

CAMBLY E-BOOK

STAND BY...
STAND FOR...
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LET'S LEARN PHRASAL VERBS IN ENGLISH

In this e-book, you will find
a complete list with
hundreds of phrasal verbs,
their meanings, and real
examples of how they are
used in sentences.



HOW TO LEARN PHRASAL VERBS?

Phrasal Verbs are formed by joining two or more words. Mostly, these special verbs cannot be translated in a literary way. Anyone who wants to learn English needs to understand the context of phrasal verbs so they can understand the meaning in their mother tongue.

We prepared this e-book, which will help you in this process of learning the language. We spoke with those who have English as a native language to understand how they learn phrasal verbs and give us tips that will make a difference!



**E-BOOK WITH A LIST OF
PHRASAL VERBS**

FROM A to Z



A

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO ACT UP	To fail to function	I think I need to take my car to the mechanic because it's acting up again.
TO ADD * UP +	To calculate a sum	I added up the receipts and it totaled \$239,00.
TO ADD UP TO +	Equal an amount	The total expenses added up to \$449,00.
TO ADD UP	To make sense	His story doesn't add up. I think he is lying.
TO ASK * OUT +	To invite on a date	I can't believe Mark finally asked me out on a date.
TO ASK * OVER +	To invite to someone's home	Why don't you ask your mother over for dinner?



B

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO BACK DOWN	To stop defending your opinion on a debate	John never backs down. He always wins arguments.
TO BACK OUT OF	Not to keep (a promise, deal, agreement)	My mom backed out at the last minute.
TO BACK * UP +	To give support	I need good examples to back up my opinion.
TO BACK UP	To move backwards, reverse	Could you back up a little so I can open this window?
TO BAWL * OUT +	To criticize	Irene bawled him out for arriving late.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO BEAR DOWN ON +	To bite	I had to bear down on the leather strap while the doctor removed a bullet from the soldier's arm.
TO BEAR DOWN ON	To take extreme measures against	Brazil is bearing down on drugs.
TO BEAR ON +	To have to do with	This information may bear on this case.
TO BEAR UP	To withstand	I never thought he would bear up so easily with this situation.
TO BEAR UP WITH +	To be patient	Please, bear with me!
TO BLOW OVER	To fade away without strong consequences	All negative publicity will blow over in a couple of days.
TO BLOW * UP +	To destroy using explosives	The thieves blew the bridge up.
TO BLOW UP	To explode	The bomb blew up before she left the bank.
TO BOW UP	To become very angry, suddenly	When I heard the news, I blew up and called Sally.
TO BREAK * DOWN +	To analyze in detail	I need to break this problem down.
TO BREAK DOWN	To stop working properly	My car broke down this morning.
TO BREAK DOWN	To become mentally ill	She broke down after her son died.
TO BREAK * IN +	To wear something new until it becomes comfortable	I need to break these shoes in before the party.
TO BREAK IN	To interrupt	I was talking to Sally when my mother broke in to give her opinion.
TO BREAK IN	To force entry to a building	The burglar broke in the store.
TO BREAK IN ON +	To interrupt (a conversation)	My mom broke in on our conversation and told me to go to bed.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO BREAK INTO +	To force entry to a building	The burglar broke into the new store.
TO BREAK INTO +	To interrupt (a conversation)	My mom broke into our conversation and told me to go to bed.
TO BREAK + OFF +	To end something	Mary broke her engagement to Bob off.
TO BREAK OUT	To suddenly start	The protests broke out in response to the military coup.
TO BREAK OUT +	To use something extravagant for celebration	They broke out the champagne to celebrate my promotion.
TO BREAK OUT OF +	To escape	The thief broke out of prison.
TO BREAK * UP +	To break into pieces	The police broke the presentation up before it got out of control.
TO BREAK UP	To end a relationship	Theo and Sally broke up again.
TO BRING * ABOUT +	To cause to happen	Democracy brought about great change in Brazil.
TO BRING * OFF +	To accomplish	Ted finally got his English degree. I can't believe he brought that off.
TO BRING * ON +	To cause something	I can't believe she got so angry. What brought that on?
TO BRING * OUT +	To make something more evident	This new shirt brings out the color of your eyes.
TO BRING * TO	To revive consciousness	They used smelling salts to bring her to after she fainted.
TO BRING * UP +	To mention	I didn't want to bring up the fact that she was unemployed.
TO BRING * UP +	To raise (a child)	It is how I was brought up.
TO BRUSH * OFF +	To ignore something or someone (inf.)	Mariah brushed her father off at the party.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO BURN * DOWN +	To destroy by setting fire to it	The kids burned the house down by accident.
TO BURN DOWN	To burn completely (building)	Two buildings burnt down in the fire.
TO BURN UP	To be hot	I burning up in here. Please, open the door.
TO BURN UP	To consume by fire	The papers were burned up by the fire.
TO BURN * UP +	To destroy by fire	They broke out the champagne to celebrate my promotion.
TO BUY * OUT +	To buy the shares of a company	Massels was bought out by a chinese company.
TO BUY * UP +	To purchase the entire supply of something	My father bought up all the beer.



