new catering business is working out.
write * down +	record	Write down the directions so you don't forget them.
write * out +	write down every word or letter	He wrote out the lyrics so I could understand what the singer was

		saying.
write * up +	prepare a report	He wrote up a business proposal in order to get a loan.

## Y

yak on	to continue talking in an annoying way ("on" can be repeated for emphasis)	He just yakked on and on and on.
yak on about +	to continue talking in an annoying way about something ("on" can be repeated for emphasis)	She just yakked on and on about her husband's new job.
yammer on	to talk in an annoying way or complain ("on" can be repeated for emphasis)	They yammered on and on and on.
yammer on about +	to talk in an annoying way about something or complain about ("on" can be repeated for emphasis)	He just yammered on and on about how horrible the waiter was.