

Phrasal verbs database

go away	go on holiday: <i>We go away every summer, and this year we're thinking about Russia.</i>	join in	participate, take part: <i>You'll feel much better if you join in, instead of just watching everyone else have fun.</i>
go down (as)	be remembered for having done something: <i>Churchill went down as a great war-time leader.</i>	keep on	continue doing sth: <i>If you keep on being late for work, you're going to be in trouble with the manager.</i>
go in for	enter (a competition, etc): <i>You should go in for the talent contest they're holding at the youth club this weekend.</i>	keep up with	stay at the same point/level as: <i>Gordon walks so fast that no one can keep up with him!</i>
go in for	like: <i>I could never go in for windsurfing. It's just not my kind of sport.</i>	knock out	defeat and remove from a competition: <i>Steve Wilson, the British number one, has been knocked out of the US Open tennis championship by Peter Collingwood.</i>
go into	deal with sth in detail: <i>The head teacher asked me to go to the school to talk about Alexander's behaviour, but she wouldn't go into it on the phone.</i>	knock out	make unconscious: <i>When I fell off my bike, my head hit the ground and I was completely knocked out for about five minutes!</i>
go off	be no longer fresh: <i>Milk goes off very quickly if you don't put it in the fridge.</i>	leave out	not include: <i>If you don't like cinnamon, then simply leave it out and add sugar to the apples instead.</i>
go off	explode; be fired (for a gun, usually accidentally): <i>A bomb went off outside the Syrian embassy in London today, injuring five people.</i>	let down	disappoint: <i>Voters feel really let down by the government.</i>
go off	stop liking: <i>Will used to really like jazz music, but he's gone off it lately.</i>	let off	give little or no punishment: <i>I can't believe that the teacher let Ben off with just a warning!</i>
go on	continue happening or doing sth: <i>Even though everyone said they had heard it, Carol went on telling the joke.</i>	let off	make a bomb, etc explode: <i>Be very careful if you're going to let off those fireworks.</i>
go on	do sth after doing sth else: <i>He started by criticising me, and then went on to offer me promotion!</i>	line up	get/put into lines: <i>The soldiers all lined up, ready to be inspected by the officer.</i>
go over	repeat or think about again in order to understand completely: <i>I'd like to begin by going over what we did in last week's lesson.</i>	live on	use as a source of money: <i>I wanted the job, but I wouldn't be able to live on the salary.</i>
go/come round	go/come to sb's house to visit them: <i>We were wondering if you'd like to come round for dinner one night this week.</i>	look after	take care of: <i>Could you look after my cat while I'm on holiday?</i>
grow on	if sth grows on you, you start to like it more: <i>I didn't like reality TV at first, but it really grows on you after a while.</i>	look down on	think that you are better than: <i>It annoys me the way Vera looks down on other people.</i>
grow out of	develop from: <i>My ambition to be a computer programmer grew out of playing computer games.</i>	look into	investigate: <i>Police are looking into the theft.</i>
grow out of	become too big for: <i>Tracy's grown out of her shoes so we'll have to buy her some new ones.</i>	look out	be careful: <i>Look out! You're going to fall!</i>
grow up	become older: <i>I'd like to be a bus driver when I grow up.</i>	look round	examine (a place): <i>We looked round the house but decided that it was too expensive for us.</i>
hand down	give something valuable to your children or grandchildren, usually when you die: <i>This necklace was handed down to me by my grandmother.</i>	look up to	admire and respect: <i>I've always looked up to my elder brother because he never gives up.</i>
hand in	give to a person in authority: <i>I took the wallet I had found and handed it in at the police station.</i>	look up	try to find information in a book or list, etc: <i>Just a second – I'll look Harry's number up in the phone book.</i>
hand out	give things to people in a group: <i>Johnnie, please hand these out to everyone in the class.</i>	make off	escape: <i>It seems that the burglars made off without being seen by dressing as postmen.</i>
hold up	rob while threatening violence: <i>Two men held up a security van today and then escaped on motorbikes.</i>	make out	pretend that something is true: <i>Neil tried to make out that he'd won the lottery, but we all knew it wasn't true.</i>
hold up	delay: <i>I was held up in a traffic jam.</i>	make out	see, hear or understand sb or sth with difficulty: <i>Someone was waving at me in the distance but I couldn't make out who it was.</i>
		make out	write all the necessary information on a cheque, etc: <i>Could you please make the cheque out to 'Eurofinance Limited'?</i>