C

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO CALL FOR +	To require (as in a recipe)	This recipe calls for milk, not water.
TO CALL * OFF +	To cancel something	Barry and Sally called the picnic off because of the rain.
TO CALL * OFF +	To order to stop (an invasion, guard dogs)	She called off the dogs when she saw it was her neighbor.
TO CALL ON +	To visit	Barry called on Mary when he was in town.
TO CALL ON +	To invite someone to speak in a meeting or classroom	Tutor Mark called on Bob to answer his question.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO CALL * UP +	To telephone	I called James up to see if he wanted to go to the movies.
TO CALM * DOWN +	To make someone relax	You can calm the baby down by rocking him gently.
TO CARE FOR +	To nurse someone or something	My mom cared for the bird until its wing healed.
TO CARE FOR +	To like someone or something	I really cared for him.
TO CARRY ON +	To continue (a conversation, a game)	Please, carry on. I didn't mean to interrupt you.
TO CARRY ON ABOUT +	To continue in an annoying way	He kept carrying on about how much money he makes.
TO CARRY ON WITH +	To continue	I want you to carry on with the project.
TO CARRY * OUT +	To complete and/or accomplish something	The secret agent carried out his orders exactly as planned.
TO CARRY * OVER +	To continue on a subsequent day, page, etc	The meeting carried over into lunch time.
TO CATCH ON	Slowly start to understand (inf.)	He caught on after a few minutes.
TO CATCH UP	To make up for lost time	I will never catch up. I am too behind in my work.
TO CATCH UP WITH +	To 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.
TO CATCH UP ON +	To become up-to-date	I need to catch up on world events. I haven't seen news in ages.
TO CHECK OUT	To leave a hotel, hospital	It's already eleven. We need to check out.
TO CHECK OUT OF +	To leave a hotel, hospital	It's already eleven. We need to check out of the hotel.
TO CHECK ON	To make sure something is OK	Let's check on the baby again before we go to sleep.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO CHECK UP ON +	To investigate someone or something	The police are checking up on the bomb threats.
TO CHEER * UP	To make someone feel cheerful	The party really cheered me up.
TO CHEER UP	To become cheerful	Cheer up! Everything will be ok.
TO CHEW * UP +	To chew into small pieces	The dog chewed up my shoe.
TO CHOP * DOWN +	To cut (a tree)	The lumberjack chopped the tree down.
TO CHOP * UP +	To cut into small bits	She chopped the meat up into pieces.
TO CLEAN * UP +	To tidy	Sam cleaned the mess up before he left.
TO CLEAR OUT	To leave	Everybody clear out! We are closed today.
TO CLEAR * UP +	To tidy	Sam cleared the mess up before he left.
TO CLOSE * DOWN +	To close a place permanently	The ice-cream shop closed down cause they didn't have many customers.
TO CLOSE DOWN	To close permanently	The bar was closed down because they smelled alcohol to minors.
TO CLOSE IN ON +	To approach and threaten	The rebels were closing in on the capital, so the government called in the army.
TO CLOSE * UP +	To close temporarily	They are closing the ski resort up for the summer.
TO CLOSE UP	To close temporarily	The ski resort was closed up for the summer.
TO COME ABOUT	To occur/happen	How did the idea for the movie come about?
TO COME ACCROSS +	To discover by accident	She came across some lost Mayan ruins in the jungle.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO COME ALONG	To accompany someone	If he wants, he can come along.
TO COME ALONG WITH +	To accompany	He came along with me to the beach.
TO COME ALONG	To progress	How is the research paper coming along?
TO COME ALONG WITH +	To progress	How is your dad coming along with the research paper?
TO COME BACK	To return	What time is she coming back?
TO COME BY +	To get/receive	How did you come by that new car?
TO COME BY	To visit someone at his/her house	I'll come by later.
TO COME DOWN WITH +	To become sick with	She came down with the flu.
TO COME OUT	To appear	The car came out of nowhere.
TO COME OUT	To reveal you are homosexual	Peter finally came out last week.
TO COME OUT WITH +	To produce and distribute a product	Microsoft is coming out with a new computer next month.
TO COME TO	To regain consciousness	Don't worry! She faints all the time. She always comes to after a few minutes.
TO COME THROUGH	To succeed despite difficulties	Mary always comes through in times of need.
TO COME UP TO +	Approach; to equal	The job offer didn't come up to my expectations.
TO COME UP WITH +	To create (a plan, an idea)	He came up with a great proposal for the new tv show.
TO COME OVER	To visit someone at his/her house	Why don't you come over for dinner?

