

20 Common Phrasal Verbs

Wake up

Meaning: Stop sleeping

Example: I wake up at 7 AM.

Give up

Meaning: Stop trying

Example: Don't give up!

Look for

Meaning: Search

Example: I'm looking for my pen.

Pick up

Meaning: Lift or collect

Example: She picked up her bag.

Turn on

Meaning: Start a machine or device

Example: He turned on the computer.

Turn off

Meaning: Stop a machine or device

Example: Please turn off the lights.

Go out

Meaning: Leave home for fun

Example: We went out for dinner.

Come in

Meaning: Enter

Example: Please come in.

Run out of

Meaning: Have no more of something

Example: We ran out of milk.

Carry on

Meaning: Continue

Example: Please carry on with your work.

Put on

Meaning: Wear clothes or accessories

Example: She put on her shoes.

Take off

Meaning: Remove clothes or leave the ground (flight)

Example: He took off his jacket.

Check in

Meaning: Register at a hotel or airport

Example: We checked in at the hotel.

Check out

Meaning: Leave and pay at a hotel

Example: We checked out early this morning.

Break down

Meaning: Stop working (machine)

Example: My bike broke down yesterday.

Get up

Meaning: Get out of bed

Example: I get up at 6 every morning.

Find out

Meaning: Discover

Example: She found out the truth.

Come back

Meaning: Return

Example: He came back from work.

Go back

Meaning: Return to a place

Example: I went back to the shop.

Give back

Meaning: Return something

Example: Please give back my book.

Speaking Practice Challenge:

1. Read each phrasal verb aloud.
2. Create and speak your own example sentence for each.
3. Practice daily to become more fluent.