

A

bring up a topic etc. = *introduce it in a conversation*

- ☐ I don't want to hear any more about this matter. Please don't **bring it up** again.

come up = *be introduced in a conversation*

- ☐ Some interesting points **came up** in our discussion yesterday.

come up with an idea, a suggestion etc. = *produce an idea*

- ☐ Sarah is very creative. She's always **coming up with** new ideas.

make something up = *invent something that is not true*

- ☐ What Kevin told you about himself wasn't true. He **made it all up**.

B

cheer up = *be happier*, **cheer somebody up** = *make somebody feel happier*

- ☐ You look so sad! **Cheer up!**
- ☐ Helen is depressed at the moment. What can we do to **cheer her up**?

save up for something / to do something = *save money to buy something*

- ☐ Dan is **saving up** for a trip round the world.

clear up = *become bright (for weather)*

- ☐ It was raining when I got up, but it **cleared up** later.

C

blow up = *explode*, **blow something up** = *destroy it with a bomb etc.*

- ☐ The engine caught fire and **blew up**.
- ☐ The bridge was **blown up** during the war.

tear something up = *tear it into pieces*

- ☐ I didn't read the letter. I just **tore it up** and threw it away.

beat somebody up = *hit someone repeatedly so that they are badly hurt*

- ☐ A friend of mine was attacked and **beaten up** a few days ago. He was badly hurt and had to go to hospital.

D

break up / split up (with somebody) = *separate*

- ☐ I'm surprised to hear that Sue and Paul have **split up**. They seemed very happy together.

do up a coat, a shoelace, buttons etc. = *fasten, tie etc.*

- ☐ It's quite cold. **Do up** your coat before you go out.

do up a building, a room etc. = *repair and improve it*

- ☐ The kitchen looks great now that it has been **done up**.

look something up in a dictionary, encyclopaedia etc.

- ☐ If you don't know the meaning of a word, you can **look it up** in a dictionary.

put up with something = *tolerate it*

- ☐ We live on a busy road, so we have to **put up with** a lot of noise from the traffic.

hold up a person, a plan etc. = *delay*

- ☐ Don't wait for me. I don't want to **hold you up**.
- ☐ Plans to build a new factory have been **held up** because of the company's financial problems.

mix up people/things, **get** people/things **mixed up** = *you think one is the other*

- ☐ The two brothers look very similar. Many people **mix them up**. (or ... **get them mixed up**)