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO COUNT * IN +	To include	You can count me in.
TO COUNT ON +	To depend/rely on	I really can count on my mom.
TO COUNT * OUT +	To exclude	Please, count me out.
TO COUNT * UP +	To add	Count the change up and see how much we still have.
TO CROSS * OUT +	To draw a line through something/eliminate	Why don't you cross my name out on the list?
TO CUT DOWN	To decrease the amount of	You eat too much sugar. You need to cut down.
TO CUT DOWN ON +	To decrease the amount of	You need to cut down on sugar intake.
TO CUT IN	To interrupt	He suddenly cut in and announced the news.
TO CUT IN ON +	To interrupt	He suddenly cut in on the conversation and announced the news.
TO CUT * OFF	To interrupt someone while he/she is speaking	Sally cut Mark off during his class.
TO CUT * OFF +	To sever (with a knife)	His finger was accidentally cut off.
TO CUT * OUT +	To remove	He cut the bone out of the steak.
TO CUT * OUT	To stop an action	Cut it off! You are bothering us.
TO CUT * UP +	To cut into small pieces	He cut the beef up and put the pieces in the soup.



D

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO DIE AWAY	To diminish in intensity	The applause died away after 5 minutes.
TO DIE DOWN	To diminish in intensity	The controversy about the president's affair finally died down.
TO DIE OFF/ OUT	To become extinct	Whales are in danger of dying off.
TO DISAGREE WITH +	Cause to feel sick due to food or drink	Spicy food disagrees with me.
TO DO AWAY WITH +	To abolish	Some Americans want to do away with the death penalty.
TO DO * OVER +	To repeat	You made some many mistakes. I want you to do this report over.
TO DO WITHOUT +	To manage without something one needs or wants	I couldn't do without my car in São Paulo.
TO DRAW * UP+	To create (a contract)	Let's draw an agreement up before we go any further.
TO DRESS * DOWN	To reprimand severely	The mother dressed her son down for skipping school.
TO DRESS DOWN	To dress casually	I am dressing down cause we are going to a barbecue.
TO DRESS * UP +	To decorate	You should dress this apartment up with some bright color.
TO DRESS UP	To wear elegant clothes	She always dresses up.
TO DRIVE * BACK +	To repulse	The invaders were driven back by the army.
TO DROP IN	To visit someone unexpectedly	Beth dropped in yesterday before dinner.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO DROP IN ON +	To visit someone unexpectedly	Let's drop in on Sally since we are very close to her house.
TO DROP OUT	To quit an organized activity	Mike isn't on the team anymore. He dropped out.
TO DROP OUT +	To quit an organized activity (school)	It's difficult to get a good job if you drop out of high school.
TO DROP OVER	To visit someone casually	Drop over any time you feel like talking.



E

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO EAT AWAY	Gradually destroy, to erode	The heavy rains ate away at the sandstone cliffs.
TO EAT * UP +	To devour	Kevin ate the cookies up.
TO EAT IN	To eat inside the home	We usually eat in instead of going out for dinner.
TO EAT OUT	To eat outside the home	Bob and Sally eat out once a week.



F

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO FACE UP TO +	To acknowledge something difficult or embarrassing	I'll never be able to face up to my colleagues after getting so drunk at the work party.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO FALL BACK ON +	To be able to use in case of emergency	Ted can fall back on his degree in Biology if he doesn't succeed in his acting career.
TO FALL BEHIND	To go slower than scheduled, lag	Hurry up or you will fall behind!
TO FALL BEHIND IN +	To go slower than scheduled, lag	Sam has missed several days of school and now she is falling behind in his homework.
TO FALL OFF	To decrease	Interest in the project fell off when they realized it wouldn't be profitable.
TO FALL OUT WITH +	To have an argument with	I had a falling out with my sister last month and we haven't talked to each other since.
TO FALL THROUGH	To fail to happen	Unfortunately, my trip to Brazil fell through because I couldn't save enough money.
TO FEEL * UP +	To grope	She sued her boss for sexual harassment after he felt her up.
TO FEEL UP TO +	To have the energy to do something	I don't fill up to going out tonight because I had a long day at work.
TO FIGURE ON +	To expect	Where do you figure on living when you move to Canada?
TO FIGURE * OUT +	To solve something, understand	I finally figure the joke out. Now I understand why everybody was laughing.
TO FIGURE * UP +	To calculate	I need to figure my expenses up before I give you an estimate.
TO FILL * IN +	To complete	Don't forget to fill in all the blanks on the application.
TO FILL IN	To substitute	Who is going to fill in while You're a gone?
TO FILL IN FOR +	To substitute for	Simon filled in for me ate the meeting yesterday because I was sick.
TO FILL * OUT +	To complete (an application)	I filled out an application to rent the apartment last week.
TO FILL OUT	To mature, get breasts	Now that you are filling out honey, we need to get you a bra.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO FILL * UP +	To fill to the top	Fill the car up with gas, please.
TO FIND OUT +	To discover	You will never find out my secrets!
TO FIND OUT	To discover	Ted's parents are going to be so mad when they find out she got a tattoo.
TO FILL * UP +	To repair, renovate, remodel	My friends are fixing their house up.



G

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO GET * ACROSS +	Cause to be understood	It's difficult to get humor across in another language.
TO GET AHEAD	Make progress	I can't get ahead even though I work two jobs.
TO GET AHEAD OF +	Surpass	You need to work overtime in order to get ahead of schedule.
TO GET ALONG	Have a good relationship	Do you and your brother get along?
TO GET ALONG WITH +	Have a good relationship	Gus doesn't get along with his two sisters.
TO GET AROUND +	Avoid someone or something	Some people get around paying taxes by hiring a good accountant.
TO GET AROUND	Go many places	It's easy to get around town by bus.
TO GET AWAY	Escape	The bank robbers got away.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO GET AWAY WITH +	Do something against the rules or illegal and not get caught or punished	My brother gets away with everything.
TO GET BY	Survive without having the things you need or want	I lost my job, so I am having a hard time to get by this year.
TO GET BY ON +	Survive with minimal resources	It's nearly impossible to get by on making minimum wage.
TO GET BY WITH +	Manage with	You don't need a computer. You can get by with a typewriter.
TO GET DOWN TO +	Get serious about a topic	Enough small talk. Let's get down to business.
TO GET IN +	Enter (a car, a small boat)	Get in the front seat!
TO GET IN	Enter	Get in. I will give you a ride to school.
TO GET * OFF	Send (a package)	I finally got my sister's birthday present off yesterday.
TO GET OFF +	Remove	Can you get this spider off my shirt?
TO GET OFF	Leave (a bus, plane, boat)	We need to get off the bus at the next stop.
TO GET OFF	Leave	It's dangerous to sit on the roof. Get off!
TO GET ON	Put on (clothes)	You should get your jacket on. It's really cold outside.
TO GET ON	Enter (a bus, train), mount (a bike, a horse)	The train is leaving. Quick, get on!
TO GET ON	Have a good relationship	Nate doesn't get on with his coworkers.
TO GET ON WITH +	Have a good relationship	Do you get on with your neighbors?
TO GET OUT OF +	Exit	I fell into the water when I tried to get out of the canoe.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO GET OVER +	Recover	Stop crying! Get over it!
TO GET THROUGH +	Complete	We will never get through all this boxes by 9AM.
TO GET THROUGH +	Penetrate	We need a strong drill to get through this wall.
TO GET * UP	Cause someone to rise	My neighbor got me up really early by turning the music up.
TO GET UP	To rise	What time do you usually get up?
TO GIVE * AWAY +	Give something without asking for anything in exchange	Why did you give all of your furniture away?
TO GIVE * BACK +	Return something ones borrowed	When are you going to give the book back to your tutor?
TO GIVE IN	Stop trying	Never give in! You can do that!
TO GIVE * UP +	Surrender something	The police told the thief to give his gun up.
TO GO BACK	Return	When is she going back to Mexico?
TO GO BACK ON +	Not keep (a promise)	Don't trust him. He always goes back on his promises.
TO GO FOR +	Try to achieve	Our team is going for the gold medal in the Olympics.
TO GO FOR	Idiomatic phrase – Crave	I could go for pizza.
TO GO OFF	Explode	The bomb could go off at any minute.
TO GO OFF	Become angry	Mary went off last night after I told about her bike.
TO GO ON	Continue	My heart will go on.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO GO ON	Happen	What is going on?
TO GO OUT	Stop burning (a fire)	The fire went out after 2 days.
TO GO OVER +	Review	Let's go over it before we do home.
TO GO WITH +	Match (clothes)	That shirt doesn't go with this hat.
TO GO WITHOUT +	Abstain from something you want or need	A person can go without water for 2 days.
TO GROW UP	Mature	Your brother needs to grow up and start thinking about his future.



H

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO HAND * BACK +	Return	Is the teacher going to hand back our tests today?
TO HAND * DOWN +	Pronounce formally	The President is going to hand his decision down on health care tonight.
TO HAND * IN +	Submit	I have to hand in an offer by May 12.
TO HAND * OUT +	Distribute	We should hand the concert fliers out at school.
TO HAND * OVER +	Relinquish control of	Hand you car keys over. You are too drunk to drive.
TO HANG AROUND +	Stay in a place for fun (inf.)	The boys usually hang around the beach after school.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO HANG * UP +	Suspend (clothes on a hanger)	She can hang her jacket up in the front closet.
TO HANG UP	Put down the telephone receiver	Please, don't hang up!
TO HANG OUT +	Stay in a place for fun	Let's go hang out at the mall tonight!
TO HAVE * ON +	Wear	Do you have your hiking boots on?
TO HAVE * OVER	Invite guests to your house	Why don't we have Bobby over for dinner?
TO HEAR FROM +	Receive news from (letter, email)	Have you heard from Steve lately?
TO HEAR OF +	Know about someone or something	Have you heard of chocolate covered ants?
TO HIT ON +	Find on accident	I hit on this idea while I was watching The Simpsons.
TO HIT ON +	Flirt with	Marc was trying to hit on my sister tonight.
TO HOLD BACK	Not allow to advance in school	The teacher held Sally back a year.
TO HOLD * OFF +	Restrain	Mr Simpson held the dog off while we crossed the yard.
TO HOLD OFF ON +	Delay	We should hold off on making dinner until our guests arrive.
TO HOLD ON	Grasp tightly	Hold on tight! The roller coaster is about to take off.
TO HOLD ON	Tell someone to wait on the phone	Hold on a minute. I'll get Carol.
TO HOLD OUT	Not give in, continue to resist	Stop holding out and tell us the truth.
TO HOLD OUT AGAINST +	Not give in, resist	They held up against the enemy attack.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO HOLD * UP +	Delay (a flight, traffic)	The accident held traffic up for an hour.

**TO HOLD *
UP +**

Rob (a bank, a person)
with a weapon

Five men held the bank up yesterday



PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
IRON * OUT	Eliminate	We need to have a meeting this month in order to iron out the distribution problems.



PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO JACK UP *	To raise	We need to jack up the car before we change the tire.

**TO JOKE
AROUND**

To be humorous

Peter is always joking around at work.

TO JUMP IN	Enter a conversation	Feel free to jump in at any moment while we are talking.
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**TO JUMP
TO +**

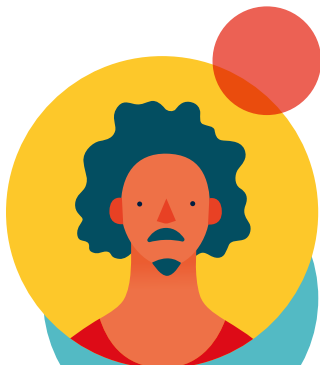
Make a quick, poorly thought
out decision

You shouldn't jump to conclusions.



K

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
KEEP AT +	Not give up (an activity), to persevere	You should keep at your studies.
KEEP ON	Continue	She kept on talking after her mom asked her to stop.
KEEP TO +	Continue	Everybody said she shouldn't get married. But she kept to it until it was too late.
KEEP UP	Stay on a 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, workload, homework)	I have so much reading that I can't keep up with the writing exercises.



L

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO LAY AWAY +	Save for the future	Why don't we lay away our wedding outfit?
TO LAY DOWN +	Establish (laws, rules)	Leo lays down the law in the class. English only!
TO LAY IN ON +	Criticize severely	My dad really laid in on me when I got home at 4:00AM.
TO LAY INTO +	Criticize severely	I saw Theo's mom lay into him when he came home late.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO LAY * OFF +	Suspend someone from a job	The company was losing money, so they had to lay off 80 workers.
TO LAY + OUT +	Arrange	Why don't we lay the pieces of the table out before we put it together?
TO LEAVE * OUT +	Not include, omit	Why did you mom leave you out of her vacation plans?
TO LET * DOWN	Disappoint	I felt let down when I didn't receive a birthday card from my brother.
TO LET * OUT	Release	I am so happy my brother was let out of prison today.
TO LET UP	Weaken in intensity	I told her NO a thousand times, but she won't let up.
TO LIE DOWN	Rest	I need to lie down before we go out tonight.
TO LIE DOWN ON +	Rest, recline (on a couch, bed)	I'm going to lie down on that sofa.
TO LIE WITH +	Be decided by	Whether or not you can go to the party lies with your father.
TO LIGHT * UP +	Illuminate	Let's get some candles to light this room up.
TO LIGHT UP +	To smoke	Do you have to light up another cigarette?
TO LIVE * DOWN +	live in a way that a shameful or embarrassing event is forgotten	John will never live down singing the song at the karaoke bar.
TO LIVE ON +	Survive from	I could live on bread and cheese.
TO LIVE UP TO +	Keep a standard	It would be hard to live up to her parent's expectations.
TO LOOK AFTER +	Take care of (a child, a pet)	When my sister goes on vacation, I look after her cat.
TO LOOK BACK ON +	To remember nostalgically	When I look back on my childhood, I often feel happy.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TO LOOK DOWN ON +	See as inferior	She always looks down on me just because I am broke.
TO LOOK FOR +	Seek or search for	I'm looking for my keys.
TO LOOK FORWARD TO +	Anticipate with pleasure	I'm looking forward to traveling to NYC this year.
TO LOOK INTO +	Investigate	The detective is looking into this murder.
TO LOOK * OVER +	Review, examine	When I'm camping, I look my shoes over before I put them on.
TO LOOK * UP +	Search for (in a dictionary)	It takes time to look up new vocabulary words.
TO LOOK UP TO +	Admire, respect someone	She looks up to her mom.



M

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
MAKE * OUT	Decipher	My mom can't make out my handwriting.
MAKE * OUT +	Write a check or other document	Who should he make this check out to?
MAKE OUT	Succeed	He really made out in the stock market last year.
MAKE OUT	Progress	How is your girlfriend making out in her new job?
MAKE OUT	Kiss passionately	I caught my brother and Jessica making out in the movie theater last night.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
MAKE * OVER	Do again	The teacher made me do my homework over.
MAKE * UP +	Invent (a story)	Don't believe a word she says. She always makes things up.
MAKE * UP +	Complete what was missed	Fortunately, my teacher let me make up the exam I missed yesterday.
MAKE * UP +	Put on cosmetics	It takes me 30 minutes to make my face up.
MAKE UP	Reconcile	Bart and Lisa have been friends for so long that I really think they should make up.
MAKE UP FOR +	Compensate for	Richard made up for being late by getting me flowers.
MIX * UP +	Confuse	We 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.



N

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
NAME AFTER +	Name a child using another family member's name	He was named after my grandfather
NOD OFF	Fall sleep	The play was so boring that I nodded off.
NOSE AROUND	Sneak around	I hate when my sister noses around my room.



O

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
OCCUR TO +	Pop into one's mind, come to one's mind	It didn't occur to me that you had left the computer on.

OPEN UP

Share feelings

It's good to know that you feel comfortable enough around me to open up.



P

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
PAN OUT	Be successful, turn out well	The trip to Vegas didn't pan out.

PASS AWAY

Die

Mark finally passed away at the age of 87.

PASS * OUT +	Distribute	We need to pass out these flyers for the show tomorrow.
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PASS OUT

Become unconscious

I passed out because the room was too hot.

PASS * UP +	Not take advantage (of an opportunity)	I can't believe you passed up the chance to study in Paris.
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PASS * ON +

Transmit

Please, pass this message on, ok?

PASS ON +	Not accept (an invitation to eat or do something)	Mary passed on the invitation to have dinner tonight.
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PASS ON

Die

I am afraid Mr Johnson has passed on.

PAY * BACK +	Repay	When will you pay me back?
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PAY * OFF +

Complete payment on a debt

It will take me 3 years to pay off my credit card debt.



Q

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
QUIET * DOWN +	Be quiet or cause to be quiet	My neighbors told me to quiet down last night or they'd call the police.



R

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
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	John rung me up this 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 room.
RUN AGAINST +	Compete in an election	Hilary ran against Trump in the 2016 elections in the USA.
RUN AWAY FROM +	Escape from	The little girl ran away from her brother.
RUN * DOWN	Trace	Have you ever run down those phone numbers I asked for yesterday?
RUN * DOWN	Criticize	My aunt runs everyone down.
RUN * DOWN	Hit with a car	My cat was run down by a bus.
RUN FOR +	Campaign for a government position	Obama is running for president.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
RUN INTO +	Meet unexpectedly	I ran into my French teacher at the party last week.
RUN * OFF +	Make leave	The police is trying to run drug dealers off.
RUN * OFF	Reproduce (photocopies)	Can you run off 3 copies of this page for me?
RUN OFF	Leave quickly	Why did Sally run off the party?
RUN OUT OF +	Not have any more of something	He ran out of sugar this morning, so he needs to go to the supermarket.

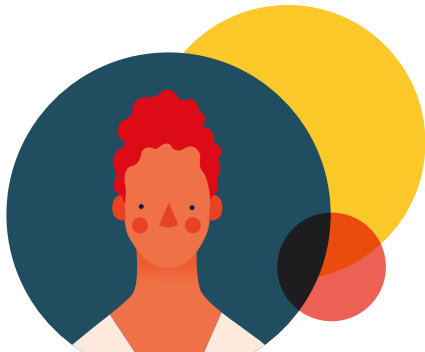


S

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
SAVE * UP +	Accumulate (money)	I hope I will be able to save up enough money to buy a car.
SEE ABOUT +	Arrange or consider something	My mom said she was going to see about buying me a bike.
SEE * OFF	Say good bye to someone at the beginning of a trip (at the airport, train station, etc)	Did you see your son off at the train station?
SEE TO +	Make sure something happens	I'll see to it that Mrs. Jackson gets your message,
SEE * THROUGH +	Finish something despite difficulties	Are you going to see your students through now that you have a baby?
SELL * OUT	Tell on someone	His partner in crime sold him out for a reduced jail sentence.
SET * UP	Arrange a relationship	My mom set me up with her friend's daughter.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
SET * UP	Falsely incriminate someone	He didn't kill that man. Somebody set him up!
SETTLE ON +	Make a decision after a period of time	I settled on the job at the gas company.
SETTLE UP +	Pay one's debt	You need to settle up before you move.
SHOW * OFF +	Show to everybody with a lot of pride	She always shows off her new things.
SHOW OFF	Boast, draw attention to oneself	Boys show off in order to impress girls.
SHOW * UP	Make someone seem inferior	He's always trying to show up his coworkers in order to get a promotion.
SHOW UP	Arrive without previous notice	It was so awkward. Bob showed up at my workplace yesterday.
SHUT * OFF	Stop from functioning	If you don't pay your electric bills, your power is going to get shut off.
SHUT * UP	Make quiet	Please, just shut up!
SLOW * DOWN	Make move more slowly	Because Macy's English level is lower than the rest of students, she slows the class down.
SPELL * OUT +	To explain something in a detailed way so that the meaning is clearly	Paul is so stupid that you have to spell everything out for him.
STAND BY	Wait	I really need you to stand by and answer the phone when my mom calls.
STAND FOR +	Represent	"SCUBA" stands for "self contained underwater breathing apparatus".
STAND FOR +	Tolerate	I won't stand for people criticizing my family.
STAND OUT	Be very noticeable	Aline is so beautiful. That girl really stands out in a crowd.
STAND * UP	Not arrive to a date or an appointment (inf.)	I don't know why my sister stood me up yesterday. I hope she has a good excuse.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
STAND UP FOR +	Defend (something one believes in)	Every individual must stand up for what they believe in.
STAND UP TO +	Defend oneself against something or someone	I believe you should stand up to your mother and tell her to stop pushing you around.
STAY OVER	Spend the night at a person's house	It's so late! Why don't you just stay over?
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	Paul joined the army because he believes he must stick up for his country.



T

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TAKE AFTER +	Resemble a parent or relative	take after my father. Who do you take after?
TAKE * BACK +	Retract something you said	I demand you take back what you said.
TAKE * BACK +	Return an item to a store	This red dress doesn't fit, I'll have to take it back and exchange it for the blue one.
TAKE * DOWN +	Write down what is said	Would you mind taking down my messages while I am on vacation?
TAKE * IN +	Learning	Are you taking in all this phrasal verbs?
TAKE * OFF	When a plane leaves the ground	What time did the plane take off?
TAKE * OFF +	Remove	In many culture, it is appropriate to take the shoes off when entering a house.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TAKE OFF	Leave	He took off after dinner.
TAKE OVER	Take control of	If the President dies, the Vice-President takes over.
TAKE * OUT +	Accompany a person on a date (for dinner, the movies)	I am taking Mary out to the movies.
TAKE * UP +	Begin a new hobby	Has your mom ever taken up any new hobbies since she moved here?
TAKE * UP +	Discuss (at a later date)	You 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	The coach takes up too much space in this living room.
TALK BACK	Respond in an impolite way to an adult	Don't talk back!
TALK * OVER +	Discuss	I hope Bob and Sally talk their relationship problems over before they get divorced.
TEAR * DOWN +	Destroy	The county decided to tear down the old library.
TEAR * UP +	Tear or rip into small pieces	I always tear up my personal papers before I throw them out.
TELL ON +	Report a crime to the police or bad behavior to a parent	If you go out, I'll have to tell on you.
THINK * OVER +	Consider	Think over the offer before you sign the contract.
THINK * THROUGH +	Consider carefully	I need to think this through carefully before I make a decision.
THINK * UP +	Create or invent a false story	I need to think up an excuse for not going to school.
THROW AWAY +	Discard	Don't throw away these bottles; you can recycle them.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
THROW UP	Vomit	If you drink too much, 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.
TRY * ON +	Put on to make sure a piece of clothes fits.	Try on this shirt before you buy it.
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 cause we didn't have visas.
TURN * DOWN +	Refuse an offer	She turned down the new job in NYC.
TURN * DOWN +	Lower the volume of a TV, radio	I'm reading. Please, turn down the TV.
TURN * IN	Submit	Please, turn your essays in!
TURN IN	Go to bed (inf.)	It's getting late. I think it's time to turn in.
TURN INTO +	Become something different	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 +	Cause to be excited sexually	The smell of cinnamon turns many people on.
TURN * ON +	Start the function of a TV, radio, a machine.	Turn on the TV, please.
TURN * OUT	Produce	The weaver can turn out two or three rugs a month.
TURN * OUT	Switch off a light	Turn out the lights before you go to bed.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
TURN OUT	End up being	She turned out to be the murderer after all.

TURN UP

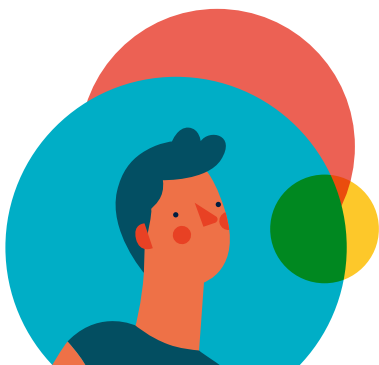
Find unexpectedly

My keys turned up in my bedroom.



U

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
USE * UP	Use all of something	Bob used up the soap, so we need to buy some more.



W

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
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WAIT ON +

Serve, service
(a table)

Don't wait up!

WAIT UP +

Not sleep because you are
waiting for someone
or something

This red dress doesn't fit, I'll have to take
it back and exchange it for the blue one.

**WAIT UP
FOR +**

Not sleep because you
are waiting for someone
or something

Let's wait up for Matthew to see how his
date was.

**WAKE * UP
+**

Awaken someone

Sally, can you wake me up at 8?

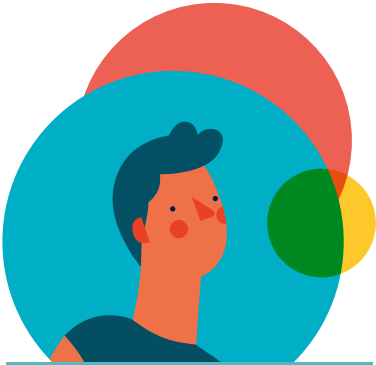
WASH UP

Clean oneself

Make sure you wash up before lunch.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
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 dog over there!
WATCH OUT FOR +	Be careful of	Watch out for snakes while you are camping.
WEAR OFF	Disappear after a period of time	The effects of the medicine will wear off after 2 hours.
WEAR * OUT	Use until something is not usable anymore	If you wear the same shoes everyday, you will wear them out.
WEAR * OUT	Cause to be very tired	Kids really wear me out.
WIND UP +	Finish (inf.)	If she doesn't keep her act together, she'll wind up in jail.
WIND * UP +	Tighten the spring of a watch or similar machine	Bob wound up the toy cat and set it on the floor.
WIND * UP +	Cause an animal or a child to behave wildly	The kids always get wound up when your brother comes here.
WIPE * OUT +	Destroy	The rain wiped out the small village.
WIPE * OUT	Cause to be very tired	After dancing all day, I was completely wiped out.
WORK * OUT	Solve	I hope you two can work out your problems.
WORK OUT	Exercise	She works out 2 times a week.
WORK OUT	Be successful	I am glad your business is working out.
WRITE * DOWN +	Record	Write down the direction, please.
WRITE * OUT +	Write down every word or letter	She wrote out the lyrics so she could understand what Beyonce was saying.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
WRITE * UP +	Prepare a report	She wrote up a business proposal in order to get a loan.



Z

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
ZERO IN ON +	Discover, pinpoint	I believe I have zeroed in on what has been causing the problem.
ZIP AROUND +	Move quickly from place to place	She zipped around town after work today.
ZONE OUT	Stop paying attention	I zoned out during class.
ZONK OUT	Fall sleep	She was so tired after the test that she zonk out before dinner.
ZOOM IN	Focus	We need good lens to zoom in.
ZOOM IN ON +	Focus on something, pinpoint	He zoomed in on my face while taking the photo.



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